



AUGUST MEETING

Wednesday, 28 August, 2024

Knox Park Primary School, Kathryn Rd,
Knoxfield. 7.45pm.

Mornington Peninsula Vegetation Types: Robyn Tyson

Robyn is APS Victoria Vice President and leader of APS Mornington Peninsula. She will give us an overview of the Mornington Peninsula Vegetation types, the local EVCs (Ecological Vegetation Classes), and common plants found in those habitats. Robyn's talk also forms part of our 'one of the locals' series.



Ricinocarpus pinifolius (Photo: Janet Hodgkiss)

Saturday Morning Walk

Saturday 31 August, 2024, 10.30am

Bunarong Park is a bush reserve on an ancient sand dune in Frankston, and is a good example of the vegetation types that Robyn will mention in her talk.

There are some short walking trails which will allow us to explore the remnant heathland and eucalypt forest.

See page 3 for more details.

MEMBERSHIP renewals now due

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please see page 3 for more details on how to renew as your grace period ends in September.

Thank you if you have already renewed!

***Zieria ingramii* Ingram's Zieria, Keith's Zieria**

Chris takes a look at this plant, which does well in containers, on page 8.

Winter Garden

See Monikas' delightful winter garden on pages 8-10.

Hi Everyone,

We had such a great turn-up for the AGM last meeting. It was a good night, kicking off with accepting the Leader's Report and the Treasurer's Financial Statements and Report, then attending to the business of passing our new rules via special resolution, before electing members to the Foothills Committee for the 2024-25 year.

After an update of the model rules coming into effect at the end of last year, Foothills did not waste time in working towards updating our own rules to take into account any that may have been affected by the model rules updates. To be clear, we have our own set of rules which are very closely based on the model rules but they have been adapted and modified to suit our group. We wasted no time because putting it off would have only been putting off the inevitable and then having to deal with it further down the line. Thanks again to Janet for doing the lion's share of the work on this. The new Foothills rules have now been passed by the membership and will make their way to the CAV (Consumer Affairs Victoria) for approval.

The Leader's Report and Treasurer's Reports were passed without any problems. We are now in a new era of our finances, which are arranged in a way to maximise a profit through interest back to the group. There are important safeguards built into the way money is spent. Payment is always authorised by two people, and after logging in to make payment, the balance in the account is clear to see.

Congratulations to the new committee:
Leader – Chris Larkin,
Deputy Leader – Janet Hodgkiss
Treasurer – Deb McMillan
Secretary – Ruth Cauchi
Newsletter Editor – Kerry Davis
Newsletter Co-editor – Janet Hodgkiss
Ordinary member – Betty Wright
APS Vic Committee delegate (non-elected position) – Janet Hodgkiss

We have one new face in the group, thanks Ruth, but live in hope that we see more new faces in the future.

The minutes of the AGM are attached to the newsletter email.

Janet designed a very mean trivia which saw low scores all round. We organised ourselves into 4 groups. The group I was in wanted to rename ourselves 'Losers' about halfway in. It is interesting to say the least, to see how uncomfortable adults can feel with failure. Although not particularly competitive, I count myself amongst them. A more sensible, grown-up response was voiced by one of our newest members, Trevor, who said the trivia was challenging with worthwhile things to learn. Mind you he was on the winning team.

The cashless raffle was a great hit with a wide range of prizes brought in to choose from. And everyone remembered to bring something for the great gift exchange.

And then there was supper as usual with plenty of food and chat. Thank you one and all for what you bring to the group.

Finally, a reminder that many members have still not renewed their membership which is now due. The sooner you do, the sooner APS Vic sends us the money for your membership to our group.

Chris Larkin

August Meeting – Mornington Peninsula Vegetation Types – Robyn Tyson

Robyn Tyson is APS Victoria Vice President and leader of APS Mornington Peninsula. She will give us an overview of overview of the Mornington Peninsula Vegetation types, the local EVCs (Ecological Vegetation Classes), and common plants found in those habitats.

The soils on the Peninsula are more sandy than what we are used to here in the foothills, so it will be interesting to find out more about the plants and vegetation adapted to such soils.

This talk fits neatly into our 'one of the locals' series where we hear about, and visit, local areas of interest/bush reserves in the Melbourne suburbs. We will follow Robyn's talk with a Saturday morning walk in Bunarong Park in Frankston which will highlight, and allow us to see for ourselves, what Robyn's talk will cover.

