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## **WE HOLD TWO MEETINGS EACH MONTH**

### **DAY MEETING**

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
except November, December  
and January.

**Time:** 10.30am

**Venue:** Field Naturalists Hall,  
1 Gardenia St, Blackburn.  
(Melway 47K10)

### **EVENING MEETING**

**Date:** 4th Wednesday of the month,  
except December and January.

**Time:** 7.45pm

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

## **Combined Newsletters 2021**

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## DAY MEETING

### Karwarra Gardens Visit

Tuesday 9 February 2021

10.30am

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## EVENING MEETING

5 Slides

A Zoom Meeting

Wednesday 24 February 2021

8pm

## Propagation Day

Saturday 27 February 2021

10.00am – 12 noon

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## Hi Everyone,

Hope you are all well and have had a good summer break! A new year is upon us and although we're still at the mercy of Covid-19, here's hoping that 2021 will still have lots of good things in store for us, and plenty for us to be thankful for.

The Coronavirus situation makes planning meetings a bit tricky because as you know the lockdown or restriction situation can change in the flutter of a leaf! It's not only the general rules and restrictions that hamper us but the various Covid-safe work plans/protocols at our usual venues that we have to take into consideration. With this in mind, we have opted to continue with Zoom meetings for at least the first couple of meetings this year. This is so that we can review the Covid-safe plans of our venues, work out how we can implement them during our meetings, and also build our own Covid-safe plan so that our members know what is required of them, and so that should contact tracing be required, all the data will be readily available for the authorities.

We'll keep you up to date with things and hopefully we'll be able to have some 'in-person' meetings in the not-too-distant future. In the meantime, you can join our Zoom meetings or you could come along to our outdoor events such as the Day Meeting's BYO picnic and get-together this month, our working bees, propagation day etc.

Our first evening meeting is going to be Five Slides, via Zoom, and it'll be an opportunity for you to show and tell us what you did, or how you coped with our various lockdowns last year.

If lockdowns have really got to you, then why not come along to the quarterly meeting in Warrnambool in March and see a bit of the countryside? It's the first quarterly since 2109 which is quite exciting and you'll find a brief outline in this newsletter. You'll find the official brochure and the registration form attached to this newsletter email

so please look out for those and if you're interested, please send your registration forms in as soon as possible.

Well, I'm off to find some pics for my five slides now, and I'm really looking forward to seeing you, and your slides, on Zoom soon!

**Janet Hodgkiss.**

## **Next Evening Meeting – 24th February 2021, 8pm**

### **5 Slides**

To kick-start our new year, and because we haven't seen each other for a while, our first evening meeting of the year is one of our favourites... 5 Slides Night! That's right, the one where you get to participate and show five of your slides and tell us a bit about them.

As we are still working on figuring out what the current (and changeable!) Covid restrictions and cleaning protocols at our venues mean for us, and to give us a bit more time to develop our own Covid-safe plan, our first formal evening meeting will be via Zoom.

As a theme, I think it would be lovely to see some pictures of "What I did during lockdown last year". I know some of you ventured into the world of ordering plants online, so if you took pics at the time, I'd be interested to see how they were packaged or the condition they were in when they arrived, and how they're faring now; you may have had a bit of a tidy-up or even a more enthusiastic revamp of your garden; you may have escaped in-between lockdowns to get out into the bush or go down to the beach, etc. So, build your mini slide collection around that.

As we will be doing this via Zoom, we should be able to simply share your screen and view your slides that way, or you may wish to send them to us prior to the day. If we are going to share your screen, it'd be best to save the five images into a separate folder on your computer which will be easy to find on the evening (on your desktop perhaps). Or you can put them into a PowerPoint presentation, again in a folder that will be easy to access on the night.

Alternatively, you can email your images to us at [foothills@apsvic.org.au](mailto:foothills@apsvic.org.au) by 5pm Tuesday, 23rd February at the latest. This deadline for emailing is so that we can organise your images into folders

ready for presentation. If you email your images to us, please put in the subject line: 5 Slides and your name. Also, when you attach your images make sure the total size of the files you are emailing is less than 6MB. From experience this works well and does not clog up the email delivery systems. If all your files are big, then send them separately, or only attach a couple per email. We'll send you a reminder nearer the time but for now, have fun hunting up your pics!

