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BALLARAT DISTRICT

Australian Plants Society Ballarat District Newsletter – June 2021

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

FURTHER DETAILS SEE INFORMATION BOX

JUNE MEETING CANCELLED

The Robert Clark Horticultural Centre has been closed under COVID-19 requirements
The June Monthly Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday 9th June, has been cancelled

COMING EVENTS

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY BALLARAT DISTRICT WINTER 2021 NATIVE PLANT SHOW June 26th and 27th

All Members are asked to please be involved.

***Friday 25th June, 2021** - Set-up for APS Ballarat District Winter Flower Show from 11am-3pm.

The most important job is to bring along as many flowers and interesting leaves as you can, with labels clearly marked with the name of the flower or plant. Help set-up tables, fill bottles with water, place flowers in bottles, find label then place labels and flowers on tables for display.

***Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th June 2021**

10am-4pm. Check to make sure everything is as it should be, talk to our visitors. Depending what virus restrictions are in place, it may be required to help with numbers, social distancing, checking in (name, phone no. or QR), and just keeping a quiet eye on things in general. Closing at 4.00pm Sunday, help with the clean-up.

Wednesday 14th July, 2021 – Monthly General Meeting at the Robert Clark Centre at 2.00pm.
Guest Speaker - Chris Clark (APS Vic President)
‘The High Country Alpine Plants’
(To be confirmed)

Wednesday 11th August, 2021 – AGM – followed by Monthly General Meeting at Robert Clark Centre at 2pm. No Guest Speaker.



Correa time
Jennifer Johnson captured this artistic shot
of Correa ‘Canberra Bells’ last year

Annual membership renewals are due by 1st July
Membership Renewal Forms were emailed to members on 12th May

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We thank Janine O'Malley for volunteering to act as Secretary until the August Annual General Meeting. Planning for the Winter Flower Show is well advanced. The application to the Council has been submitted and Government registration as a Tier 3 COVID event has been completed.

APS BALLARAT DISTRICT GROUP PROGRAM 2021

(There will be additions as time goes on) ... Reminder – Covid safe rules do apply!

Thursday 19th August, 2021 – Coach trip to Wartook Gardens, Northern Grampians, morning tea & lunch included. Times and cost will be advised later. For those who are not familiar with the gardens, refer to pages 10/13 in March 'Growing Australian'

Wednesday 8th September, 2021 – Monthly General Meeting at Robert Clark Centre at 2.00 pm
Guest Speaker – Kevin Ritchie – 'Bonsai with Australian Native Plants'

September (sometime to be advised) – Bus trip to Brian Henderson's & The Colliers' gardens at or around Avoca. More details later.

Wednesday, 13th October, 2021 – Monthly General Meeting 7.30pm at the Robert Clark Centre.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 22nd, 23rd, 24th October, 2021: APS Ballarat District Spring Show

Wednesday, 10th November, 2021 – Monthly General Meeting 7.30pm at the Robert Clark Centre.
Guest Speaker – Nicky Zanen

Wednesday 8th December, 2021 - No meeting this month. Christmas Break-up.

MAY MEETING REPORT

The President and Treasurers reports were accepted. Visitors and prospective members Verena Doyle and Beryl Plummer were welcomed to the meeting.

MAY GUEST SPEAKER REPORT

Peter Rogers: Outback Queensland, from Winton thru to 3 Ways in the Northern Territory

Peter and Alison have Travelled North a few times, mainly mid-year, and showed great photos and described many wonderful Plants, Birds and Insects, and also Peter's enthusiasm for Mistletoes.

They took us on a comprehensive and informative trip through the topography and environment of areas from Winton through to Cloncurry and Mt Isa. Peter described many of the plants as 'Top End' plants, with not many of them in cultivation and difficult to grow Down South. He mentioned the effort in identification of some subjects, and also the 'naturalised weeds' that help to confuse things. The quality and sharpness of their camera work was recognised. We enjoyed and appreciated the presentation and thank Peter and Alison.