Membership renewals now due

* Renew your membership by going online and using your email address and membership number to log in.

Go to: <https://apsvic.org.au/Login/>

* Once logged in, the form will be pre-filled so be sure to check it carefully, and de-select/change any items that may not be relevant any more (e.g. a group you no longer belong to).

* Fill in your card details and then scroll down to the "contribute" button to submit your payment.

* **NB:** There may be a short lag once you click this button, so before clicking to submit a second time, wait a bit until the confirmation page pops up. You will also receive a confirmation email if your payment has been successful.

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If you get stuck or have problems please contact us so we can help you with the process or sort things out for you. If you've already renewed your membership, Thanks! We're so glad to have you back!

Saturday Morning Bush Reserve Visit

Date: Saturday 31 August, 2024

Venue: Bunarong Park, Wattle Tree Lane, Frankston. Melway Ref: 103 A6

Time: 10.30 am.

Bunarong Park in Frankston is a bush reserve managed by Frankston Council. It is an ancient sand dune with remnant heathland on the top and eucalypt forest at the base. There are a couple of walking tracks and we will explore the area find out more about the type of vegetation that grows on these soils. There is a water tower/tank in the reserve, and a lookout platform at the top which provides wide views of Frankston City and Port Phillip Bay.

Meet at the Wattle Tree Lane entrance. There is a carpark here but it is tiny and parking is limited, so it is best to carpool, or park on the road further down Wattle Tree Lane. Bunarong Park is easily accessed from Peninsula Link. Take the Cranbourne Rd exit.

If you bring your lunch along, Ballam Park on the Cranbourne-Frankston Rd has picnic tables and toilets.



Bunarong Park in relation to Peninsula Link and the Cranbourne-Frankston Rd.

Foothills Trivia 2024

Sorry guys, for setting you such mean questions!

Last year, each team got nearly every question correct, which made me think it was far too easy, and I know you're a pretty brainy bunch so I thought I'd make it a bit more challenging and, at the same time, a bit more interesting this year.

Finding questions (and making up questions) that are neither too easy nor too difficult is surprisingly tricky, so when setting the questions, I kept what I know about each of you in mind and tried to tailor it that way.

As it was, the scores for the teams were all quite close, so from that point of view it means it was actually quite fair all round, as one team didn't outstrip the rest... you just all didn't get close to top marks like last year! 😊

If you'd all only got a few questions right then I'd be a lot more concerned about how tricky the questions were, but I think you all did an excellent job answering this year's questions, so well done to you all!

The teams pitting their knowledge against my questions were:

Four Ever: Sue, Paul, Ross Pam.

Crispy Banksias: Diane, Shirley, Ruth, Janet, Viv.

Footloose: David, Ana, Leigh, Chris, Kerry.

Bluebirds: Liz, Brenda, Betty, Beverley, Trevor.

Congratulations to the winners – the Bluebirds! They scored a box of choccies with their wining total of 15/20.

Other team scores were: Four Ever 13/20; Crispy Banksias 10.5/20; Footloose 11/20.

To remind you what you were up against, here are the questions again. Kerry will put the answers at the end of the newsletter for you.

Janet Hodgkiss

Foothills Trivia Questions 2024

ROUND 1 – General Knowledge

1. Which planet in our solar system spins in the opposite direction to all the others?
2. What is the technical term for a hashtag?
3. Name the three chemical elements that make up most of the human body.
4. What do you call a point with no end?

ROUND 2 – Arts and Sport

1. What extravagant style of art and architecture was prevalent in Europe during the 17th century.
2. A links is the oldest style of golf course, the unique nature of which requires a distinct style of play.
Which of the following challenges are you least likely to encounter on a true links course: Uneven/undulating fairways; water hazards; seagulls; or wind.
3. Which classical composer used a piano, designed with smaller keys, that was suited to small hands?
4. Which country does Australia play against in the Bledisloe Cup?

ROUND 3 – Geography/Geology and Natural History

1. In which states or territories of Australia have dinosaur fossils NOT been found?
2. Which large mammal, despite having a well-developed larynx, rarely vocalises and is largely silent?
3. Mount Gambier in South Australia is what type of landform?
4. Which of the following animals might you find

communicating by doing a 'waggle dance', a brolga, a honey bee, or a brown bear?