Oh yes, if you don't have pics that suit the theme, then we'd still be happy to see what you want to show us, and last but not least, you know the drill... FIVE slides only!

**Janet Hodgkiss**

## **Evening Meeting Zoom Details**

Reminders about Zoom meetings will be emailed to members a few days before the meeting, along with the link. Look forward to seeing you!

**Nicky Zanen**

## **Australian Plants Revealed seminar presentations**

As you all know, the Australian Plants Revealed seminars couldn't be held last year in March because of the Covid-19 lockdown. While this was very disappointing, your APS Vic President, Chris Clarke, along with some others have been working hard to ensure that all the excellent hard work by the organisers didn't go to waste and they have put together videos of the presenters for all members to enjoy. Had this to , but they are now available online for you to enjoy.

Chris Clarke (APS Vic President), along with some others says "During lockdown we have patched together videos of each presenter doing their bit - over an hour of presentation and a bit rough - but I hope you will enjoy the show. Some very interesting material on Banks and Solander contributions to botany as well as the indigenous use of Australian flora."

Here is the link to the videos:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W\\_zAlnLEhw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_zAlnLEhw)

## Quarterly Meeting in Warrnambool- March 2021

The details for the quarterly weekend and committee of management meeting have been finalised and it is being hosted by APS Warrnambool on 13th and 14th March 2021.

Please see the attached poster and registration form if you would like to attend this gathering. Registration is required (\$30), and the registration deadline is Friday 19th February. Saturday boxed lunch is included.

The following is a short summary of the programme:

### Saturday 13th March

a) Check in at Christ Church Fellowship Centre 9.00am, Corner Henna & Koroit Streets, Warrnambool VIC 3280.

APS Victoria committee meeting delegates meet at the Fellowship Centre from 9.30am. Non-delegates make their own arrangements for the morning.

b) Meet at Swan Reserve, Warrnambool 12.30pm for Welcome to Country/Book Launch. Followed by visits to Handscombe and Blood/Dawson Gardens from 1.30pm. Optional visit to Tower Hill Cultural Centre.

c) Saturday Dinner at Flying Horse Inn from 6.30pm (at own expense).

### Sunday 14th March

Meet at Swan Reserve Garden, 9.00am, Raglan Parade, Warrnambool.

BYO Mugs and Name Tags. Followed by morning tea & garden visit at Mattners, 11 Hervious Lane, Cudgee. Concludes Sunday 12.00noon, lunch own arrangements due to Covid restrictions.

**Note:** The event is conditional on suitable numbers attending. You need to bring your own mugs and name tags. Fees will be refunded if, for whatever reason, the event is cancelled.

## From the Secretary

It amazes me how the memory of 2020 is fading. What did we do as a group during the year? Zoom meetings come to mind, and there, near the end, was a visit to Maranoa Gardens. It was a perfect day in November coinciding with Paul Birch's birthday. Only a few people turned up for that, but it was oh, so good, to meet with people again and to have a chance to talk.

I have found it is getting more difficult to get words out in time. Is this Covid related, or because of retirement? Now that things are near normal I hope the instant recollection is getting better. But we aren't there yet. Masks are still mandatory in closed spaces. Rules are strict for holding meetings, so for the short term we are staying out of meeting spaces.

For the day meetings, we have decided to visit Karwarra Gardens for February (next Tuesday), and for March another Zoom meeting with Cathy Powers presenting a talk on moths, butterflies and pollination. My hope is that people who don't want to 'do' Zoom can visit those who do. We aren't being totally isolated now.

For the visit to Karwarra, meet at 10.30 am for a walk around and afterwards byo tea or coffee. Also please bring seats and hats. Some of us may head off afterwards for lunch in Olinda.

A couple of our members are recovering from operations – we wish you speedy recoveries.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Janette Gribble, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Peter and Janette joined APS Foothills over ten years ago. They both attended evening meetings and in more recent years, started coming to our day meetings. Janette had been hospitalised for several years. We extend our sincere condolences to Peter and his family.

