



Australian Plants Society Ballarat District Newsletter – September 2022

**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 SEPTEMBER 2022 – 2 PM
MONTHLY MEETING**

➔ **NOTE: Afternoon Meeting at 2.00pm** ←
(At the Robert Clark Horticultural Centre Ballarat
Botanical Gardens)

**GUEST SPEAKER – Gladys Hastie
Edible Native Plants**
(Sample tastings may be included.)

**WEDNESDAY 12th OCTOBER 2022 – 7.30PM
MONTHLY MEETING**

➔ **NOTE: Evening Meeting at 7.30pm** ←
(At the Robert Clark Horticultural Centre. Ballarat
Botanical Gardens)

**GUEST SPEAKER – Russell Wait
Eremophillas**

**SUNDAY 18th September Garden Visit – 10am
Visit to Steve Adams Garden at Haddon. Then
coffee and cake at Avalon Nursery Cafe, 41
Kopkes Road, Haddon. Plenty of Native Plants.
Steve Adams address is 170 Blackberry Lane, but
the entrance is off Rill Court.**

Directions: If you're coming to Haddon along
Ballarat-Carngham-Rd, Greenhalghs Rd or Bells
Rd, turn left into Sago Hill Rd and follow it into
Haddon to the roundabout. If you're coming from the Ross Creek-Haddon Rd you'll also reach this
roundabout. Exit the roundabout into Racecourse Rd, cross the creek and turn left into Haddon
School Rd. Travel along Haddon School Rd and turn left into Blackberry Lane. Turn right into Rill
Court and the entrance to Steve's property is about 100 metres in - there's a sign for 170.
When returning, retrace your steps to the roundabout in Haddon and then back along Sago Creek
Rd. Turn left into Kopkes Rd and Avalon Nursery is on your left at number 41. If required, ring
Warren on 0400644913.

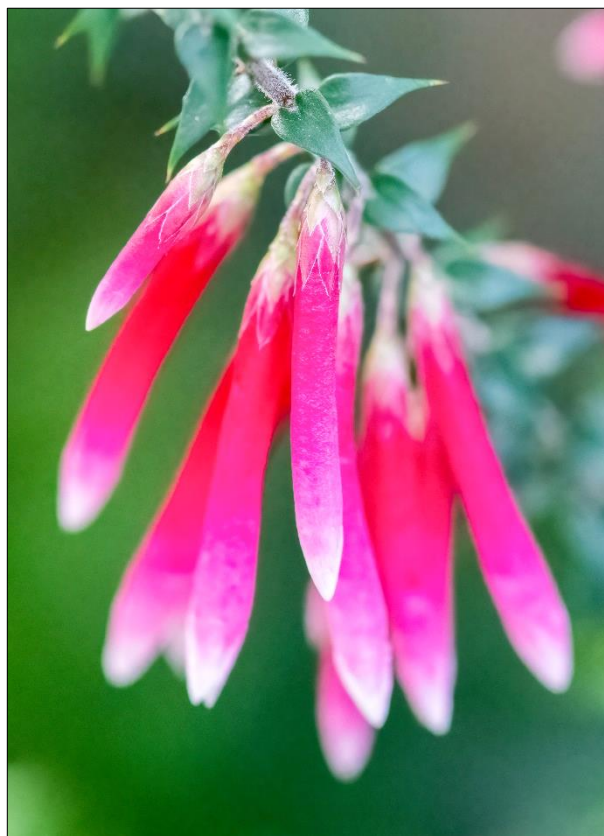
Saturday 15th October 2022, Garden Visit

Visit to Helen and Neville Collier's Garden at Bung Bong, Avoca

Travel is approximately 70 km ~ a 45-minute drive from Ballarat.

Self-drive, car-share, and offer someone who would like a lift. Give yourself plenty of time to see
this beautiful garden. BBQ Lunch about 1pm.

Directions: Take Sunraysia Hwy to Avoca, at cross roads turn right towards Maryborough, travel
for 5.1 km, turn right into Box Flat Track. Number 123 on the left... (if required ph.0429653190)



Epacris 'Pan Pipes' photographed by
Jennifer Johnson in her garden in early
August.

Australian Plants Society Ballarat District
SPRING 2022 NATIVE PLANT SHOW
Saturday 22nd October 10-00am to 4-00pm
Sunday 23rd October 10-00am to 4-00pm
Robert Clark Horticultural Centre Ballarat Botanical Gardens
Set up for members on Friday 21st October, 11am to 3pm approx.

Annual General Meeting Report.

Held at the RCHC this year following the previous covid affected AGM which was held on a bus on an excursion. Minutes and Reports were tabled and passed.

John Hastie was elected President.

Graeme Rundell was elected Vice President.

Janine O'Malley was elected Secretary.

Ainslie Whyte was elected Treasurer.

Michelle Peddlesden was elected Assistant Treasurer.

August Monthly Meeting was held (following the AGM): specimens, raffle, refreshments.

Spring (Flower) Show Posters

Show posters will be emailed to everyone on Sunday 11th September.

Please publicise the Show by emailing the poster to potential visitors/attendees, organisations and clubs that may spread the word. Also, if you are able to, print a copy or two (in colour or black & white) and pin it up on a public notice board. Or spread it via Facebook.

