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## EDITORIAL

### Hi members,

What an enjoyable weekend we had to Melton/Bacchus Marsh and Brisbane Ranges on 7th and 8th October. A big thank you to our hosts, David and Barbara Pye and Cathy and Ron Powers who were very generous with their time to make sure that we enjoyed our visit. Ten members from Warrnambool group and 2 from Hamilton attended. If you missed it, a full report can be found on pages 6 - 10. Cathy has been able to purchase two *Pomaderris elliptica* plants (see page 9) at a cost of \$14 each and can offer them at cost to anyone wanting one. Michael has already claimed one so there is another one for anyone else who wants it. See me for more details.

**Warrnambool Show:** Bev will again be putting together a display for our group and will be looking for plenty of plant material so please help out if you can. Drop plant material into the Showgrounds Horticultural Pavilion on Thursday 26th from 12.00 noon.

**Tour of Naringal Reserves:** We will visit Naringal East Picnic Ground, Grass Tree Plains, Fenwick Reserve and any others we can fit in. Meet at carpark at Cheeseworld, Allansford at 1.00pm on Saturday 28th. Wear suitable walking shoes and clothing weather appropriate.

**Our Speaker** this month is John Sherwood speaking about his visit to The Three Capes Walk in Tasmania.

*"The Three Capes are in south east Tasmania, near Port Arthur and form part of a new iconic walk established by the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife service. John had a guided Three Capes experience in November last year. He will give an illustrated talk about the scenery, its late spring wildflowers- and of course a little bit of geology!"*

That's about all for this month, See you on Friday 27th at 8.00pm. Please bring along something from your garden.

**The Great Woolsthorpe  
Railway Flora Hunt.**

**Tuesday 14th Nov.  
10.00am—12.00.  
More: See page 3.**

We wish to acknowledge the Maar people as the traditional owners of the land on which we live and pay our respects to their elders past and present.

**Next Members Night Friday 27th October 8.00pm: John Sherwood Speaking On Tasmania's 3 Capes Walk.**

<i>Group Diary Of Activities</i>	<i>APS Vic Diary Of Activities</i>
<p><b>27th October</b> - Members Night speaker John Sherwood, Speaking to us on Tasmania's 3 Capes Walk</p> <p><b>28th October</b> - Visit to local Naringal Reserves. Meet at 1.00pm at Cheeseworld, Allansford.</p> <p><b>31st October</b> - Committee Meeting at Mattners at <b>5.00pm</b></p> <p><b>14th November</b> - The Great Woolsthorpe Railway Flora Hunt hosted by Basalt To Bay Landcare Network. <b>10.00am - 12.00</b></p> <p><b>24th November</b> - Members Night, speaker, Michelle Casanova will be talking on wetland plants.</p> <p><b>28th November</b> - Committee Meeting at Halls at <b>5.00pm</b></p> <p><b>9th December</b> - Xmas Breakup at Halls, from 12.00 noon</p> <p><b>23rd December</b> - Bunnings BBQ</p> <p><b>20th January</b> - Pizza Lunch at Mattners, Cudjee. From 12.00 noon. Followed by a garden walk.</p>	<p><b>October 21 &amp; 22nd</b> APS Ballarat District Group Spring Plant Show. Ballarat Botanic Gardens 10am - 4.30pm</p> <p><b>NOVEMBER 25th &amp; 26th</b> APS Ballarat host quarterly gathering at the Ballarat Botanical Gardens.</p> <p><b>JANUARY 2018 Hobart Tas ANPSA Biennial Conference</b> Conference Theme: "Grass Roots to Mountain Tops". Dates: 12-20 January 2018 Venue: Hobart – Wrest Point Pre-post conference Tours: A selection of tours are being planned to King Island and to alpine and rainforest areas of the Tasmanian mainland. Information: <a href="http://www.apstas.org.au/conference.html">http://www.apstas.org.au/conference.html</a> To receive updates email <a href="mailto:asgapjan18@gmail.com">asgapjan18@gmail.com</a>.</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 20th &amp; 21st 2018 FJC Rogers Seminar – Goodeniaceae</b> Co-ordinated by Wimmera Growers of Australian Plants and APS Grampians. Contact email <a href="mailto:fjcrogersseminar2018@gmail.com">fjcrogersseminar2018@gmail.com</a> or Royce Raleigh,</p>
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<p>The APS Warrnambool &amp; District holds meetings on the 4th Friday of each month at the Mozart Hall Warrnambool at 8pm.</p>	
<p>APS Warrnambool &amp; District is a District Group of the Australian Plants Society (Vic) All members are required to also be a member of APS Vic.</p>	
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*The Great Woolsthorpe Railway Flora Hunt - Tuesday 14th November 10.00am—12.00.*



