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Australian Plants Society Ballarat District Newsletter – September 2023

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

FURTHER DETAILS SEE INFORMATION BOX

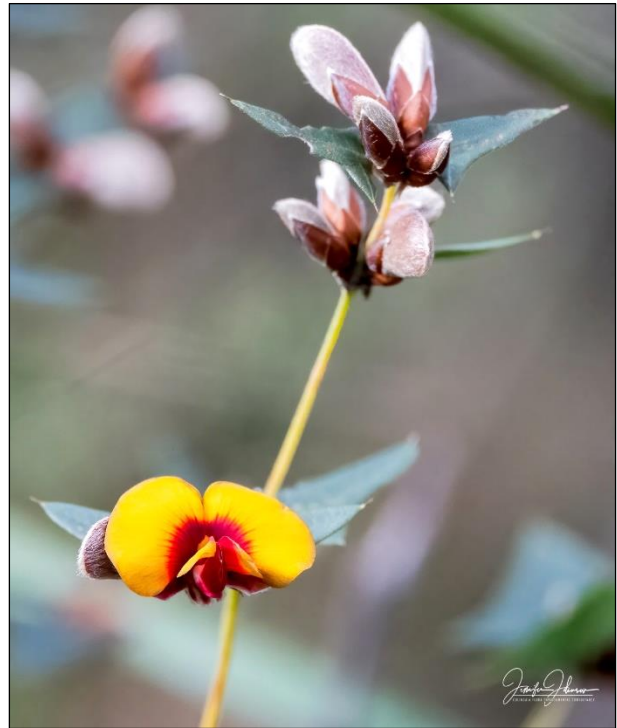
COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 13th September 2023

Monthly Meeting – 2pm (Note: Afternoon Meeting)

The meeting will include the Annual General Meeting adjourned from August

Miriam Ford (APS Vic President) and Robyn Tyson (APS Vic Vice-President) will be attending this (adjourned) AGM and General Meeting to offer their support & advice with regard to APS matters. **Miriam will also give a short talk on the Biennial National Australian Flora Conferences (ANPSA).** APS Vic is hosting the conference in Melbourne in **Spring 2024** from September 30 to Oct 4. Hosting of the conferences cycles through the different states, and Victoria has hosted this event twice in the past – Ballarat (September 1995) and Geelong (2009). There will be pre and post tours associated with the conference and also various excursions within the body of the conference itself and the images here are from one of them - The Chelsea Garden at Olinda. This garden is featured in the most recent, Issue 4, of the newsletters issued by APS Vic on the ANPSA conference 2024. These national conferences are very enjoyable events and we encourage you to register your interest - <https://apsvic.org.au/anpsa-biennial-conference-2024/>



Platylobium obtusangulum – Common Flat Pea, photographed by Jennifer Johnson.

Wednesday October 11th 2023 – 7.30 pm – Monthly Meeting

➔ NOTE: Evening Meeting – (Daylight Saving Time) Guest speaker to be advised

The Spring Flower Show (October) will not be held this year due to insufficient staffing availability and heavily-reduced (flower) specimen availability.

Garden Visit Invitation

Helen and Neville Collier have invited us to visit their great native garden at Bung Bong.

They have generously offered individuals, or the group, to 123 Box Flat Track, Bung Bong, about 6km east of Avoca along the Pyrenees Hwy toward Maryborough. Ring them on 0429 653190 to arrange a suitable time.

A Big Thank You to the Hasties!

Gladys and John Hastie were thanked by APS Ballarat District with a farewell afternoon tea. They have done so much for the Group, and it has been greatly appreciated. We wish them all the very best for the future.

Annual General Meeting August 9th 2023 – Report and comment: Warren Hill

Positions were declared vacant and there were no nominations for President, Secretary or Treasurer. **The AGM was then adjourned to the September 13th Meeting.**

All or some of these positions need to be filled for the Group to continue.

If not, the Group will be forced to go into recess or be dissolved!

It is not necessary to attend each and every meeting and activity.

The positions are not particularly demanding. The positions could be shared.

The President could share with a Vice President, the Secretary and an assistant could share minutes and correspondence, a Treasurer and an assistant could share membership and finance.

This Newsletter is a working example of sharing where one member collects information and another assembles it. **Be active in some small way and thereby help the Group survive!**

Send your expressions of interest to the group, or to Warren ...email...wazizhill@gmail.com.au

The Garden in

Our Newsletter has had 'The Garden in Elaine' note for a few years. An initiative of the Hasties, and a valued contribution. Do continue sending in articles of interest to our members. Send your observations and pics of Australian Plants and Gardens in our district to Warren Hill,

Email: ... wazizhill@gmail.com

Neutrog Products; They have a good range at greatly discounted cost to our Members

Orders and information thanks to Ruth Marton.

For any help signing up to the Neutrog members shop, or you do not have internet access and would like to order something, contact Ruth, email: martonruth@yahoo.com.au or phone: 53346134.

August Meeting Specimens Exhibited

Colleen Orchard: *Grevillea iaspicula* 'Wee Jasper'

The Dalmans: *Prostanthera rotundifolia*, *Chorizema cordatum*, *Correa sp.* (very attractive and grown from a cutting of a specimen exhibited by Bruce Cadoret at a monthly meeting)

The Martons: *Acacia boormanii* Snowy River Wattle, *Acacia flexuosa*, *Acacia vestita* Hairy Wattle, *Banksia baueri* Possum Banksia, *Grevillea alpina* 'Warby Range', *Grevillea levis*, *Hardenbergia violacea* (pink form), *Hardenbergia* 'Free and Easy'

The Hasties: *Acacia acinacea* Gold Dust Wattle, *Acacia boormanii* Snowy River Wattle, *Acacia covenyi* Blue Bush Wattle, *Acacia glaucoptera* Clay Wattle, *Acacia montana* Mallee Wattle, *Acacia pravissima*, *Acacia provincialis*, *Acacia triquetra* Mallee Wreath Wattle, *Acacia vestita* Hairy Wattle, *Banksia marginata*, *Hardenbergia violacea*, *Indigofera australis*, *Thomasia purpurea x solanacea*, *Westringia rigida* 'Milky Way'



Phillip Johnson's Chelsea Garden at Olinda (Melb.)

One of the excursions in the National Native Plants Conference in Melbourne in Spring 2024

Left: The Billabong

Right: L to R: Miriam Ford, Richie Hill (gardener) & Nicky Zanen in the garden



Acacia leprosa 'Scarlet Blaze'

Photo: Jennifer Johnson



Yellow tufted Honeyeater on Golden Wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*)

Photo: Jennifer Johnson



Hollows within a River Red Gum, *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*. In addition to the two large hollows clearly visible in this view of the tree, there appear to be two more small ones to the upper right, and the dead-wood area at the top left most likely houses one as well. It is often stated that Red Gums need 80-100 years to develop hollows. Tree hollows can house diurnal and nocturnal mammals, birds, bats, reptiles, hibernating bats and probably more. They also accommodate nesting birds, and more permanently sometimes, introduced (feral) honey-bee hives.

Photo: Jennifer Johnson

Thanks to those who contributed reports or items for this issue

Deadline for October Newsletter
27th September 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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