



# Australian Plants Society Ballarat District Newsletter – November 2019

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

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Australian Plants Society Ballarat District Spring Show. Photo: Fon Ryan

Again, another splendid and impressive display of native plants grown solely in members' gardens.

## **COMING EVENTS**

**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER - Monthly Meeting** ➔ **Evening Meeting at 7.30 pm**  
**Guest Speaker: Peter Debicki (He calls himself The Polish Beekeeper)**

Peter is a passionate bee-keeper and native plant enthusiast. He has been bee keeping for around 10 years and has a small apiary near Burrumbeet and the surrounding eucalyptus forests. Peter lives on 2 acres of volcanic soil where he continues to build his collection of native plants. He is very passionate about all things natural and enjoys photographing these. Specialising in Macro photography of bees and flowers, his photos have won prizes and have been featured in Bee Keeping magazines. He is looking forward to sharing the beauty of nature with us.

**SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER – An invitation to visit Jenny West's garden at Gordon, between 11am and 4pm. Address:** 38 Gleeson Court, Gordon. A garden well worth a visit!

**Directions:** Head out the Western Highway to Gordon exit, turn right and cross highway. Gleeson Court is first turn on left (unsealed road). Afternoon Tea (or should I say High Tea) will be supplied but if you would like to bring something to add to the table it would be quite welcome. Please bring a cup and plate. Jenny's extensive garden has many varied and unusual plants. Paths wind through the sloping garden which enables you to get closer to mature areas and developing ones. Gladys Hastie 53415567

## October Guest Speaker Report

### Guest Speaker: Daniel Lewry – Physiotherapist

Gently stand and move!!! – Then read this condensed report.

Daniel gave an excellent presentation of how to maintain and improve our bodies and our enjoyment of gardening. He said: “The best exercise is the one that gets done”! The GLA:D or Good Life with Arthritis programme is a good resource. Members had questions regarding the many facets of our physiology, including modern medicine and replacement parts, all of which Daniel described and explained. Hints on managing our physical gardening activities were discussed and suggestions made.

Ok,,,,,enough report,,,,Gently stand and move,,,,,

**Thanks to Daniel for a good presentation.**

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## THE FLOWER SHOW

Thank You.....

From John Hastie.....

Thank you to all those members who helped to make our Show a successful one, certainly socially.

### APS Ballarat District October Flower Show Report

*Anigozanthos* to *Xerochrysum*;

200+ specimens in full flower;

Gardens for Wildlife display;

Works of Embroidery;

Rolling Picture Show of Local Native Plants;

Potting Mix and Fertilizer;

Plant sellers, with well grown, interesting plants;

Attendance was 200+.

The Show was great for all who participated and enjoyed the Australian Native Plants experience.



Welcome, sit here, enjoy a cuppa, and have a chat. Table arrangements: Judith Lewis.

Photo: Fon Ryan



*Pelargonium australe* (a Tasmanian form) at the Show. Photo: Fon Ryan



*Grevillea tenuiloba* at the Show.

Photo: Fon Ryan



## SPECIMENS Exhibited at the October Meeting:

### Ruth Marton

*Acacia longifolia* and *Acacia floribunda* (recommended as small understorey trees), *Acacia cognata*, 'Lime Magic', *Acacia aculeatissima* (small prostrate Ballarat local), *Banksia undata* (formerly *Dryandra praemosa*), *Goodia latifolia* (small tree), *Grevillea gaudi chaudi* (prostrate), *Grevillea sericea* (straggly pink bush that responds to pruning), *Grevillea* 'Lemon Supreme', *Hardenbergia neurophylla*, *Hardenbergia* 'Free and Easy', *Kennedia nigrans*, *Pandorea pandorana* 'Peaches and Cream', *Pomaderris elliptica* (quick but amazing), *Prostanthera* sp. (red and yellow)

### Ian Lynch

*Boronia* sp., *B. heterophila* x *pulchella* 'Moonglow' (by King's Park Botanical Gardens WA), *Grevillea bronwenae* 'Red Ochre' (grafted), *Kennedia prostrata* (Running Postman), *Leuchenaultia* 'Blue Ruffles', *Philotheca buxifolius* 'Cascade of Stars', *Westringia* 'Deep Purple' (by Bush Magik)

### Claire Dalman

*Boronia megastigma*, *Hardenbergia violaceae*, *Tasmannia lanceolata* (Male with flowers, Female with berries)

### Judith Lewis

*Acacia* sp., *Acacia decora*, *Correa* 'Ivy Bells' (Brisbane Ranges endemic), *Grevillea confertifolia* (Mt. William, Grampians, endemic), *Olearia pannosa*, *Philotheca verrucosa*, *Prostanthera incisa*

### Mike Healy

*Correa reflexa* x *numeralifolia*, *Grevillea* sp., *Phebalium stenophyllum*

### Gloria Salt

*Pandorea pandorana* 'Wonga Gold'



*Pandorea pandorana* 'Wonga Gold' shown by Gloria Salt. Photo: Fon Ryan



*Philotheca buxifolius* 'Cascade of Stars' shown by Ian Lynch. Photo: Fon Ryan



*Grevillea bronwenae* 'Red Ochre' (grafted) shown by Ian Lynch. Photo: Fon Ryan

**Excursion Report: Spring bus trip, Corio/Lara/Brisbane Ranges, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
By Claire Dalman**

Nineteen people enjoyed a varied and interesting day of travel to several places on a mild, sunny day. Our thanks to the Hastie family for planning and organising such a great day. Particular thanks to their son, Stuart, who very capably drove the mini bus.