5. Which bone in the human body has the same name as a range of mountains?

ROUND 4 – Plants, Gardening, and Landscape Design

1. Which Australian native genus is known to cause contact dermatitis and rashes associated with the hairs on its leaves?

2. What is the relationship between a cactus and a succulent?

3. Which material was historically the first used in metalworking for garden tools?

4. What is xeriscaping?

5. What is the connection between the following: *Banksia coccinea*, *Kennedia rubicunda*, and *Eucalyptus rosacea*?

6. One of the most widely-supported principles in landscape design is the consideration of genius loci. What does this Latin phrase mean?

7. What interesting adaptation do the seeds of Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda triandra*) have to aid dispersal and germination?

See page 6 for answers.



ANPSA 2024 Conference: Call for Volunteers and Other Matters

The conference is sold out. We can't squeeze anymore in. We reached our daily limit of 300 in the first week of July. This is a great result for the team and I thank everyone for their continuing effort. The majority of attendees are coming from Victoria, and we have good numbers from NSW with smaller numbers from other states, Qld, SA, Tasmania and WA. We also have a few people from overseas. We have a wait list and I would encourage you to put your name down as people do cancel. The Pre and Post tours are also full and we will have two bus-captains to assist with managing and guiding these to ensure that the days run smoothly and cater for different capabilities. A big task and we thank all those who have committed to this.

Several of us, Nicky, Chris Larkin, myself and Rebecca (from ASN events) visited the Conference venue recently to have our first of two Production meetings with the team from The Round. As both our ASN events person, Rebecca Bouchier, and their Functions manager have said regularly and often, this is a complex event, a conference with many moving parts that demands much of all involved and requires great attention to detail. We discussed the audio-visual requirements and IT support needed as well as catering and other matters. Leading into the meeting we had had some concerns regarding how to manage the numbers for the A J Swaby address as the main room will only sit 250 while we have 300 people booked for the day as well as the talk being open to the public. We were able to confirm we can live-stream to one or even two other smaller rooms.

Flowers. We also discussed the flowers that will decorate the entrance and the rooms during the five-day event. Fortunately, we have Fiona Lucas from APS Grampians in charge of coordinating

this for us and we know the final result will be spectacular.

Fiona, who is a member of the Sustainable Floristry movement and her team will create the displays and move them into place on Sunday afternoon.

We will be putting a call-out to our members for cut flowers to be delivered to the venue between 11 am and 1 pm on Sunday September 29.

Volunteer helpers. Sue Gwilym from APS Yarra Yarra is helping us with creating a roster of the various tasks on each of the days. Only people who are registered for the event can volunteer during the conference as you must have a valid registration lanyard upon your person at all times. We will want people to assist with Registration, meet and greet people as they arrive, shepherd people to the various rooms, assist with checking people on and off the buses for the excursions, help with deploying the roving mic for question time and the raffle amongst others jobs. ***We will also be putting a call-out for volunteer helpers.***

Raffle. With regard to the raffle, we are requesting support from APS groups or from members to donate items that can be taken interstate or overseas, or things that would be attractive to our Victorian members.

Conference dinner. We also want to remind you of the Conference dinner to be held on Wednesday evening (Oct 2) and hosted by APS Maroondah. There are still spaces so please book in promptly.

Thank you again to all our wonderful members who are contributing to making this ANPSA Conference a memorable one.

If you would like to discuss any of the above matters please call Miriam on 0409 600 644 or Nicky on 0401 975 191.

Miriam Ford (APS Victoria President)

Foothills Trivia Answers 2024

ROUND 1 – General Knowledge

1. Venus spins in the opposite direction to the other planets in our solar system.
2. The technical term for this # is an octothorpe.
3. Oxygen (65%), Carbon (18.5%), and Hydrogen (9.5%)
4. A point with no end is a line.

ROUND 2 – Arts and Sport

1. The Baroque period. It began at the start of the 17th century in Rome and spread to the rest of the continent, using contrast, movement, exuberant detail, deep colour, grandeur, and surprise to achieve a sense of awe.
2. Water hazards. Links courses tend to be on sandy coastland, often amongst undulating dunes, with few water hazards and few, if any, trees. Windy conditions require a different more controlled style of play.
3. Frederic Chopin. Pianos around that time were designed with narrower keys and were therefore easier to play for people who had small hands.
4. New Zealand. The Bledisloe Cup is a Rugby Union match between Australia's Wallabies and New Zealand's All Blacks.