## The Great Woolsthorpe Railway Flora Hunt - We need YOU.

What species are reappearing in a Plains Grassy Woodland on a former railway line that was opened in 1890 and closed in 1977?

Join Professor John Morgan (La Trobe University Grassland expert) and The Basalt to Bay Landcare Network and members of the Warrnambool Society for Growing Australian Plants on a walk through this 10 ha linear reserve and help us build a catalogue of species coming up in the absence of grazing. The information you collect will assist Landcare and Victrack to manage the emerging ecology of the former railway line and siding ground.



Put your plant id skills to practical use for the benefit of this community project. If you want to learn about native plants then come along and join a more experienced team of plant spotters. Your data will be added to the Atlas of Living Australia database – and participants are encouraged to bring their mobile phone to upload photos to the OzAtlas app on site.

A list of species known so far has been gathered by Kevin Sparrow and is available here:  
[www.basalttobay.org.au/publications](http://www.basalttobay.org.au/publications)

But – we know there is MORE, MORE, MORE just waiting to be found including elusive Victorian Volcanic Plains orchids. What do you think you might see?



**ON:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November - 9:45 am for a 10am start and ending at approx. noon.

**AT:** Woolsthorpe Railway Siding on the Woolsthorpe-Heywood Rd, between Camerons Road (east) and the Warrnambool Peshurst Rd intersection (west) – look for the flags on the road edge.

**BYO** hat, long pants and covered shoes, water bottle, camera, phone.

Drink, snacks, sunscreen, toilet, and a site map **WILL BE PROVIDED** to all participants.

RSVP quick as a copperhead after a frog

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## September Display table Report by Kerry Artis

**Michael Mattner** showed two Banksias from W. A., *Banksia candolleana* - Propeller Banksia (photo right) and *Banksia grossa* which grows to about half a metre and the bees and ants love it. *Hakea purpurea* is 1m x 1m and looking stunning with its bright red flowers, often mistaken for a *Grevillea*. Hardy in most soils and full sun it comes from QLD and NSW. *Hakea oleifolia* has a very strong smell and can grow to be a small tree, up to 6m, a vigorous, hardy, screen plant with white flowers in axillary clusters. *Melaleuca suberosa* Corky Honey Myrtle is also from W.A., a low spreading shrub 1m x 1m with very corky bark and mauve flowers. Michael planted six plants, of which three flowered and now there is one left.

**Mike Halls** brought along his magnificent Waratah, *Telopea speciosissima*. This grows in their front garden, is 6-8 feet high and covered in beautiful, large, red blooms. Mike keeps it trimmed to this height and covers it in the summer as it doesn't like the hot sun. Another grafted plant in the back yard is nowhere near as big. *Boronia heterophylla* Lipstick Pink is a very pretty plant and makes a lovely cut flower. Mike has two *Eucalyptus caesia* 'Silver Princess' in a reasonably protected area and they have done very well, *Lechenaultia biloba* is a mass of bright blue flowers with long stems and is looking fantastic. Other plants Mike brought along were *Isopogon formosus* Rose Cone Flower (photo right), *Acacia acinacea* Gold Dust Wattle, *Eremophila nivea* Silver Emu Bush, *Philothea myoporoides* and a *Calytrix* species.



