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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, February to December except November.

The venue is the Hughesdale Community Hall, Cnr Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale (MEL 69 C7)

Visitors are always very welcome.

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Note: Deadline for the OCTOBER newsletter is September 20th

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Tuesday 4th September 2018

8pm Hughesdale Community Hall
Cnr Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale

Speaker: Mike Beamish

Topic: Part 2, The Top End.

In March of this year, Mike took us through part of his journey, with his wife Cathy, through the top end and the Kimberley, including Katherine Gorge, Umbrawarra gorge, the Gibb river road and much more. You can read about the many places he featured in the April newsletter.

Mike is returning to finish his talk.

RAINFALL RECORDS

The following are our rainfall records for 2018 (in mm) so far.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Oakleigh South	67.6	1	26.2	20.5	71	54.3	29.5						270.1
Highett	52.2	1.6	16.5	17.1	50.1	38.1							175.6
Hampton	51	0	18	18									87
Cranbourne South	47	4	31	26	78	70	79						335
Caulfield Sth	76	1	25	17	58	44	26						247
Elsternwick	63.3	1	22	13.6	42.55	36.8	23.7						202.95

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AUGUST MEETING

Two visitors, Chris and Jenny Osborne, were welcomed to our AGM and regular monthly meeting. We hope to see them again at a future meeting.

The photo display and competition had about 20 entries. Put up on the hall wall, they made an attractive display. Members keenly placed gold stars to indicate which ones they thought would go well in our first calendar. It is now the committee's job to put the calendar together. We hope to be able to order after our October meeting.



Jean also brought in a collection of books she wished to dispose of and they were offered for sale, with proceeds going to the club.

At the AGM, John, Catherine and Helen's reports were given and committee members elected for 2018/2019. John made a plea for members to make suggestions for suitable topics for future meetings. Committee members elected were: Leader - John Thompson, Secretary - Helen Appleby, Treasurer - Catherine Irwin, Committee member - Amanda Loudon, Newsletter Editor - Marj Seaton

MEMBERS' SLIDES, AUGUST MEETING

Only Mandy and John submitted slides this time. Some of these were:

From Mandy:

- *Crinum flaccida* - took 8 - 9 years to flower
- Christmas orchid, *Calanthe triplicata*, right, growing in a pot. Flowered one week later than previous years, but should now flower for about two months. Gets full shade in winter. Growing in potting mix, it is fed weekly. From Qld.
- Brisbane lily, *Praphys cunninghamii*, double white flowers a little like a fuchsia, orange seed bulbuls, flowers last about a fortnight. Grown in a pot.
- *Pterostylis curtis* growing in the ground and spreading.
- The Albany pitcher plant, *Cephalotis follicularis*, right, growing inside under a window. It sits in a plastic pot and is kept wet. A bell over the pot keeps it moist. The pitchers are modified leaves, not flowers. The more light they receive, the redder the pitchers.
- *Dochrillia teretifolia*, a creamy orchid growing on a board.
- *Acacia phasmoides*, a creamy wattle which grows on the Vic/NSW border.
- Sunset on 3rd July.



From John:

- A phebalium with pink flowers, unlike the usual yellow.
- *Drachophyllum secundum* from NSW, with cream (and a touch of pink) in the flowers.
- *Pembertonia latisquamea*, right, Swan river Daisy, has lilac coloured daisy flowers and is a bit like a climbing brachyscombe



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- *Commersonia magniflora* from inland WA. Needs well drained soil. Flowers after rain.
- *Guichenotia macrantha* (below) with showy lilac coloured flowers. John noted that the



Guichenotia has five ribs on the outside of the flower, differing from *Thomasia* which has only the one rib.

- Several wattles, including *A. phasmoides*, *A. hererochroa* spp, *A. triptera* (good for crowd control because of its sharp phyllodes) and *A. uncinata*.
- Particular note was made of *Boronia crenulata* which has pink flowers and grows in full sun in John's grey sandy soil.

- Also recommended by John was *Lysiosepalum involucreatum*, right, a tough plant, good for dry shade or full sun, has lots of small purple flowers from rusty buds and grey foliage.



NB. Photos in this section have come from various websites, not from the slides shown on the night.

SPECIMEN TABLE - AUGUST MEETING

Again, only three people offered pieces for the specimen table. We'd love to see more contributing.

Marj brought in *Zieria "Pink Crystals"*, a small bush which does well in both sun and semi-shade. The foliage is greyish and the four petalled pink/mauve flowers are profuse. *Acacia imbricata*



(left) is a large bush which makes a great show in spring. Its yellow flowers appear all along the stems. Marj's *Olearia ozothamnus* (right) is a bright pink but, unlike last year, the heads are small. Maybe a pruning problem? Three thryptomenes



completed her bunch – *T. saxicola* (pink), *T. calycina* (white, from the Grampians) and *T. denticulata* (pink/purple).