ROUND 3 – Geography/Geology and Natural History

1. The Northern Territory and Tasmania. Not all fossil creatures are dinosaurs. The reptile Megalania, and the wombat-like marsupial diprotodon which was found in the Northern Territory, are extinct megafauna fossils but they are not dinosaurs. The main features of dinosaurs that sets them apart from other reptiles is that they had an upright stance, with legs perpendicular to their body.
2. Giraffe. They may grunt or snort or cough, and females may bellow to call their young, but

they are largely silent. They appear to hum to each other at a very low, almost inaudible frequency at night.

3. Mount Gambier is a volcano.

4. Honey bee – they dance in a pattern to communicate information about the direction to food sources. The dance of the brolga is a courtship ritual.

5. The bone in the human body that has the same name as a range of mountains is the atlas. It is the topmost, or first cervical vertebra of the spine located in the neck and forms the joint between the skull and the spine.

The range of mountains is the Atlas Mountains which run through Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia in North Africa.

ROUND 4 – Plants, Gardening, Landscape Design

1. Grevillea is well-documented as causing contact dermatitis and rashes associated with the hairs on the leaves and stems.

2. All cacti are succulents but not all succulents are cacti.

3. Copper. The development of metalworking, first in copper and later in bronze, iron, and steel produced today's durable tools. (Bronze is primarily copper, with approx. 12% tin alloy; Steel is an iron and carbon alloy.)

4. Xeriscaping is landscaping and gardening that reduces the need for water from irrigation. It can be as extreme as designing a landscape/garden that relies just on natural rainfall, or as simple as designing/implementing a garden to use slightly less water than average.

5. *Banksia coccinea*, *Kennedia rubicunda*, and *Eucalyptus rosacea* all have species names that refer to the colour red; They all have red or pink-red flowers.

6. One of the most widely-supported principles in landscape design/architecture is the

consideration of *genius loci*. This Latin phrase means “spirit of place”, i.e., the inherent qualities of the site, and that landscape designs should always be adapted to the context in which they are located.

7. The interesting adaptation the seeds of Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda triandra*) have to aid dispersal and germination is a sharp pointed seed and a long, thin tail (awn). When they get wet, the hygroscopic awn starts twisting and propels the seed over the soil until it finds a crack to burrow into.



Fresh new paving in Chris Larkin's garden made up of Coldstream toppings and stone pavers
(Photo: Chris Larkin)

Zieria ingramii **Ingram's Zieria, Keith's Zieria**

I brought a cutting of *Zieria ingramii* into the last meeting and Liz took a fancy to it. Janet wanted to stay away because as a generalisation Zierias have quite a distinct smell that she doesn't like. I can understand that.



Zieria ingramii (Photo: Chris Larkin)

There are around 60 species of *Zieria*, and all but one are to be found in the eastern states of Australia according to the Elliot and Jones 'Encyclopedia of Australian Plants'. The one you might be most familiar with is *Zieria* 'Pink Crystals' which is a hybrid of *Z. cytisoides* x *Z. laevigata*. I am growing a few different *Zierias* and tend to think of them as tough plants for dry, dappled shade but then again, my experience is quite limited. Now though, the focus is on *Z. ingramii*.

I bought this plant about 2 years ago at Cranbourne and decided because of its small size it might make quite nice pot culture. It grows 0.3-0.7m x 0.3-0.6m so it is in a relatively small pot, and I will give it a light prune to keep

it compact. Currently it is full of flower and quite showy with its clusters of pale pink flowers.



***Zieria ingramii* in a pot** (Photo: Chris Larkin)

The plant hails from a small area north-east of Dubbo in rocky, loamy soils in sun or semi-shade, tolerating dry conditions. Now that I've seen what the plant is like I would love to try it in a few different places in the garden.

Liz, would you like more cutting material when I prune it after flowering?

Chris Larkin

Winter Garden

There was much to enjoy during our cold winter and now the pre-spring season is showing its colours in the garden.