*Correa* 'Portland Peach', a form of *Correa reflexa*, is **Marilyn Berrys** favourite *Correa*. It is growing in a sheltered position where it has done very well, *Correa* "Narrow Neil" was named after Neil Marriot and is growing really well in dappled shade and in a well-drained area, also a form of *Correa reflexa*. *Leptospermum* 'Pink Cascade' is very hardy and long lived, growing in a very well-drained bed in part shade, it is a form of *Leptospermum scoparium*.

**Kevin Sparrow** has baskets of orchids, *Dendrobium* 'Hilda Poxon', a number of assorted *Denbrobium* cultivars and the delightful *Diuris orientis* Donkey Orchid which is about eight years old and has flowered for the last couple of years. *Chorizema diversifolium* and *Chorizema varium* are both very pretty plants, *Eremophila clarkei* in the pink form, *Eremophila* 'Meringur' in the crimson form and a grafted *Eremophila nivea* with its silver grey leaves are all growing nicely. *Olearia phlogoppapa* is an erect shrub growing to 1.5m high by 1m wide with greyish leaves and white, pink, blue or mauve flowers. Kevin's is pink. It needs a well-drained, sunny position and grows from cutting. Kevin's other plants were a *Chamelaucium* species that he grew from a cutting from Mike Halls, *Goodia lotifolia*, *Thomasia purpurea*, *Chamelaucium ciliatum*, *Calothamnus quadrifidus* in the yellow form, *Hardenbergia violacea*, *Eutaxia obovata*, *Chamelaucium uncinatum* in the white form, *Conostylis aculeata*, *Thryptomene calycina*, *Aphanopetalum resinsum* and *Scaevola crassifolia* in the upright form.

## *Impressa Award To Kevin Sparrow by Bob Artis*

**Impressa Award;** at the Annual General Meeting held at Wangaratta 16th September at the Saturday night dinner there was a presentation to Kevin Sparrow, our president. This was made by Chris Long the president of APS Vic, who gave a fairly comprehensive summary of our groups submission to nominate Kevin for this award. Having received the award Kevin thanked those responsible for the nomination and gave a little history of his involvement at local and district level. Congratulations Kevin from everyone in our group, well done.

**Editor:** *Thank you to the APS Warrnambool & District committee, in particular, John Sherwood and Bob Artis for nominating me for this award.*

*No-body does anything looking to win awards for their work they enjoy doing and would do anyway, but it is very nice when these things do come along. To be mentioned in the same breath as Cathy Powers and Paul Kennedy, two of our APS stalwarts, it is indeed a huge honour.*

*Thank you to all my many friends and family who have offered their congratulations.*



## *New Signs Erected at Swan Reserve in Warrnambool.*

New signs have been erected at Swan Reserve by the Warrnambool City Council to officially recognise the native gardens as an annex to the Warrnambool Botanic Gardens. It has been a long term goal of the Friends of Swan Reserve to raise the gardens profile and have them recognised on official maps along with the other public gardens of Warrnambool. Similar to the way that Cranbourne Gardens are an annex to the Melbourne Botanic Gardens, this is our smaller version albeit on a much smaller budget.

The historic Warrnambool Botanic Gardens are Guilfoyle designed so its got that heritage value, whereas Swan Reserve is something completely different. It compliments it and adds significantly to the public gardens of Warrnambool, while still being managed and maintained by the Friends of Swan Reserve.

What a great achievement for our small group, it is a credit to the hard work of its members and the quality and range of the plants we have been able to establish there.



Thank you to Warrnambool City Council for their support in funding these signs. Don't forget to check out our historic Botanic Gardens and while you are at it, have a look at its little sister, our annex on Raglan Parade, almost in the centre of Warrnambool.