Mandy started with *Grevillea rosmarinifolia*, green form and prickly and followed with another



prickly plant *Hakea purpurea* (left) which has red flowers. Mandy has previously cut this to the ground and found that the one in full sun is doing better than the one in the shade. Her two wattles were *Acacia phasmoides* growing 0.5m x 0.5m and *A. acinacea* (gold dust wattle) which also had been cut to the ground and is doing very well, despite the possums. A 2m high



Leionema with white flowers ("not sweet smelling"!) which Mandy calls a 'tree phebalium' is thriving in shady, dry conditions. One of the best blues you can find is found on the flowers of *Stypandra glauca* (right). The plant has multiple stems up to about 1m and will flower for months.



John has a seedling *Grevillea sericea* (left) which has pink flowers, gets no watering and is

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extremely hardy. Needs a prune sometimes. His three wattles, *Acacia wilhemiana*, *A. heterochroa ssp heterochroa* (from Ravensthorpe in WA) and *A. uncinifera* (Qld) all featured yellow balls of different shades. *A. wilhemiana* grows to



2.5 – 3m high and 1.5m wide and has yellow gold flowers. The flowers of *A. heterochroa* are more a lemon colour and grows to 1.5 x 2 m , whilst *A. uncinifera* is a large tree, 4-5m x 4m with a mass of yellow flowers. The possums have stripped it in the past but have left it alone recently. His other two plants were Phebaliums: *P. stenophyllum* (left) is a medium bush with bright yellow flowers whilst *P. squamulosum* grows with a columnar habit up to 2m high.

John's is the fine leaf form and can be covered with the tiny creamy flowers.

Pick of the Bunch August 2018

Grevillea rosmarinifolia A. Cunn.

Rosemary Grevillea

Specimen grown by Amanda Loudon

Grevillea rosmarinifolia is a rounded small to medium sized shrub 0.5m - 2m high. It occurs in woodland and mallee from the central west of NSW to central and western Victoria. The flowers occur in winter and spring in clusters on the ends of the branches. The colour of the flowers is usually red or pink, often with cream. Mandy's plant is a cultivar with yellow flowers - *G. rosmarinifolia* 'Lutea'

G. rosmarinifolia is well known in cultivation with many forms and cultivars available. It is a hardy shrub suitable for well drained soils in a sunny or partial sun aspect. It is known to hybridise with other grevilleas and should be planted with care next to bushland. Propagation is from seed or cuttings. Propagate all cultivars and hybrids from cuttings to retain their characteristics.

Grevillea is a member of the Proteaceae family. A family of c.1500 species in c.80 genera occurring mainly in the Southern Hemisphere in tropical and temperate regions with c.900 species in 45 genera in Australia. It includes such genera as *Adenanthos*, *Banksia*, *Conospermum*, *Hakea*, *Isopogon*, *Lomatia*, *Persoonia*, *Stenocarpus*, *Telopea* and *Xylomelum*. Grevilleas are members of the Proteaceae family and with over 350 species, *Grevillea* is the third largest genus in the Australian flora.

The genus was named in honour of Charles Francis Greville (1749-1809), a founder of the Royal Horticultural Society. The specific name, *rosmarinifolia*, is from the genus *Rosmarinus*, the Rosemary plant and *folius*, leaf, a reference to the leaves resembling those of the Rosemary plant. The cultivar name is derived from the Latin, *luteus*, yellow.



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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Supper: (1 litre milk please) Petra Cox

Write-up: Norm Seaton

DIARY DATES

September 4	Mike Beamish: Part two of "The Top End"
October 2	"Grasslands", Cathy Powers
October 20 – 21	FJC Rogers seminar, Horsham, "Goodeniaceae". fjcrogersseminar2018@gmail.com
November 2019:	Annual Outing – TBA
February	Sapphire McMillan-Fisher of FunEcology on fungi
March	
April	Trevor Blake: "Malvaceae"

Plant Sales and Shows 2018

September 1	APS Wilson Park Native Plant Sale Mel 133K10 9 – 3
September 8,9	APS Yarra Yarra Plants Expo 10 – 4 Eltham Community Centre, 801 Main Rd
September 22,23	Bendigo Native Plant Group flower show. Kangaroo Flat Primary School
October 6,7	APS Grampians Group Pomonal Native Flower show, Pomonal Hall, 9:30 – 5 Saturday, 10 – 4 Sunday
October 13,14	South Gippsland Native Plant Sale, Leongatha Recreation Res, 10 - 4



Saturday October 20, Sunday October 21

Have you booked your accommodation yet?

Registrations close October 1st

To receive newsletters email:

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REPORTS FROM THE AGM

Leader's Report for the Period 1st July 2017 - 30th June 2018

Another year, another AGM, time to reflect on the previous years achievements and look forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

During the past year the committee has done a sterling job organising the speakers, the annual November gathering, kindly hosted by Catherine, the newsletter, the clubs finances and other administrative functions to provide you, the members, with a group that is vibrant, interesting, active and fun.

