

Australian Plants Society Ballarat District Newsletter – August 2021

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

FURTHER DETAILS SEE INFORMATION BOX



Our group has a Facebook Page

Australian Plants Society Ballarat District

Everyone can view our Page without having to join Facebook or having a Facebook page themselves.

Please view and use the page. It will add to our group's enjoyment and communications.

Contributions can be sent to:

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COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY – 11th AUGUST, 2021 – MONTHLY MEETING

➔ **NOTE: Day Meeting at 2pm**

VENUE - The Robert Clark Horticultural Centre - Ballarat Botanical Gardens

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

Annual General Meeting

All elected positions become vacant, (present holders of positions are eligible for re-election if they wish). Nominations are invited, welcomed and needed.

Guest Speaker – Ian Lynch – ‘Look what happens when the developers move in’

A sad story about Diana Snapes beautiful native garden.

Followed by Monthly Meeting.

Notice from the President

The Annual General Meeting is to be held on 11th August 2021 at 2pm

Any notices of motion to change our constitution must be submitted to the President or Treasurer. All elected positions become vacant, (present holders of positions are eligible for re-election if they wish). Nominations are invited, welcomed and needed.

I urge everybody to think about what they could do for our group! New leadership will be needed and can introduce fresh ideas.

All members are encouraged to take a position or share one and will be supported by the group.

Thursday – 19th August, 2021 – Excursion to Wartook Gardens

For a summary of the spectacular garden, refer to pages 10-13 in March edition and pages 10-12 in June edition of ‘Growing Australian’.

Members, guests, family and visitors are welcome to join us.

We will be travelling in a 50 Seat 5 Star Toilet equipped Coach.

Departing at 8.30am! From Ballarat Coachlines Depot, 86-92 Yarrowee Street, Sebastopol.

Enter through main gate. Immediately turn right. Park on gravel, toward side fence.

Morning tea at Ararat then through Moyston, Pomonal, Halls Gap, Zumsteins, arriving at Wartook Gardens approx. 11.30am. We will depart 2.00-2.30pm and return via Western Highway, arriving back in Ballarat 4.30-5.00pm

Cost \$25.00 pp including lunch.

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

BSB: 313-140 Account 12090620 Reference: Your surname and Wartook

Payment can be made up to Friday 13th August.

Any enquiries contact the Events Coordinator, Gladys Hastie, phone 53415567.

Australian Plants Society Ballarat District, Group Program: August-December, 2021

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

Sunday 19th September, 2021 – Visit to Brian & Carol Hendricksons’ and Neville & Helen Colliers’ gardens. Note: To be discussed.

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

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

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

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

July Meeting, Guest Speaker Report

Chris Clark, APS Vic President, was welcomed to our group meeting.

Chris gave an excellent presentation, ‘A Snapshot of Victorian Alpine Flora’. He is well travelled in this area, including APS Keilor Plains Group’s regular trips, biannually, around mid-to-late January, to Mounts: Baw Baw, Buffalo, Buller, Cole, Hotham, Stirling, also Falls Creek Aqueduct Trail, and Howmans Gap where the YMCA Camp is highly recommended.

He noted the multitude of native plants flowering at different elevations at different times.

Chris enjoys macrophotography and the great quality was admired and appreciated.

His excellent photographs included plants grouped in Families, also Orchids, Ferns and Fungi as well as Insects, Butterflies, Moths, and a Snake.

He mentioned and recommended the Website: Flora of Victoria: as a good and improving resource.

We were treated to a wonderful presentation and thank Chris very much!

Chris also spoke positively regarding APS Vic, its management and directions, and was very supporting for APS Groups and activities, connecting with the general population and encouraging new members.

