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BALLARAT DISTRICT

Australian Plants Society Ballarat District Newsletter – June 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 14th June 2023 – Monthly Meeting
at 2pm (Afternoon Meeting) ←
Guest Speaker: Nicky Zanen – Far North
Queensland**

Nicky joined the Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne tour to Far North Queensland a year ago and will speak about the trip, her experiences and the thrill of how different the flora is in this distant Tropical area. She will also prompt fond memories for those who have visited this area.

Nicky has a long association with APS Ballarat and most members will know her. She is currently secretary of APS Foothills and regularly writes ‘Out and About’ articles in Growing Australian.

More on the Far north Queensland Tour:

In June 2022 a group of Cranbourne Friends visited Far North Queensland after several postponements due to Covid. The tour was originally designed to commemorate the time Captain Cook’s ship, the Endeavour, had to be repaired in Cooktown which enabled Botanists Banks and Solander to do some significant plant collecting over 250 years ago.

Nicky was one of the participants and will share some of her highlights of the tour. These include meeting John Murison and his family and seeing the rock paintings of the Quinkan, the boat trip on the Daintree River and visits to two amazing botanic gardens, in Cairns and in Cooktown. The eleven days were packed with so much variety and this talk will only be a snapshot of what they saw.

For some photographs from the tour, see page 2

APS Ballarat Winter Flower Show

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th June

10.00am - 4pm

At the Robert Clark Horticultural Centre, Ballarat Botanical Gardens

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)



Pimelea ‘Magenta Mist’ growing in a Ballarat garden. Photo: Jennifer Johnson

Some photographs from the tour



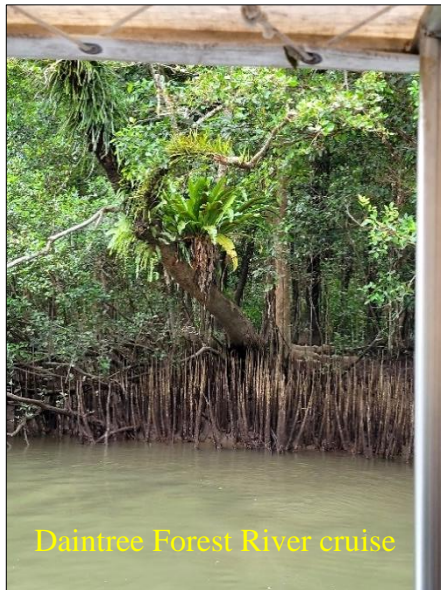
Hastie Swamp



Curtain Fig

Neutrog Orders

I have made the Neutrog orders to be a regular order twice yearly in Spring and Autumn. You are able to go on line and place your order any time once you have registered with Neutrog for access to their members area. The Autumn order is finished for this year. The Spring orders closing date is the 17th August for dispatch to my address approximately 8th September. Their prices are very competitive:



Daintree Forest River cruise



Cairns Botanic Gardens
Fan Palm *Licuala raksai*

- * Whoflungdung \$14
- * Bush Tucker 20kg \$30
- * Sudden Impact for Roses 20kg \$30
- * GOGO juice 1 litre \$10
- Bunnings \$19.50
- Bunnings 4kg \$30.32
- Bunnings 10kg \$55.28
- Bunnings 1 litre \$17.36

If you need help with signing up to their members' area shop or do not have internet access and would like to order something please don't hesitate to contact me, email: martonruth@yahoo.com.au or phone 53346134

May meeting specimens exhibited

The Dalmans: *Hakea* 'Burrendong Beauty', *Correa reflexa* 'Canberra Bells', *Correa* sp., *Epacris impressa*
 The Hasties: *Acacia beckleri*, *Acacia iteapyhlla* 'Flinders Ranges Wattle', *Backhousia citriodora* (lemon myrtle), *Eremophila nivea* hybrid, *Hakea drupacea*, *Lambertia orbifolia*, *Thryptomene* 'F. C. Payne', *Thryptomene saxicola alba* 'Supernova', *Westringia crassifolia*, *Westringia glabra*, *Wollemia nobilis* (male and female cones)

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Ballarat Botanical Gardens**

Our Show is to inform and display that Australian Plants in Ballarat and surrounds are great in 'Winter'. Member participation is requested.