August Meeting Specimens Exhibited

The Martons - *Acacia dealbata*, *Acacia boormanii*, *Eucalyptus leucoxylon*, *Grevillea jephcottii*, *Grevillea shiressii*, *Grevillea lanigera lutea*, *Grevillea levis*, *Hakea scoparia*, *Hakea victoriae*

The Hasties - *Acacia baileyana*, Cootamundra Wattle, *Acacia boormanii*, Snowy River Wattle, *Acacia covenyi*, NSW Blue Bush, *Acacia enterocarpa*, Jumping Jack Wattle, *Acacia pravissima*, Ovens wattle, *Hardenbergia violaceae* (pink), *Hardenbergia violaceae* (white)

The Garden at Elaine in August

The garden is definitely in 'winter form' now. The Croweas, Correas and Thryptomenes are still carrying a few flowers. The Philothecas and Chamelauciums have just started with, so far, very limited flowering. The Hairy Wattle (*Acacia vestita*) is completely covered with blooms as is the Cootamundra Wattle (*A. baileyana*) on the roadside. The young Clay Wattle (*A. glaucoptera*) is just starting to flower, but the old one is well off flowering.

The cockies tongues (*Templetonia retusa*) continue to be a bright spot in the front garden. The white *Hardenbergia violaceae* has a few flowers. It is a 'shrubby' plant rather than a climber. Some time ago we took out overgrown plants that no longer deserved the space in the garden, these have now been replaced, a little early, but it is a sheltered area.

The -3°C morning early in the month caused some damage, but we will not trim out dead parts of the plants until there is little chance of another frost. As you would expect, the worst affected plants were from warmer climates.

Library - APS Ballarat District

We have a good library and welcome members to avail themselves of it. A basic loan system is in place for members to use. There are also excellent reference books.

There are some books that have not been returned, maybe due to covid lockdowns etc.

Of note is 'Taller Eucalypts for Planting in Australian Gardens' by Dean Nicolle.

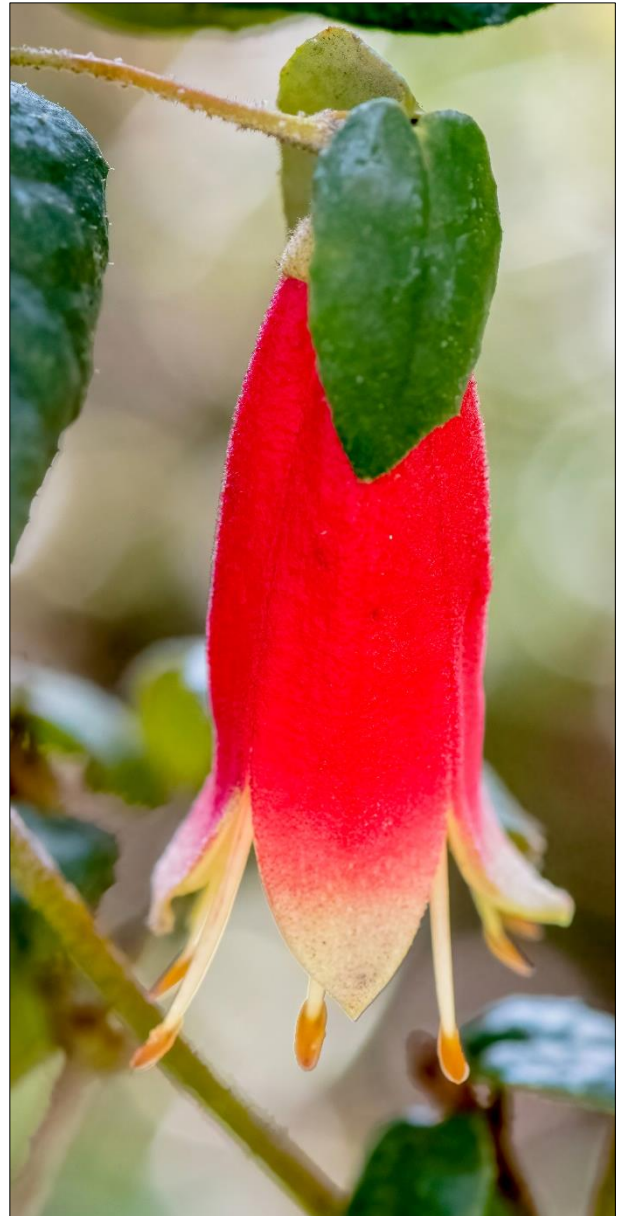
Any Member who has books borrowed and are finding it difficult to return them, please phone Gladys on 53415567 and we can arrange to pick them up.



Jennifer Johnson photographed, up close, this Native Tobacco and Correa in her garden in August.

Above: *Nicotiana sp.*

Right: *Correa* 'Phils Large'



Wattle Day

Wattle Day in Australia is 1st September each year.

The first known use of wattle as a meaningful emblem in Australia dates back to Tasmania in 1838, with the wearing of Silver Wattle sprigs.

Of note: The current Commonwealth Coat of Arms was granted to the Commonwealth of Australia on 19 September 1912. Two branches of wattle were added as the background feature.

Golden Wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*) is the floral emblem of Australia.



There have been many badges produced over the decades for Wattle Day. Some have had black, blue, navy, purple, light green, dark green and (for an ACT Rural Fire Service badge) red background. It would appear that all have been based on artwork, not photography. Below, left, is what appears to be the most recent.



Has the time come for a move to a badge based on photography?

Could a photograph of a sprig of *Acacia pycnantha*, such as this one on the right, be used?

Story: Fon Ryan

(This story is based on limited searches on Google.)



Photo:
Fon Ryan



Brown Boronia, *Boronia megastigma*, photographed in her Ballarat garden by Jennifer Johnson. There are approximately 95 species of Boronia in Australia. While this one has brown flowers, many have pink flowers. But this species does have a variety/variant, *Boronia megastigma lutea*, that has yellow flowers.

Thanks to those who contributed reports or items for this issue

Deadline for October Newsletter
28th September 2022

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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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