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AUSTRALIAN PLANTS
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BALLARAT DISTRICT

Australian Plants Society Ballarat District Newsletter – April 2023

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

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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 12th April, 2023. Monthly Meeting at 2pm * (Note: Afternoon Meeting) *

At the Robert Clark Horticultural Centre. Ballarat Botanical Gardens

Guest Speaker: Jeff Rootes is a wildlife corridor and biodiversity advocate in Ballarat.

He is secretary of two community-based environmental organisations, the Bunanyung Landscape Alliance and the Friends of Canadian Corridor.

Jeff is an advocate for landscape-scale wildlife and biodiverse connections between the Wombat Forest and the Enfield Forest. His advocacy and work include landscape scale, restoration, development of a climate adaption strategy for Goldfields Little Creeks, the establishment of the Woowookarung Regional Park and a citizen science Koala sighting program now into its fifth year.

Wednesday May 10th, 2023. APS Ballarat Monthly Meeting at 2pm.

Guest Speaker, to be confirmed.

Saturday April 15th, 2023. APS Heathcote Plant and Flower Show, Mechanics Institute, 121 High Street, Heathcote.

Saturday May 13th. APS Melton and Bacchus Marsh Plant Sale 9.00am - 1.00pm.
St. Andrew's Uniting Church.

The Garden at Elaine March

The wet winter and spring, followed by long dry periods in summer have proved to be fatal for quite a few plants so there are gaps in the garden. The recent rain has probably been enough for the re-planting to start: the young shrubs should be reasonably established before winter.

Some plants are flowering more than usual. *Alyogyne hakeafolia* is the best it has ever been, as are the *Banksia marginata*. *Hemiandra pungens* has been flowering for months.

The trunk of the White Sallee or Snow Gum, *Eucalyptus pauciflora* is a random pattern of fawn, brown, grey and white: if it were in a colder climate, it would be brightly coloured.

A Queensland wattle *Acacia elata*, Cedar Wattle, is flowering for the first time, a little late as it is usually summer flowering. Other trees in flower are *Hakea drupaceae*, and *Backhousia citrodora*, Lemon Myrtle (A fairly large rain-forest tree but our's is a shrub as it is growing in a large pot) Ground-covers in bloom include *Myoporum acuminatum* and *Grevillea lanigera*.

Westringea glabra and *W. 'Jarvis Gem'* flower for a long period.

Melaleuca pulchella (Claw Flower) and *M. thymifolia* are well covered with blooms, *M. elliptica* is just starting.

Other plants in flower include *Hibiscus geranioides*, *Eremophilla calorhabdos*, *E. polyclada*, *Goodenia varia* and the pink flowered *Kunzia baxterii*.

Due to last-minute, unexpected and unavoidable events, we have been unable to fully and properly produce this newsletter. Additionally, this has resulted in the omission of photographs sent in by members.

Recent Death

John Endacott died recently.

A former member, many of our older members will remember him well.

We are planning to say some more on John in the next issue. Vale John. *(From Fon Ryan.)*

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

Deadline for May Newsletter
26th April 2023

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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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