Membership numbers are still an area of concern. Whilst not at a critical point that could affect the groups ability to maintain its present standards, we should however, take every opportunity to promote the group to those in our area. I welcome suggestions from members as to how we best promote the group.

Many thanks to those members who generously provide plants for the monthly raffle. The money raised helps defray recurrent expenses such as the hire of the hall.

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As mentioned previously Catherine hosted our annual November gathering at her house. The weather was somewhat wild and woolly that day but by the time we sat down to eat the storm front had passed and those present enjoyed a very pleasant meal. Many thanks to Catherine for hosting the dinner and her ongoing work as treasurer. Helen our Secretary, takes care of the administrative matters such as organising the hire of our venue amongst other things. Marj continues to produce a wonderful newsletter and we could make her job a lot easier by writing an article or submitting a photo or two. Special thanks to Mandy for continuing to provide illustrations for the newsletter, a task she has performed since 1997.

Thank you to all those who contributed articles to the newsletter, wrote up the monthly talks, provided supper, helped put out the chairs and tables and sold the raffle tickets. A special thanks to all my fellow committee members Helen, Marj, Catherine and Mandy.

John Thompson
Leader, APS SE Melbourne Region Inc.

Secretary's Report for the Period 1st July 2017 - 30th June 2018

This year the committee has again organised a wonderful variety of speakers of high standard to present to our group. The committee business has included: producing the Newsletter Administrative (thanks Marj!); looking at ways to increase membership and management activities such as: liaison with APS Victoria; social events; the APS Vic Quarterly meeting and general financial business. Catherine hosted our annual dinner last year and, despite an incredible storm, we managed to sit outside for our BBQ once it has passed. Thank you Catherine!

There is nothing in particular to mention with respect to the Secretary/Public Officer role is this year. Consumer Affairs Victoria is up to date, the Hall booking has been organised and potential new members have been provided with background. Requesting the speaker's grant is also part of the role.

The committee has had excellent committee attendance this year but, as always, extra interest by membership is essential to the viability of this club. The committee's work takes little time, but the rewards are great not only for the group but also for the individual and that's not to mention the biscuits the committee consume at our meetings!

Thanks to the general committee members: Marj and Mandy. Also thank you to our leader, John and of course our Treasurer, Catherine. Without their input, the group would not run as smoothly as it does. Their efforts in creating such a vigorous and interesting speaker's program can only be applauded.

Again, it's been a pleasure being a member of this group and serving as its Secretary and I'm sorry to miss the AGM this year but am happy to put my nomination forward for next year.

Helen Appleby
Secretary, APS SE Melbourne Region Inc.

Treasurer's Report for the Period 1st July 2017 - 30th June 2018

The Australian Plant Society South East Melbourne Region (the Group reported a net profit of **\$496.10** for the financial year ended 30 June 2018. This was higher than last year. Key reasons for the increase were:

- The monthly raffle income was higher.
- Expenses were lower than last year
- Speaker fees were less than last year.
- The APS Speakers Grant of \$300 was obtained this year.

It is noted that some expenses were lower due to members not claiming expenses. This benefits the group, but members are encouraged to put in their expenses so that they can be appropriately reimbursed.

The monthly raffle, however, continues to be a major source of revenue for the Group and increased from last year. In particular, the end of year clear the decks income added to our total receipts.

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It is noted that some members paid for more than 1 year of membership fees result in lower total membership fees this year

Total membership fee receipts were slightly lower this year because some members have elected to pay additional years membership, accounting for that decrease. Currently, there are 26 paid members, two less than at this time last year. Some members have not yet renewed their subscriptions.

Hall hire costs were the same as last year and are the main expense item for our group.

Cash at the Commonwealth bank has increased over the previous year. The Rabo Account has also increased this year with \$200 of interest.

In closing, I would sincerely like to thank John, Helen, Marj and Amanda for their dedicated support throughout the year. This is my second report as Treasurer, and I appreciate everyone's help. I would strongly encourage members to consider joining the committee. It is a great way to make a positive contribution to our Group.

Monthly Raffle		309.85	360.55
Hall Hire		507	507
Consumer Affairs Filing Fees		0	56.9
Guest Speaker Expenses		175.8	27.9
APS Vic Quarterly Meeting		N/A	N/A
Printing & Stationery		0	5.95
Maintenance & Repairs		0	0
Donations		150	0
Member Events		0	0
Supper Supplies		0	0
Bank Charges		5	0
TOTAL EXPENSES		837.8	597.75
NET PROFIT		\$109.43	\$496.10

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

	2017	2018
CBA Cheque A/c	900.15	975.9
Rabo Bank Savings A/c	184.33	187.24
	9025.36	9222.75
Petty Cash	0	0
TOTAL	\$10,109.84	\$10,385.80

Catherine Irwin

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MONTHLY PHOTO GALLERY

Two shots taken at Cranbourne earlier this month. The epacris, in particular would make a great garden addition.



Epacris purpurescens



Conospermum stoechadis
(Smoke bush)