Volunteer for a period during the Show, a roster is available for times you might assist. Publicise and promote the Show wherever you can, advertising posters are available online, at meetings or via the committee. Specimens are needed!

Named and labelled where possible.

Friday 23rd, Set up 11am

Sunday 25th, Pack up 4pm

Further details at Meeting or Gladys Hastie email:
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Winter Plant Show

Note from Gladys and John Hastie

The Winter Show is a Plant Show rather than a Flower Show so the range of plants shown is not restricted to those in flower.

We can show plants in pots, so if you have potted plants in flower, they are welcome: just make sure they are labelled with your name, and are covered when you bring them in.

Many plants have coloured new foliage, or an unusual leaf shape or growth habit so these are well worth showing.

Seed pods and buds are unique to each species so these are also suitable for showing.

Please make sure all specimens are labelled with botanical name. (If you do not know the proper name the common name will help speed up identification).

Membership renewal for 2023/24

Ainslie Whyte, Treasurer

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 (phone 0419 830765) or the APS Vic Membership Officer (contact details in Growing Australian) will be able to help you.

There will be a notice with instructions in your June Growing Australian magazine. The important thing to be aware of now is that you will need your membership number for the renewal process. It is printed on the yellow envelope containing your Growing Australian, **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

May meeting Guest Speaker report

Ade Foster introduced himself as: Retired - sort of; Werribee Zoo tour guide - part time; African animal lover - full time! He is a much-appreciated supporter of APS, our Ballarat District Group, and is an excellent photographer. Ade took us on an African Safari, of his several visits. His photography and commentary were really informative, explanative, and engaging; displaying and describing his African Safari travels, where and how, the accommodation and surrounds, the trips and tracking safaris and experiences in the Kruger National Park in North East South Africa. Ade described with great photographic illustration; the Park, the Lodge, the environment and wildlife, the beasts and birds. Many of the wildlife are known, respected, and loved by characteristics and names by the visitors and staff.

Ade gave us a really thorough and entertaining presentation. We thank him very much!

The Garden at Elaine in May

There is a shortage of flowers in the garden this month but the paper daisies (*Xerochrysem bractiodes*), Cut Leaf daisies (*Brachyscombe multifida*), the thryptomemes (*Paynes* hybrid and *T. saxicola*) and *Grevillea lanigera* are in full bloom.

The Mount Morgan Wattle or Queensland Silver Wattle, *Acacia podalyriaefolia*, is just starting to flower. *Acacia beckleri* and *A. iteaefilla* still have some 'unspoiled' flowers. Making up a little for the lack of flowers the lilly-pillys are growing new foliage in various shades of red.

Even without flowers there is a lot of variety in the garden. Leaf colour ranges from the very dark green of *Prostanthera rotundifolia* (Round-leaf Mint) and *Podocarpus lawrencei* (Mountain Plum Pine) to the bright greens of croweas to the grey-green shades of *Eremophila mackinlayi* and *E. Nivea* hybrids.

The phyllodes of Acacias also show a similar range: dark green and linear on *A. pendulosa*, bright green and prickly, on *A. denticulosa* (Sand-paper Wattle) and blue-grey-green on *A. binerva* (Sterling Silver).



Jennifer Johnson
 CULINGA FLORA ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANCY

Photo: Jennifer Johnson

Dwarf Boronia *Boronia polygalifolia*. It was given the new name of *Cyanothamnus nanus* some years ago, but full acceptance of that name appears to still be in question. Its distribution is described as the east coast of Australia. It is a prostrate or low spreading shrub. ‘Dwarf’ in the common name could indicate that it is a cultivar, but it is a species (with three subspecies).

Thanks to those who contributed reports or items for this issue

Deadline for July Newsletter
 28th June 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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