## Visit To Melton Botanic Gardens - Saturday 7th October By John Sherwood

### Day 1. Stop 1: Melton Botanic Gardens (MBG)

In perfect conditions 10 Warrnambool and District and 2 Hamilton Group members were treated to a tour of the Australian and South African sections of the Gardens. The major trees in the Gardens include a mix of remnant River Red Gums and assorted eucalypts planted over 40 years ago. Scattered amongst these are a series of garden beds featuring plants from different regions of Western Australia and other States (as well as South Africa). The Gardens are in a low rainfall area (~400mm per annum) and so feature plants of the arid zone. There is a stunning collection of small eucalypts (in spectacular flower during our visit), eremophilas (ditto) as well as leschenaultias, acacias and daisies (and more). Sandy soil has been imported and plants are hand-watered through their first summer only. Growth in only a few years has been impressive. Newer sections of the Gardens (Bush tucker and South Australian sections) are less than 2 years old. Vandalism has been minor – the major threat to plants has been from wind.

Our Guides (David and Barbara Pye, Anne Langmaid and Jen Eldridge) are all members of the Friends Group responsible for turning this previously neglected land into one of Melton Shire's prized assets. The tea room cabinet contains many awards made to the Friends for a prodigious amount of work. Assistance by the Shire and Work for the Dole teams has augmented the Group's efforts. At the end of the tour we were let loose in the Friends nursery – with most of us purchasing plants as reminders of a wonderful visit. Thanks to our 4 guides for so generously giving their time.

Below left: Group members at Melton Botanic Gardens (Photo, B. Pye), right: *Eucalyptus rhodantha* (from WA) in spectacular form. (Photo: J. Sherwood)



## Visit To Pye Garden At Bullengarook - Saturday 7th October By John Sherwood

### Day 1, Stop 2. David and Barbara Pye's Garden.

After lunch (in the Garden's tea room) we continued on to the Pye property – 60 acres abutting the Lerderderg State Park. The block is elevated (450m) with significantly higher rainfall than the MBG (~750mm). The garden is west facing on soil derived from the Mt Bullengarook basalt lava flow. The Pye's purchased the block in 1980 and for a while ran a commercial native plant nursery (until a very large limb from an inconsiderate eucalypt dropped on its buildings!). Because of wetter conditions the garden features very different plants to the MBG. Plants putting on a beautiful display included hakeas, alyogyne, prostanthera, pomaderris, Geraldton Wax, acacias, kangaroo paws and grevilleas. We concluded a day trip across 2 climate zones (separated by less than 50km) with a pleasant afternoon tea on the Pye back deck. We left with gifts of greenhood orchids and hakeas to add to our earlier MBG purchases. A great afternoon David and Barbara!

Photos; Below left is the view of Lerderderg State Park from the Pye garden, Below right, a garden view with a Pomaderris in full flower. Above right, is *Dryandra nobilis* in full flower.

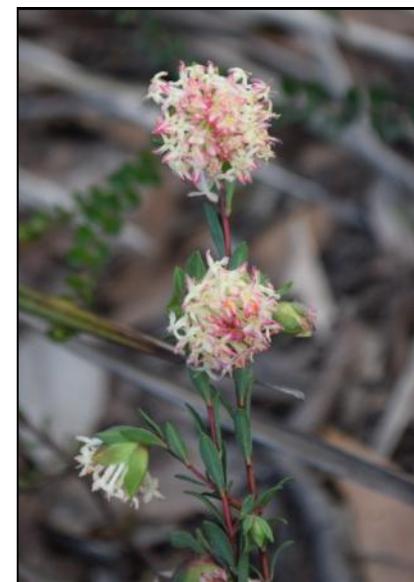


## Visit To Northern Brisbane Ranges - Sunday 8th October by Kevin Sparrow

### Day 2, Stop 1. Reid's Road, Northern Brisbane Ranges.

Again in almost perfect conditions, 10 members met up with Cathy and Ron Powers and Christine Huf, President of APS Melton and Bacchus Marsh on Reids Road in the northern Brisbane Ranges. Here it did not take us long to find our first orchid in flower, *Glossodia major* or Waxlip orchid (above right). We also found lots of interesting wildflowers including the endemic Brisbane Ranges Grevillea, *Grevillea steiglitziana* (Bottom left) and a rare red tipped form of *Pimelea linifolia*. (Bottom right). Also prominent in Reids Road is *Daviesia leptophylla* (below centre) and *Acacia aspera* subsp. *parviceps* or Rough Wattle. This hairy sticky wattle is home to a small green beetle, *Calomela acaciae* which is only known to occur on this species. (Source: Cathy Powers, Photo: Cathy Powers—Natureshare).

