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June 2018 Newsletter

Greetings - it's getting close to the shortest day of the year and this may be the shortest newsletter of the year! As the days have become colder and wetter (yay!) I decided to start moving house. Nothing like tracking mud and wet leaves into the new abode ... sigh! At least I am cheered up by my success with the daisy seeds from 'The Great Plant Out' project. Mine are threatening to leap out of their pot and take over the world. I'll have to consider a bit of judicious repotting.

Wasn't it interesting last month learning about Dryandras. An article about Tony Cavanagh's talk will be in the *July* newsletter. Why not this month I hear you cry! Well, truth be told, I've been so busy packing boxes I ran short of time - hence the short newsletter. Just to whet your appetite here is a photo of *Dryandra praemorsa* with it's canary yellow flower.



Our next guest speaker is making his third recent visit to Bendigo. Graeme Woods has entertained and educated us about Hakeas and Banksias in the past and now it's the turn of his third passion - Grevilleas. I suspect Graeme's wife Ros will have some of her greeting cards for sale at the meeting too so bring a bit of extra cash. There will also be some of the 'Wattles of the Mount Alexander Region' books for sale - \$10.

And have you noticed the change at the top of our newsletter? Yep - we have a simplified email address. The old email will still work and for the technical people the new one will feed into the old one! Also, you'll note that the APSVIC memberships are going up for the next financial year AND there is the option to purchase the quarterly 'Australian Plants' magazine which will come with your 'Growing Australian'. Exciting times!

Lastly - Neutrog have come to the fore again with an offer for our members to purchase products well below the retail cost. This will be the third time we have been able to do this and it has been highly popular. They have a new product too - it's called Whoflungdung! 'til Tuesday - Sandy

7.30 pm Tuesday 19 June 2018

Grevilleas with Graeme Woods

Plant of the Evening - Lisa Iles

Supper - Rosemarie Belbin & Bev Brooks

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm 10 July 2018, 35A Murphy St, East Bendigo

A couple of Reports from our last meeting...

Firstly Joan reported that the **Garden Of The Future** official opening on 22 April was a great success. This new planting incorporates a lot of Australian vegetation and is at the Bendigo Botanic Gardens. With a temperature of 29 degrees and no breeze the only problem was that the plants were not big enough shade the 2000 people who attended! We look forward to a talk about this garden in July and the subsequent **excursion** on July 22 to see for ourselves.

Secondly, Karen S reported on our visit to **Melton Botanic Gardens** saying that overall it was brilliant and that for its young age she and others were astonished at the amazing growth. Like others in our group she had not known of its existence and will now put it on the 'Must Return' list. Karen was most impressed by the number of Mallees with their beautiful big nuts. *Ps - did you see it on Gardening Australian the other week? It got the top billing!*

If you joined before December 31, 2017 it's

Time To Renew!

So, including the APSVIC membership, what does it cost?

**Single: \$47 (\$59*) - with *emailed* BNPG newsletter
\$52 (\$67*) - with *posted* BNPG newsletter**

**Household: \$52 (\$67*) - with *emailed* BNPG newsletter
\$57 (\$72*) - with *posted* BNPG newsletter**

Student: \$32 (\$47*) - with *emailed* newsletter

* \$15 added if you wish to receive the *optional* quarterly magazine 'Australian Plants'

We accept payment by cash, cheque, EFTPos or EFT.

Renewal forms will be available at our June and July meetings and will be sent to those unable to attend those meetings.

Thankyou from Treasurer Karin and the Committee
(*APSVIC fees have increased by \$3 for single membership and \$5 for household membership. The Bendigo fee has not increased.*)

Meetings are held at the Golden Square Community Hall, Old High St, Golden Square, on the third Tuesday of each month from February to November. The room is open from 7.10 pm, for viewing of display specimens. Program begins at 7.30 pm.

May Plant of the Evening

Rod Orr

Grevillia bipinnatifida - the Great Survivor!

Rod put a cutting in water - in 6 mths dead without roots. 2nd try - dead in 2 mths. In March - 3rd cutting but forgot it was in the back of his car! Put it in water and forgot it so it dried out. Gave it more water and it's still alive so he calls it The Great Survivor. Maybe that's why Ian has said it is a particularly good specimen for grafting. Lisa commented that some plants can take a very long time to form



The May Specimen Table

Photos taken by Janet and Peter

Wasn't it great that at our May meeting some of our members brought along plants that we had no idea about! Yes we knew they were eucalypts of some sort but that was about it. Q - Why did they bring them? A - in the hope of finding out what they were!!!! Makes sense doesn't it. Just a pity we were all just as ignorant. However - Lisa took

Rosemarie's 'Mystery Euc #1' to work and between Lisa and boss Ken they have identified it as *E. astringens subsp astringens* 'Brown Mallet'. The buds in this photo range from cream to rust red.



'Mystery Euc #2' is another of Rosemarie's and remains a mystery - any ideas?? She said it is a tall tree. Lisa thinks it is related to *E. Platyphylla*. So please bring your 'mysteries' along and please, if you do know the name then label the specimen and include your name as well. Ta muchly!



Our third mystery was Bev B's correa. She knew it was one of the Kangaroo Island ones! We just liked the pretty deep pink to yellow flowers and the dark glossy leaves!



At last - we knew one for sure! Bev B's *Hakea verrucosa* 'Warty Fruited Hakea' which is very big, very old and very prickly. Bev's plant is 3 x 3m. The cream flowers darken to deep pink as they age. Bev said the birds love it.



Australian Flower Show Bendigo 2018

Flower Display
Specialist Native Nurseries,
Books & Garden Accessories

Saturday 22 September
Sunday 23 September
9.30am - 4.30pm
Entry \$3 (children free)

Kangaroo Flat Primary School Gym
★ **Freeman Drive (off Olympic Pde)**
Kangaroo Flat, Bendigo

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BNPG DIARY

- Tuesday 17 July** - Bendigo Botanic Gardens with Brad Creme
- Sunday 22 July 2pm** - Tour of new 'Garden of the Future' at Bendigo Botanic Gardens followed by arvo tea.
- Tuesday 21 August** - Sharnie Hamilton - Bush Foods
- Tuesday 18 September** - Pruning
- Fri 21 (set up) Sat 22 & Sun 23 Sept** - Our Flower Show
- Tuesday 16 October** - TBA
- Tuesday 20 Nov** - Marilyn Gray's Field Trip to Mt. Augustus

Other Diary Dates

- 30 June/1 July** APS Ballarat Winter Flower Show 10am - 5pm Robert Clark Horticultural Centre, Ballarat Botanic Gardens.
- 21 & 22 July** Cranbourne Friends Royal Botanic Gardens Winter Plant Sale - 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. (Mel 133 K10)
- 1 September** APS Wilson Park Plant Sale, Wilson Botanic Park, 668 Princes Highway, Berwick. 9am to 3pm.
- 8 & 9 September** APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo, Eltham Community Centre, 801 Main Road, Eltham. 10am to 4 pm. Check website <https://apsyarrayarra.org.au> for plant lists.
- 21 & 21 October** - 12th FJC Rogers Seminar at Horsham. To express interest email fjcrogersseminar2018@gmail.com

Bendigo Field Naturalists Club

7.30 pm second Wednesday of the month
Golden Square Hall, Old High Street, Golden Square