

Australian Plants Society Ballarat District Newsletter – April 2024

**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 10th April 2024 – *2.00 pm*

➔ **Monthly Meeting – Note Time: 2.00 pm**
(Meetings are conducted in the afternoon
during non-daylight-saving period.)

Guest speaker to be advised

Wednesday 8th May 2024 – *2.00 pm*

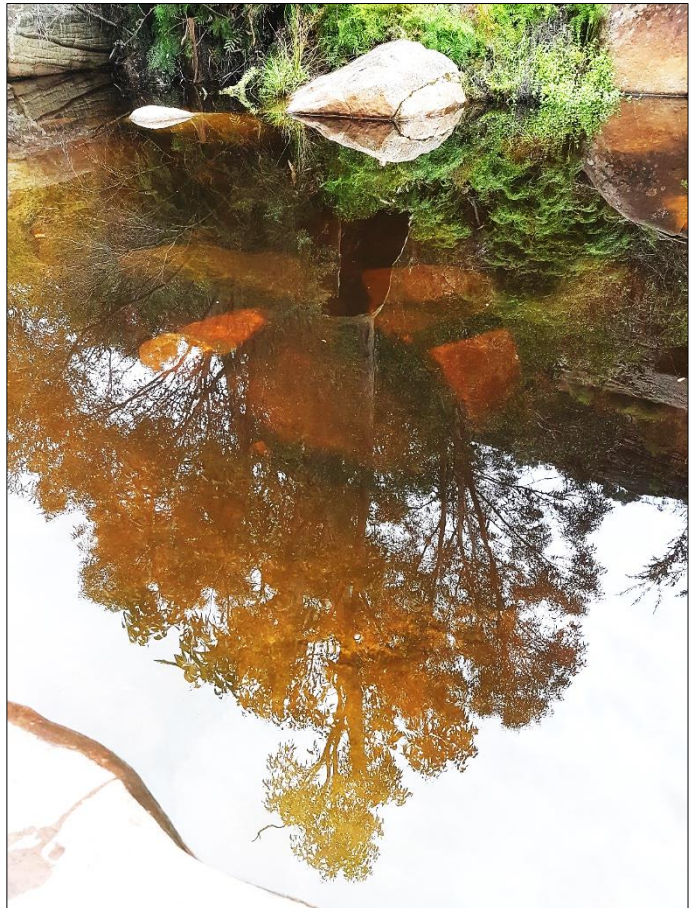
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In my Garden in Ballarat – February & March – From Bruce Cadoret

Well, the hot dry Summer arrived well and truly, with basically no rain during this period, and with consistently high temperatures. Normally I don't water the garden except for new plants, but because of this extended dry period, have begun watering. A few plants have died, but that will give me a chance to plant more. During this time, I cut back the flower heads of the Kangaroo Paws, and gave the *Poa labillardierei* a big haircut, cutting them down to about 10cms. Within a few days these grasses have green shoots and quickly green up. There are still a few plants in flower including: *Alyogyne huegelii*, *Calocephalus lacteus*, *Chrysocephalum apiculatum*, *Brachyscombe dentata/multifida*, *Correa glabra*, *Pelargonium austral*, *Scaevola sp.*, *Wahlenbergia sp.*, and *Xerochrysum bracteatum/viscosum*.

Saturday May 11th. APS Melton and Bacchus Marsh Plant Sale 9.00am - 1.00pm, 18 Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh.



Reflections

Sue Ring took this photograph at the Venus Baths at Gariwerd (Grampians) in late January this year.

Most likely, every plant pictured, large or small, is a native plant.



Sue Ring has grown this excellent specimen of *Alyogyne huegelii*.

Photo taken 26th March.

Guest Speakers and Events.

A program is pending. Suggestions are welcomed.

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This *Poa labillardierei*, growing in Bruce Cadoret's Ballarat garden, was given a big haircut, cutting it down to about 10cms. Within a few days it had green shoots and quickly greened up. This grass species is indigenous in the Ballarat area. Photo taken 26th March 2024.

Thanks to those who contributed reports or items for this issue

Deadline for May Newsletter
24th April 2024

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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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