It was a delight to see a pair of Scarlet Robins (Robin Red-breast) that have returned after a few years absence. Watching them patiently waiting on a low perch, dropping down to catch their prey and then returning to their perch, keeps you entertained. The bright red

Templetonia retusa with its huge pea flowers has been attracting the Red Wattle birds in particular and our little favourite Eastern Spinebills are always busily flitting about. The earthworks of our bulldozer, aka as echidna, have been quite visible again.



Templetonia retusa (Photo: Monika Herrmann)

An unusual and distinctive plant that I first saw at Karwarra Garden and now have is *Siegfriedia darwinioides*, family Rhamnaceae. I have moved this plant several times and now think it is happy in the slightly more open position showing its first greenish-yellow flowers. The plant is endemic to the south-west of WA and is the only one in the genus. It was named after Siegfried, a German mythical hero who wore a magic cloak which made him invisible, referring to the flowers being hidden by the decorative bracts. It is also similar to the genus Darwinia and is closely allied to Pomaderris. My plant is only small and is well-covered with netting as the wallabies and deer like that area.

Another small, prostrate, trailing plant is *Gastrolobium latifolium* (syn. *Brachysema*) which looks great hanging over the embankment without blocking the beauty of the rocks. The first time that I saw a Crescent Honeyeater feeding in our garden was on this attractive plant but sadly the honeyeater has not been seen since.



Siegfriedia darwinioides
(Photo: Monika Herrmann)



Gastrolobium latifolium
(Photo: Monika Herrmann)

All the pink, white and all shades of *Epacris impressa*, most of them are the naturally growing Pink Heath, have been quite showy and loved by the Spinebills. One of the *E. longiflora* pink form is sparse but lovely.



***Epacris longiflora* pink form**
(Photo: Monika Herrmann)

I thoroughly enjoy walking around with a hot cuppa in hand, enjoying the beauty of my garden. I'm sure that you all do the same, not just working hard.

Monika Herrmann

Ref: The Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants,
Elliot and Jones

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MEETINGS

Venue: Knox Park Primary School, Kathryn Rd,
Knoxfield. (Melway 73 C3)

Date: 4th Wednesday of the month (Feb-Nov)

Time: 7.45pm

Newsletter Contributions

Please email contributions for the next newsletter to Kerry Davis by no later than:
8pm Monday 2nd September 2024.

Email: foothillsnewsletter@apsvic.org.au

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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet. We pay our respects to First Nations People throughout Australia and to Elders, past, present and emerging.

VISITORS WELCOME!

APS Foothills Calendar 2024

2024	Date		Topic
August	28	Wednesday	Robyn Tyson – Mornington Peninsula Vegetation
	31	Saturday	Bunarong Park (Frankston) – Bush Reserve visit 10.30am
September	25	Wednesday	Deb McMillan – A Collector’s Garden
October	23	Wednesday	Jean Bellis – Geraldton to Perth
November	27	Wednesday	Chris Larkin – Melaleucas
December	7	Saturday	End of year get-together <i>(venue to be confirmed)</i>

25 August 2024, Sunday at 3.00 pm, Blackburn Lake Sanctuary Visitor Centre.



An afternoon talk hosted by the Urimbirra Co-operative, members of the public are invited to a talk by Dr Ryan Phillips from La Trobe University who will explore the **“Beguiling and the warty: the pollination of sexually deceptive orchids”**.

While orchids represent some of the most famous Australian wildflowers, what is less well known is that Australia is the epicenter of diversity for orchids pollinated by sexual deception of male insects. These remarkable flowers attract specific pollinators by mimicking the chemical and sometimes morphological cues of female insects.



In this talk Dr Phillips will reveal which Australian orchid genera use sexual deception and present recent research demonstrating some of the adaptations involved. He will explore how these adaptations help us understand the origins of the vast array of floral forms in Caladenia (the spider orchids).

Contact Alex English by email urimbirra.cooperative@gmail.com or call Nicky on 0401975191.
Blackburn Lake Sanctuary Visitor Centre, 95 Central Road, Blackburn, 3130.