July Meeting, Specimens exhibited

Gloria Salt - *Banksia spinulosa* 'Honey Pots', *Banksia marginata* 'Mini Marg', *Correa reflexa* 'Fat Fred', *Grevillea rhyolitica* 'Inferno'

The Hasties – *Acacia podalyriifolia* (Mount Morgan Wattle), *Acacia genistifolia* (Spreading Wattle), *Acacia iteaphylla* (Flinders Wattle), *Acacia pravissima* (Ovens Wattle), *Hardenbergia violacea* 'Free n Easy', *Kunzea baxteri* (red & pink forms), *Templetonia retusa* (Cockies Tongues), *Prostanthera calycina* (Red Mint Bush), *Prostanthera siberii*, *Westringia fruticosa* 'Morning Light', *Westringia longifolia*, *Westringia* 'Smokey', *Westringia crassifolia*, *Westringia glabra*



Photo:
Elspeth Swan

Last month's newsletter featured *Plectranthus argentatus* with a flower stalk just starting to open. This shot shows the species in flower.

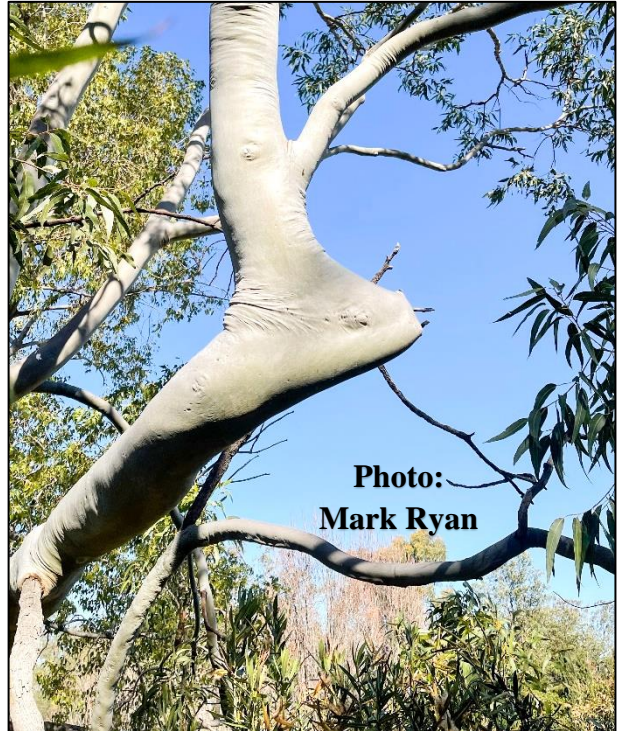


Photo:
Mark Ryan

Unusual Joint. This tree is a planted *Corymbia citridodora* (Lemon-scented Gum) west of Dubbo in central NSW. Many years ago, where the projection to the right of the joint is, a branch has died, or been cut off, leaving a stub. Just as a tree can close over where a branch breaks off flush, this tree has grown new wood outwards to cover the stub. Additionally, it filled in the angle between the stub and the ascending branch with a gusset, just for good measure. Of all the species of gums that I know, it is by far the most capable of this.

Ten Year Flashback

An unusual double-header *Banksia praemorsa* specimen shown by (the late) John Clark at the August 2011 meeting.

Picture: **Fon Ryan**



2022 FJC Rogers Biennial Seminar. 15th-16th October 2022

Discover the extraordinary world of Australian pea plants. Saturday: York on Lilydale, Mount Evelyn

Speakers with expertise in identifying, growing and propagating peas. Learn about current research into propagation and growing-on techniques. Evening dinner and an entertaining speaker.

Plant sales of common and unusual pea species. Book sales. Displays.

Sunday: Coach tours to public and private native gardens which include a wide variety of pea species.

Art exhibition and sale featuring pea plants from 8th – 16th October at Karwarra Australian Botanic Garden.

Expressions of interest: fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com
.....<https://apsvic.org.au/fjc-rogers-seminar-2022>.....

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**Photo:
Jennifer Johnson**

Small flowers opening progressively on the inflorescence of Grevillea 'Pink Ice', flowering in the Ballarat garden of Jennifer Johnson in October 2020.

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

Deadline for September Newsletter: 25th August 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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