After wandering around the area for an hour or so, it was time to head south with a stop off to see the magnificent, *Pomaderris elliptica* in full flower. See photo page 10.



## Visit To Southern Brisbane Ranges- Sunday 8th October by Kevin Sparrow

### Day 2, Stop 2. Steiglitz - Southern Brisbane Ranges.

After a brief stop to check out the *Pomaderris elliptica* (below) in full flower and to take an obligatory group photo, it was time to head off to the Steiglitz recreation area for lunch. Cathy lead us on a walk from here along a walking track, which she informs us and it is hard to believe, was a horse racing track in a past life!. Here we found lots of different orchids with Sue Sherwood rightfully claiming the find of the day, *Caladenia parva* (Green-comb Orchid—photo page 10) all up we found a total of 19 orchids including the three John and Sue found on another walk with Cathy after we all had left. See list on page 11.



What a wonderful and extremely enjoyable weekend we had, our hosts, David and Barbara Pye on Saturday and Cathy and Ron Powers on Sunday, were indeed excellent hosts. We learnt so much from our visit and we will be sure to return at a later date. (Photo right: J. Sherwood)

Taken from an email from Cathy:

*“What a great excursion on Sunday. I was overjoyed to be able to share my 'backyard' with your members as well as Yvonne & Rito. Not only were the participants knowledgeable but also aware of their surroundings duly protecting that which is there as well as sharing what they saw. Thanks to everyone who attended! I had a great time.”*

*Orchids Recorded From Visit To Brisbane Ranges- Sunday 8th October by Kevin Sparrow*



<i>Acaianthus</i>	<i>caudatus</i>	Mayfly Orchid
<i>Caladenia</i>	<i>carnea</i>	Pink Fingers
<i>Caladenia</i>	<i>fuscata</i>	Dusky Caladenia
<i>Caladenia</i>	<i>gracilis</i>	Musky Caladenia
<i>Caladenia</i>	<i>parva</i>	Small Spider Orchid
<i>Calochilus</i>	<i>campestris</i>	Copper-beard Orchid
<i>Chiloglottis</i>	<i>valida</i>	Common Bird-orchid
<i>Cyrtostylis</i>	<i>reniformis</i>	Small Gnat-orchid
<i>Diuris</i>	<i>orientis</i>	Wallflower Orchid
<i>Diuris</i>	<i>pardina</i>	Leopard Orchid
<i>Caleana</i>	<i>major</i>	Large Duck Orchid
<i>Genoplesium</i>	<i>sp.</i>	Midge Orchid
<i>Glossodia</i>	<i>major</i>	Waxlip
<i>Pterostylis</i>	<i>mellagramma</i>	Tall Greenhood
<i>Pterostylis</i>	<i>nana</i>	Dwarf Greenhood
<i>Pterostylis</i>	<i>nutans</i>	Nodding Greenhood
<i>Pterostylis</i>	<i>parviflora</i>	Tiny Greenhood
<i>Thelymitra</i>	<i>antennifera</i>	Rabbits Ears
<i>Thelymitra</i>	<i>nuda</i>	Scented Sun-orchid



All up, we recorded a total of 75 species of plants at the Brisbane Ranges including 19 orchids, 8 pea flowered plants, 7 daisies and 5 wattles. This was without recording any of the Eucalypts.

Photos: Top left is *Thelymitra antennifera* (Rabbits Ears), Top right is *Thelymitra nuda* (Scented Sun-orchid), Bottom left is *Diuris orientis* (Wallflower Orchid) and Bottom right is *Caladenia parva* (Green-comb Spider Orchid) found by Sue Sherwood. All photos not otherwise credited are by K. Sparrow.