



Australian Plants Society Ballarat District Newsletter – May 2023

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

FURTHER DETAILS SEE INFORMATION BOX

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 10th May 2023

Monthly Meeting at 2pm (Afternoon Meeting)

Guest Speaker:

Ade Foster – Ade's African Safari

Ade is known to most of us. He is a great photographer, well-travelled, and editor of the APS Geelong 'Correa Mail'



Wednesday 14th June 2023

Monthly Meeting at 2pm (Afternoon Meeting)

Guest Speaker: Nicky Zanen:

Far North Queensland

Wednesday 12th July 2023. Monthly Meeting at 2pm (Note: Afternoon Meeting)

Guest Speaker: Miriam Ford – Prostantheras – Miriam is the President of APS Vic

Wednesday 9th August 2023 – Annual General Meeting – 2pm (Note: Afternoon Meeting)

**APS Ballarat Winter Flower Show
Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th June
10.00am - 4pm**

**At the Robert Clark Horticultural Centre
Ballarat Botanical Gardens**

The Show is to display, and inform, that Australian plants are great in Ballarat and surrounds in 'Winter'.

Member participation is necessary. Please volunteer for a period during the Show. A roster is available for times and duties required to help the Show succeed.

Also publicise and promote the Show wherever you can. Specimens are needed. Named and labelled where possible. Secured in a bag for BCC biosecurity.

Friday 23rd Set up 11am, Sunday 25th Pack up 4pm. Further details at Meetings, June Newsletter or Gladys Hastie email:

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Photo:
Betty McGuinness

This correa is a mystery to me. I remember striking this correa (one success from six cuttings!) from a red-flowering (probably *Correa reflexa*) large old correa. But the resultant plant has iridescent, two-toned, green-coloured, narrow, quite-long bells and flowers for much of the year. How could this be? Could it be *Correa calycina*? It seems to like its position under a large eucalypt. This photo is from mid-2022, when its flowers were at their best. They were past their best by March 2023. Do correas flower all year?

Betty McGuinness.

Membership renewal for 2023/24

Ainslie Whyte

APS Victoria have set up a new online system where all fees and subscriptions will be paid direct to APS Vic online, with the District Group fees being returned to Groups each month.

For members without internet access either myself or the APS Vic Membership Officer will be able to help you. I'll include contact details in our June newsletter.

There will be a notice with instructions in your June Growing Australian magazine. The important thing to be aware of now is that you'll need your membership number for the renewal process. It's printed on the yellow envelope containing your Growing Australian, so, **DO NOT THROW OUT THE ENVELOPE!**

Fees for both APS Victoria and The Australian Plants magazine have gone up.

New fees are:

APS Victoria (includes Growing Australian Magazine) Individual \$38.00 Household \$44.00

Australian Plants subscription (optional) \$20.00

Ballarat Group fees are unchanged – Individual \$10.00 Household \$13.00

April Meeting Guest Speaker Report

Ainslie Whyte

Jeff Rootes is a wildlife corridor and biodiversity advocate.

Jeff gave an enthusiastic and information-packed presentation on the work of some of the groups he is involved with. The common aim is to restore areas of land, waterways and vegetation and to create linking wildlife corridors.

Locally based groups include: Friends of the Canadian Creek, Woookarung Regional Park www.focc.asn.au , Bunanyung Landscape Alliance <https://bunanyunglandscapealliance.org>

The Garden at Elaine in April

John Hastie

Autumn is the time to split up *Anigozanthos* (Kangaroo Paws) if the beds are becoming crowded, so we have dug up and re-planted one bed.

Plants that flowered through summer and early autumn are now due to be pruned. Some of the prunings may be used as semi-hard and hard-wood cuttings: just put them in a well-drained medium (A mixture of 50% perlite with 50% good quality potting mix is suitable for most plants).

There has now been enough rainfall to allow the planting of the garden where plants died over the summer and dry early autumn. The new plants should settle in before winter.

The Lemon Myrtle (*Backhousia citriodora*) and the Cinnamon Myrtle (*Backhousia myrtifolia*) are now in full bloom; masses of typical, white myrtle flowers.

Many of the eremophilas still have enough flowers to provide some food for the New Holland Honeyeaters.

Westrigeria glabra still carries many flowers, but there is no sign of any on *W. fruticosa* or *W. rigida*.

Melaleuca thymifolia is flowering well and there are a few flowers on *M. elliptica*.

Acacia bechlerii is flowering quite well. It is usually the first wattle to flower here but this year the Cedar Wattle flowered last month.

Blandfordia grandiflora (Christmas Bells) flowered for Easter.

Among other plants in bloom are *Prostanthera rhombea*, *P. divaricata*, *Hakea drupaceae* and *Thryptomene saxicola alba* 'Supernova'.

Vale John Endacott

Fon Ryan

John Endacott died on 11th March 2023. He was 73.

A former member, many of our older members will remember him well. He lived at Newlyn.

John took an exceptionally keen interest in Native Plants. He got to know the local Ballarat area indigenous flora well. He was a strong supporter and member of Ballarat Environment Network (BEN), and this included a stint as chairman. The Ballarat Indigenous Plant Nursery was initially operated by BEN, and so at that time John volunteered there on the once-a-week day that it operated.

He first joined APS Ballarat District (formerly SGAP) in 1984. He was vice-president from 2000 to 2002. He was editor of our group's monthly newsletter from 1997 to 1999, taking it up again as co-editor for another year in 2001. At one stage he took on the role of Flower Show Coordinator (Spring shows only at that time), and if memory serves me correctly, more than one of them. He was a keen contributor to the group. In latter years he discontinued membership a time or two, only to re-join again a few years later.

In his early working life in Melbourne, he was a professional movie camera operator, filming among other things ads and programs for television. Even though later he was not in that industry,



he did freelance video and stills photography. He photographed local plants in the field, especially when on APS bus-trip excursions. On good authority, I am told that on these trips he was usually missing at roll call when the bus was about to move on to the next stop. A quick scan into the distance and there was John, prostrate on the ground, getting one last shot of an orchid!

John's late mother, Joan, was a stalwart of our group from 1980 and his late brother, David was a member for a few years from 1984.

I'll miss John, knowing that he's not around anymore, and I'm sure all those who knew him will share my loss. ▣



April Meeting Specimens exhibited

Sue Ring: *Grevillea lanigera* 'Mt Tamboritha', *Hakea* sp., *Scaevola* sp., *Olearia* sp., *Myoporum parvifolium*

Ruth Marton: *Eucalyptus pulverulenta*, *Eucalyptus aromaphloia* (Scent Bark), *Beaufortia orbifolia*

Saturday 13th May – APS Melton and Bacchus Marsh Plant Sale

9.00am - 1.00pm – St. Andrew's Uniting Church



Eremophila 'Streaky Bay' in Betty McGuinness's garden. Long flowering, spindly, pendulous.



Is this *Prosanthera cryptandroides*? Sticky, smelly foliage – a dry survivor. Betty McGuinness.



Photo:
Betty McGuinness

Hibbertia scandens

This yellow flower would brighten anyone's day. I have two hibbertia, but only this newer one, planted late last year, is still flowering (March 2023). Silly me, I imagined my *Hardenberger violacea* and this *Hibbertia scandens* flowering together to make a brilliant show of purple and yellow (my primary-school colours), but I now know that hardenbergia flowers have finished by the time *hibby* gets around to it. At least at my place, that's what happened last season. Betty McGuinness

Thanks to those who contributed reports or items for this issue

**Deadline for June Newsletter
31st May 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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