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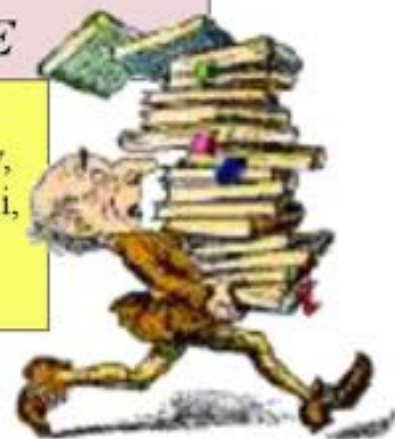
SATURDAY 10th August 10am to 3pm
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Prasanthera feretifolia



Eremophila ferricola Photo: Andrew Brown

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Thursday August 8th

Saturday August 10th and

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Cranbourne Friends Members may purchase plants from the Growing Friends any Thursdays from 10.00am to 2.00pm when plants from our regular stock are available at the normal price – less 15% members' discount.

Eremophila ferricola

New species of *Eremophila* – described 2016 Buirchell BJ & Brown AP. Found in a single location on an ironstone banded hill, WA. From the Latin ferreus (iron) and cola (dweller). Classified as "Priority One" by the Govt of WA – meaning it is known from only one or a few locations which are potentially at risk. For flower see photo left

Shows, conferences, plant sales and other items of interest

25 August 2024 – Blackburn Lake Sanctuary Visitor Centre, Central Rd, Blackburn, 3.00 pm, Dr Ryan Phillips, La Trobe University, “Beguiling and the warty: the pollination of sexually deceptive orchids.” Which Australian orchids use sexual deception; recent research on some adaptations; origins of the vast array of floral forms in Caladenia (spider orchids). Contact Alex English urimbirra.cooperative@gmail.com or Nicky Zanen 0401 975 191.

5 September 2024 – Wimmera Biodiversity Seminar. Goroke. “Pests, Partnerships and People Power.”

7 September 2024 – APS Cardinia Regional Annual Plant Sale, Akoonah Park, Berwick, 8 am to 4 pm.

7 September 2024 – APS Mitchell Expo and Plant Sale, Wallan Multipurpose Centre, Bentinck Street, Wallan.

14 & 15 September 2024 – APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo. 10 am to 3 pm. Eltham Community and Reception Centre, 801 Main Rd, Eltham.

21 & 22 September 2024 – APS Grampians Pomonal Native Flower Show, Pomonal Hall.

21 & 22 September 2024 – Angair Wildflower Show & Art Show, Anglesea Memorial Hall, McMillan Street, Anglesea. 10 am to 4 pm. Wildflower display, indigenous plant sales, art show and painting sales.

21 September to 8 October 2024 – Special Banksia Exhibition at Karwarra, featuring over 60 paintings by Ian Wallace, Juet Sculptures and plant display by Kuranga Native Nursery. Karwarra Australian Native Botanic Gardens, 1190 - 1192 Mount Dandenong Tourist Road, Kalorama. 10 am to 4 pm week days, 1 - 4 pm weekends.

28 & 29 September 2022 – APS Bendigo Flower Show, Victory Christian College, Kairn Road, Strathdale, Bendigo. 9.30 am to 4.00 pm. \$5 entry, children free. Specialist native plant nurseries, books, garden accessories and more.



30 September to 4 October, 2024 – ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference, The Round, Nunawading, Melbourne. Host: APS Victoria. See: <https://www.anpsa2024conference.com/>

2 October 2024 – AJ Swaby Address by Phillip Johnson, 3.30 pm, “Connected Through Nature”. Phillip Johnson is a Landscape Designer and 2013 Gold and Best in Show winner at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in London. This is part of the ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference, open to the public, and free of charge. Registrations are required via the website <https://www.anpsa2024conference.com/>

5 October 2024 – Echuca Moama Native Flower Showcase. Details to follow.

12 & 13 October 2024 – Cranbourne Friends RBGV Spring Plant Sale. 10 am to 4 pm. Wide range of plants, plant list available one week before sale. Web: rbgfriendscranbourne.org.au

23 and 24 November 2024 – APS Victoria Committee of Management meeting and APS Victoria AGM. Host: APS Wangaratta. Early Summer in ‘The Warbies’. APSV COMM meeting, Uniting Church Hall, Central Wangaratta; AGM, Old Town and Country Tavern, Greta Road. All members welcome to attend the whole weekend – more information in Growing Australian.

2025

22 & 23 March 2025 – Cranbourne Friends RBGV Autumn Plant Sale. 10 am to 4 pm. Wide range of plants, plant list available one week before sale. Website: rbgfriendscranbourne.org.au