THE GARDEN AT ELAINE IN MAY

Most of the Correas and Croweas are now in flower, or have finished. Grevilleas and Hakeas are starting to bloom. The rejuvenation of the garden continues. Some overgrown Prostantheras and Eremophilas have been replaced with smaller growing species.

The *Westringea glabra* in the new part of the garden has been flowering for two months now; a species well worth growing.

Xerochrysum bractiatum must be one of the brightest and colourful plants to grow in our gardens. The flowering starts in spring and is still going.

Acacia willowdeniana, Grass Wattle, and *A. aphylla*, Leafless Wattle, still have a few blooms.

Other wattles have well developed flower buds, some may even flower for the Flower Show.

The White Cedar, *Melia azaderach*, is starting to lose its leaves. It is one of the few Australian species to be annually deciduous.

SPECIMENS EXHIBITED AT MAY MEETING

Thank you for providing lists: note, if you are bringing specimens, please also provide a list so that a record of your specimens can appear in the Newsletter!

Mike Healy: *Darwinia* sp.

The Dalmans: *Xerochrysum* sp., *Chorizema cordata*

Ian Lynch: *Eucalyptus cladocalyx* 'Vintage Red', *Correa* 'Marions Marvel', *Correa glabra* 'Barossa Gold', *Correa* 'Lemon Twist', *Tetradlea tymifolia* 'Fairy Bells', *Westringia* 'Deep Purple', *Plectranthus parvalilorus* 'Blue Spires', *Adenanthus sericeus* (Woolly Bush)

Beryl Plummer: *Goodenia ovata*, *Correa exalata*, *Correa* 'Marion Mini', *Correa* 'Dusky Bells', *Correa* 'Winter Bells', *Correa* 'Bicheno Bells'

The Hasties: *Westringia glabra*, *Kunzea baxteri*, *Thryptomene* 'FC Payne', *Melaleucea pulchella* (Claw Flower), *Grevillia lanigera* (Woolly Grevillea), *Correa lawrenceana* (Tree Correa)

AUSTRALIAN BOTANIC GARDENS SHEPPARTON

Just south of Shepparton at Kialla is one of Australia's newest botanic gardens.

The site was a 'landfill' for fifteen years from 1972. Rehabilitation of the site started in 1994 but the transformation to the Australian Botanic Gardens only started in 2011.

A central part of the garden is Honeysuckle Rise, an artificial hill created from the landfill.

From the lookout at the top of the hill views of the themed gardens and the Goulburn Valley can be enjoyed.

The themed gardens include a Food Garden, the Weaving Garden, the Turtle Garden and a Children's Garden.

A series of walks along well-graded paths give access to the theme gardens, a wetland, and an area of native forest.

The developing native vegetation has attracted a wide range of birds; over 100 species have been officially recorded for the area.

Signposted access to the garden is from the Goulburn Valley Highway, along Riverside Drive to Botanic Gardens Avenue.

TEN-YEAR FLASHBACK

From the June 2011 Newsletter

CUTELY POSITIONED PAIR OF FUNGI

Xerula australis, Rooting Shanks

The larger one is 7cm diameter

Growing in semi-shade at Learmonth

Common in open country & forests in the
Ballarat area

Picture: Fon Ryan





Photo: Fon Ryan

Pretty moth, pesky caterpillars

An Autumn Gum Moth. Its annoying, eucalypt-defoliating caterpillars attack young trees, especially silver-leaved ones (*Eucalyptus crenulata* etc). The rather fleshy blue-green caterpillars, with two cream spots on their humped backs, cluster together in small groups in almost-closed leaf-shelters that they make. The moth has attractive pale orange hindwings, only visible when the wings are open. Many members would have come across its depredations when trying to establish young eucalypts. Information: Roger Thomas.

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

Deadline for July Newsletter: 30th June 2021



AFTERNOON TEA or SUPPER

Members, please have a cuppa at home for arvo tea or supper

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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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