Our first stop was to the home of Gladys and John where we were treated to warm scones and a cuppa which we were able to enjoy in their garden full of pretty things to admire. Many of their native plants were in full spring bloom giving numerous bees a happy opportunity. Others are just in bud, awaiting their turn. Their Wollemi pine still survives.

Next was a drive to Corio to the home of some Geelong APS members. This suburban block is packed with such a variety of plants, some of which none of us have had success growing. Lack of frost would be a contributing factor as would evident passion for plants. Hanging baskets of grafted Sturt Desert peas (*Swainsona formosa*), many baskets of pitcher plants, some with evidence of captured insects, gorgeous native orchids (*Dendrobium* sp.), many *Darwinia* plants, grevilleas smothered in flowers, a front 'lawn' of *Wahlenbergias* instead of grass, two 'Silver Princess' trees (*Eucalyptus caesia*) with beautiful bark and silvery 'gumnuts', some intriguing garden ornaments and structures, and friendly, generous hosts, Matt and Pam Baars.

From there we travelled to Serendip Sanctuary. This was our lunch stop, first, before scurrying to see as much as we could in the allotted time. Gladys and John spread out a selection of breads, rolls and salad fillings to make our own lunches, along with delicious cakes and biscuits with tea and coffee. We took a granddaughter, Kate, aged 12, on this trip and she was very quickly ticking her bird pamphlet. If you have not been to Serendip, I suggest you take a trip. It is free, has good picnic facilities and an excellent range of walks if time permits. Amongst our sightings were broilga, quoll, numerous wallabies and kangaroos, masked owl, bush thick knees, rails, frogmouths, herons, parrots, red-browed finches, black-winged stilt, cormorants, swallows, Cape Barren geese, emus, and other birds. Overhead, Kate spotted a wedgetailed eagle flying high.

After Serendip we travelled to the Kevin Hoffman walk, still in Lara. Kevin's wife, Bev, and Matt and Nicole Leach explained how this 800 metre, award-winning, linear, riverside garden evolved from an idea into a beautiful public walk, celebrating and showcasing a broad range of native plants. A marvellous community asset and a walk I suggest all would enjoy at your leisure, but probably best in spring. Western Australian feather flowers (*Verticordia nobilis*) and blue *Leschenaultia* (*Lechenaultia biloba*) made bold colour splashes.

Our final stop was at a roadside location at the start of Butchers Road in the Brisbane Ranges National Park. Here we quickly spread out and in a short time discovered four different orchids as well as other plants. Waxlips (*Glossodia major*) were plentiful, two *Diuris corymbosa*, perhaps donkey orchids or wallflower, a pink finger (*Caladenia carnea*), and a spider orchid. There were also creamy candles (*Stackhousia monogyna*), billy buttons (*Craspedia variabilis*), rice flowers (*Pimelea humilis*), several different peas, some sticky sundews (*Drosera peltata*) which Kate enjoyed feeling, and at least three varieties of paper daisies. This patch was not far from Anakie and yet another place to visit in spring.

**By about now** we were happy to rest quietly while Stuart drove us back to our cars. It was a lovely day trip and our thanks again are extended to the Hasties for such good planning; even the weather.

**WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – End of year celebrations beginning at 6.30pm.  
(No Meeting.) Meat will be supplied, please bring a salad or a sweet (as Christmassy as possible) to share. Let's make this end of year a happy one and I encourage new members to come – this is the way you meet other members and of course we meet you. Quizzes, raffles, etc. and plenty to eat. If anyone has any suggestions to make this night a real success – please contact me. Gladys Hastie 53415567**

**SPRING BUS TRIP PHOTOGRAPHS**  
**Corio/Lara/Brisbane Ranges**



The Baars' garden – beautiful eucalypt bark. Photo: the Dalmans



Kevin Hoffman Walk, a planting of some formality. Photo: Rhonda Humphries



Brisbane Ranges – the understory. Photo: Rhonda Humphries



A view of the Baars' Garden. Photo: Rhonda Humphries

The excursionists paying attention on the guided tour of the Kevin Hoffman Walk. Photo: Claire Dalman





Serenity at Serendip

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

Deadline for December Newsletter: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019



**AFTERNOON TEA or SUPPER**

Members please bring a plate of something to share

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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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