



Australian Plants Society Ballarat District Newsletter – July 2021

**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 JULY, 2021 –
MONTHLY MEETING**

NOTE: Day Meeting at 2pm

**VENUE - The Robert Clark Horticultural
Centre - Ballarat Botanical Gardens**

Guest Speaker:

Chris Clark (APS Vic President)

‘The High Country Alpine Plants’

**Everyone MUST check in with QR CODE or
on APS TABLET-MASKS MUST BE WORN**

**WEDNESDAY 11th August, 2021 –
Robert Clark Horticultural Centre, 2.00 pm.**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

All positions declared vacant.

Guest Speaker – Ian Lynch – ‘Look What
Happens when the Developers Move in’. A
sad story about Diana Snapes beautiful
native garden.

Followed by Monthly General Meeting.

THURSDAY – 19th AUGUST, 2021 –

EXCURSION. Details of trip to ‘Wartook Gardens’

For a summary of the gardens, refer to pages 10-13 in March ‘Growing Australian’.

We will be travelling in a 50-Seat 5-Star Toilet-equipped Coach departing Ballarat Coachlines
Depot at 8.30am.

Morning tea stop at Ararat, then on through Moyston, Pomonal, Halls Gap, Zumsteins, arriving at
Wartook approximately 11.30am.

We will leave the garden 2.00-2.30pm, travelling via Western Highway, arriving back in Ballarat
4.30-5.00pm. **Cost:** \$25.00 p.p., including lunch.

Payment can be made directly to our Bank Account (details below) or pay our Treasurer.

BSB: 313-140 Account 12090620 Ref. Your surname and Wartook

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Annual General Meeting is to be held on 11th August. Any notices of motion to change our
constitution must be submitted to me or the Treasurer by the end of July. All elected positions
become vacant but all present holders of the positions are eligible for re-election if they wish to be.
I urge everybody to think about what they could do for our group. New leadership can introduce
fresh ideas.



A close-up view of Banksia ericifolia flowering in
the Winter. Photo: Elspeth Swan

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

THE GARDEN AT ELAINE IN JUNE

For a number of years, we have counted the plants in flower at the Shortest Day (Winter Solstice). I expected that this year the tally would be down, as so many plants flowered early (out of season), but about 65 different species, cultivars and varieties were in bloom. Some had only one or two flowers, others, such as correas, were well covered.

Some of the more prominent plants were: *Acacia iteaphylla*, *A. podalyraeifolia* (Mt. Morgan Wattle), *A. willowdeniana*, *A. genistifolia*, *Kunzia baxterii* (both red and pink forms), *Hardenbergia violaceae* 'Free'n'easy', *Hakea drupaceae*, *Correa alba*, *C. lawenciana*, *C. pulchella*, *C. aemula*, *C. bauerlenii*, and many correa cultivars.

The eremophilas all seem to have a few flowers most of the time, as do the croweas. A 'stand out' plant is *Templetonia retusa* (Cockies Tongue) with its masses of bright red blooms.

The daisy family is well represented by *Xerochrysum bractiatum*, *Ammobium alatum*, *Chryscephalum apiculatum*, and *Brachyscombe multifidi*.

A recent addition to the garden is *Plectranthus graveolans*, the Bush Basil. It is a very aromatic plant with tiny blue flowers and could be a useful culinary herb.

APS BALLARAT DISTRICT GROUP PROGRAM: AUGUST-DECEMBER, 2021

Please be aware of all covid19 restrictions!

Everyone attending meetings must check in with QR CODE or be entered on our **APS TABLET**.

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 (on some date yet to be advised) – Bus trip to Brian and Carol Hendricksons' & Neville and Helen Colliers' gardens, at or around Avoca. More details later.

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

Friday, Sat. & Sun., 22nd, 23rd, 24th October, 2021 – APS Ballarat District Spring Flower Show

Wednesday, 10th November, 2021 – Monthly Meeting 7.30pm – Guest Speaker – Nicky Zanen

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



There is a 'Winter Flower Show' on the APS Ballarat District Facebook page.

Any member could snap a few of their 'Winter Flowerers' and have them up on our page. These are some of the more than 50 already in the 'Show': (clockwise)

Hakea orthorhyncha

Ozothamnus 'Strawberry Cream'

Acacia podalyriifolia

Photos: Elspeth Swan



FUTURE NEUTROG ORDERS by Ruth Marton

There is a letter from Neutrog below detailing the changes to their ordering system. These changes are as follows:

- No minimum weight of product.
- 4 deliveries per year corresponding to the seasons. The next ordering period closes off mid-August and will be delivered early September.
- Members can order individually and pay on line and will receive their order at the next delivery time. This is easier for me and the club as you do not have to get the money to me.
- The pick-up point for your order will still be my house.
- If you wish to have future Neutrog orders please send me your email address and I will pass it on to Helen (the lady who came to talk to us about the Neutrog products some time ago). She will then contact you by email and set you up with your own access to the special Neutrog shop online at their discounted prices where you can order and pay anytime. My email is martonruth@yahoo.com.au.
- If you do not have an email or cannot pay electronically, I am happy to order anything for you. You can ring me on 5334 6134 anytime. I am home most evenings.
- Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone.



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Dear Member,

The process of ordering your Neutrog products has now moved to an online platform called 'Shopify'. This is a change from the manual system that has been in place for a long time, but ensures a smoother transaction with the club and at Neutrog. It gives you more control over your order and takes away the need for order forms and money collection. The payment and collating of the orders is now done by Neutrog.

The delivery/collection process will remain the same. Individuals will receive an invoice and you simply bring this to the collection point on the date indicated to collect your order.

To participate, Neutrog has asked that we provide them with your email address. If you wish to participate, please let me know by return email and your details will be passed on to Neutrog. Once set up in their system they will send you a unique activation code which will take you to their member section on their online store. There will be instruction provided with the email. You will then enter a password. This will be your own password which will allow you to access the store at any time. You can then scroll through all products and make your purchase. The store is always open, so you can order whenever you like. You simply select the drop off point and date and you will collect as normal. They are offering on your first order a one off \$20 discount on an order over \$40.

If you don't have an email address, you won't be left out. I suggest you 'buddy-up' with someone who does have an email address, either within the club, eg. me, or a family member. Alternatively, the club can have their own account and orders made on your behalf. In this instance the order and money will need to be collected and paid online by the club.

You are stepped through the process online, but if you are having any difficulty, there is a freecall number: 1800 656 644, should you need any help, or you can contact me direct and I will pass on your concerns to Neutrog.

Kind Regards
Ruth Marton
Club Order Co-ordinator



Photo:
Elspeth Swan

Plectranthus argentatus, one of many 'Winter Flowering Plants' in our
'Virtual Winter Native Flower Show'
on the APS Ballarat District Facebook page.

(Note one of its tiny flowers is just visible in front of the base of the large leaf to the left.)

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

Deadline for August Newsletter: 28th July 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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