



Australian Plants Society Ballarat District Newsletter – February 2024

**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 February 14th 2024 at 7.30 pm –
Monthly Meeting
Guest speaker – Ian Evans – Top-End
Grevilleas**

**Wednesday March 13th 2024 at 7.30 pm
Monthly Meeting
Guest speaker to be advised**

APS Ballarat District 2023 End of Year get together

Many thanks to everyone who attended the APS Ballarat District end-of -year get together at the Robin Hood Hotel, Ballarat. 20 members enjoyed a night of trivia, raffle, and door prizes and also included in-depth discussions on the best way to start a garden, worm farming, mulching and generally getting to know each other a bit better. What better way to finish off a year that brought so many changes in the membership and sad goodbyes as some members headed off to new chapters in their lives, while new members were given a warm welcome and support. We wish those who were unwell with covid etc. a complete recovery. Wishing everyone a safe, happy and exciting 2024.

Thanks to Verena for her organization and this report.



Kangaroo Paw and a garden ornament in the Colliers' garden (near Avoca) on the visit last November.
Photo: Gloria Salt

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In My Garden – Summer in the Garden (December & January) in Ballarat – Bruce Cadoret

This summer has been interesting with plenty of rain, especially since Christmas. A big storm hit the garden on January 2, but luckily no damage was done. The frogs have been enjoying the extra rain. Even in Summer there are things to do with weeding and trimming of plants – because of the moisture, I even planted a few new plants in some gaps I found. Some of the plants still in flower or have begun flowering include: *Leucophyta brownie* (Cushion Bush) with silver foliage and yellow button like flowers; *Calocephalus lacteus* (Milky Beautyheads); *Calocephalus citreus* (Lemon Beautyheads); *Brachyscombe multifida*; *Brachyscombe dentata*; *Correa glabra*; *Crowea sp.*; *Leptorhynchos tenuifolius* (Wiry Buttons); *Pelargonium australe*; *Pelargonium rodneyanum*; *Lythrum salicaria*; *Helichrysum leucopsideum* (Satin Everlasting); *Olearia tenuifolia*; *Isotoma axillaris*; *Myoporum parvifolium*; *Scaevola sp.*; a new flush of *Wahlenbergia sp.* (Native bluebells); *Carpobrotus rossi*; *Alyogyne huegelii*, with purple flowers, continues to flower along with *Podelepis linearifolia*. *Xerochrysum bracteatum* (Paper Daisies), these now self-sow in various places in the garden. There is always something flowering in the garden. ◻



Xerochrysum bracteatum
(Paper Daisies)
Bruce Cadoret: ... “these now self-sow in various places in the garden”

Yellow Kangaroo Paw,
with purple
Pelargonium rodneyanum
flowering at the
bottom-foreground.
Photo: Bruce Cadoret





*Photo:
Ainslie
Whyte*



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Photo: Gloria Salt



Ainslie Whyte inspects the Collier Garden on the visit in November. Photo Gloria Salt

**Garden Ornaments
In the Collier Garden**

Ainslie Whyte: “I particularly appreciate the bluestone entrance pillars (top-left), one on each side of the drive. They are exact mirror images, each and every stone.”



A general view of a section of the Collier Garden with a very-weathered eucalypt burl as an ornament.
Photo: Ainslie Whyte

Thanks to those who contributed reports or items for this issue

Deadline for March Newsletter
28th February 2024

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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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