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BALLARAT DISTRICT

Australian Plants Society Ballarat District Newsletter – Aug 2020

**MONTHLY MEETINGS ON THE 2ND WEDNESDAY
at ROBERT CLARK HORTICULTURAL CENTRE
GILLIES STREET ENTRANCE – GATE 3 or 4
FURTHER DETAILS SEE INFORMATION BOX**

Meetings,
activities and
events
suspended
due to
COVID-19
until further
notice

SPRING FLOWER SHOW

It has been decided, after consultation with members, that the Spring Flower Show will not be held this year. Even if the restrictions on assembly are lifted by October, we feel that, given the age group of many of our members, and a large proportion of our visitors, the risks outweigh the benefits. Thank you to the members who provided input to the decision-making process.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This meeting must be held by November. Instead of the usual August meeting it will be postponed to September or October depending on the 'lock-down' rules about meeting. All positions become vacant so think about what you can offer. **We need more members to become involved in the running of our Group; as office-bearers or committee members.**



Bruce Cadoret & Alison have covered a boundary fence with well-trained Hardenbergia

Contact the President,
John Hastie...Email: johnhastie37@bigpond.com ... Phone: 5341 5567

Membership Note

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed their membership for 2020-21, and a reminder that if you haven't, memberships are due.

APS Victoria have let us know that for any members who are experiencing financial hardship due to Covid19, APS Vic will waive their component of the 2020-21 subscription (\$35 for individuals and \$40 for families). If you are in this situation and wish to ask for the waiver, please contact me so that I can forward your details to APS Vic. Any request will be confidential, with the information only for the Ballarat Treasurer and the APS Vic Secretary.

Ainslie Whyte, Treasurer, APS Ballarat District Branch
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APS Grampians Group committee has cancelled the 2020 Pomonal Native Flower Show

It was a very difficult decision to make but with no vaccine or treatment for Covid-19 corona virus they do not want to put anyone at risk who may attend.

Unfortunately, we will see more cancellations of events with expected large numbers of attendees. We may be able to get open air excursions in small numbers going again soon which will be some relief. Keep safe and well. **Chris Long, Secretary, APS Vic.**

'Activities'

Some other APS groups are arranging 'Outdoor Activities': garden visits, excursions, etc. Have you any ideas for activities the Ballarat group could undertake? Please let me know!

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'Australian Plants Society Ballarat District' Facebook page

We have a very basic page which gives our meeting details and now a note saying activities are restricted due to the Covid19 situation.

At the moment Facebook users could be directed (via this link) to our page on the APS VIC website: <https://apsvic.org.au/aps-ballarat-district> : and to click on 'Newsletters'.

Currently there are 23 newsletters going back to March 2018 on our page.

Elaine Plant Sale Report from Gladys Hastie

Peter and Joan from Ironbark Native Nursery, Heathcote, and Simone and Mark of the Farmgate Shop, combined to have a very successful plant sale during the June long weekend. They are likely to have another sale in August, probably on the 22nd. More information will be available closer to the date.

It was very pleasing to see so many members of APS from Ballarat, Bacchus Marsh Melton and Geelong groups. Thanks to Fon and Carole who brought out the APS show signs to make finding the plant sale easy for the passing traffic.

The 'mini' flower show, only about twenty species, introduced some people to unfamiliar plants. Some visitors took the opportunity to check out the Hasties' garden, next door to the Shop. Patrons were surprised and delighted at the range of produce available in the Farmgate Shop. The sausages on Saturday and the pies on Sunday, and Pauline's coffee both days, were very enjoyable.

The Garden at Elaine in July from The Hasties

The wattle season has started. The Cootamundra Wattle (*Acacia baileyana*) on the roadside is a mass of flowers, as is the Hairy Wattle (*A. vestita*) in our garden. The Flinders Ranges Wattle, (*A. iteaphylla*) is still producing new flowers; it has been flowering for three months now; the Leafless Wattle (*A. aphylla*) is holding its flowers. Other wattles in flower include the Gold Dust Wattle (*A. acinacea*), Mt. Morgan Wattle (*A. podalyrifolia*) and *Acacia pravissima* 'Little Nugget' (a small cultivar).

Some correas have had a second flush of blooms. The Scarlet Mint Bushes (*Prostanthera calycina*) are still in flower: it must be the longest flowering mint bush – most species keep their blooms for a short time.

Other plants in flower are *Epacris impressa*, *Hardenbergia violacea*, *Kunzia baxteri*, *Alyogyne hakeafolia* and the Philothecas: (*P. verrucosa*, the Bendigo Wax Flower, and *P. myoporoides*).

Rhonda & Ross Humphries Plants in flower June 21st in their Nintingbool Garden

A list of the plants in our garden that were/are flowering on the Shortest Day of 2020. I haven't listed a few of the botanical names, mainly because I don't know them or can't remember them.

Hakea laurina, *Hakea* 'Burrendong Beauty', *Grevillea rosmarinifolia*, *Grevillea* (Woolly), *Correa reflexa* 'Flared Bell', *Correa lawrenciana* (Mountain Correa), *Correa alba*, *Correa pulchella*, *Oleria sp.*, *Banksia marginata* (Silver Banksia), *Epacris impressa* (Common Heath), *Westringia* (mauve, pink & white), Croweas, *Brachyscome sp.*, (mauve & white), Everlasting Daisies, *Myoporum parvifolium*, *Philotheca sp.*, *Darwinia citriodora*, *Dampiera diversifolia*, *Epacris longiflora*.



Epacris impressa
(Common Heath).

"We have white and red forms indigenous to our area".

Photo:
Rhonda Humphries



Top: *Hakea laurina*
Middle: *Grevillea rosmarinifolia*
Bottom: *Correa lawrenciana* (the Mountain Correa), an understory plant from Tasmania
Photos: Rhonda Humphries



TEN YEAR FLASHBACK

From the August 2010 Newsletter



Pterostylis concinna, Grampians Trim Greenhood, shown by Judith Lewis at the July 2010 meeting.

These very healthy plants are growing in a 4" (10cm) terracotta pot.

This orchid has a notched tongue. Close inspection reveals a small 'V' shaped wedge missing from the tongue.

Picture: Fon Ryan





Crowea saligna (Willow Leaf Crowea) photographed by Jennifer Johnson in her Ballarat garden

Thanks to all those who contributed reports or items for this issue

Deadline for September Newsletter: 26th August 2020



AFTERNOON TEA or SUPPER

Members please have a cuppa at home for arvo tea or supper

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

The **SECOND WEDNESDAY** in October, November, December, February, March, at 7-30pm
The **SECOND WEDNESDAY** in April, May, June, July, August, September at 2-00pm

MEETING VENUE

ROBERT CLARK HORTICULTURAL CENTRE, Ballarat Botanical Gardens

Access: GILLIES St. ENTRANCE – GATE 3 or 4 (or from Wendouree Parade, **Afternoon Meetings only**)

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