On a brighter note, hearty congratulations to Maureen and Judy who both celebrated their 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays recently. May you have many many more!

**Nicky Zanen**

Ph: 0401975191

## Can Anyone Help

Two of my correas, planted on a mound, have been infected by what looks furry but doesn't have the texture of fur. Is this a virus? I have removed one, and tried to prune the second one a bit but feel it may have to go too.



Infected Correa (Photo: Nicky Zanen)

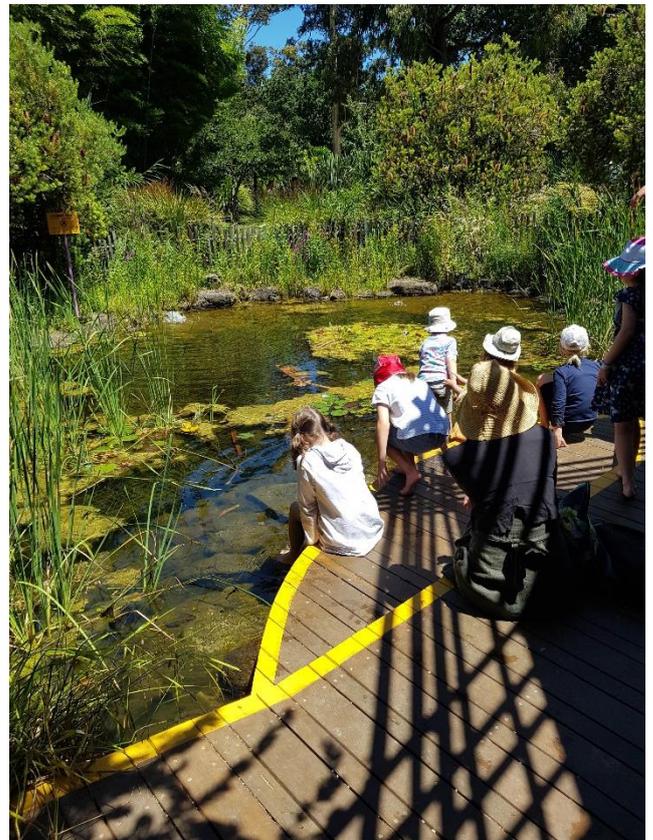
Nicky Zanen

## Out and About

Last week I went to the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne with my youngest grandchild. We explored the Children's Garden, sponsored by the Ian Potter Foundation. On entry is a huge bottle tree, and then you find yourself in a mini rainforest. I was so impressed with the design of this garden. As we walked through we came upon a narrow but effective stream where littlies were sailing straws, polystyrene and leaves, in some cases racing against each other. Best of all was a pond where kids could dangle their feet in the water – it was such a super place to share an experience for a short while with a little one.



Children's Garden (Photo: Nicky Zanen)



Children's Garden (Photo: Nicky Zanen)

Grants Picnic Ground in the Sherbrooke Forest was very quiet on Boxing Day. The feeding Cockatoos has been stopped and there are now new toilets. Flowering alongside were the largest *Prostanthera lasianthos*, the Victorian Christmas Bush. I just followed the track alongside the main road and was thrilled to hear a couple of Lyrebirds calling. It is always lovely to go forest bathing in this area.



***Prostanthera lasianthos* (Photo: Nicky Zanen)**

On another day Bev and I visited the Ada Tree just outside Warburton. We were surprised to see hordes of people waiting to park near the Californian Redwood Forest. In the State Forest, where the Ada Tree can be accessed, there were hardly any cars. It is a magic area with a winding track to the tree, over a creek and then changing to a sclerophyll forest. Well worth the visit.

We are so lucky to have such lovely areas to visit.

**Nicky Zanen**

## **Foothills Propagation Day – Saturday 27th February 2021**

Yep! It's propagation day time again!

Propagating from cuttings is a great way to grow new plants. It's especially useful if you've got some favourites that you want more of, or you've seen some lovelies at a friends' place that you simply are itching to have but that may not be readily commercially available.

If you've not tried your hand at propagation before, then come and learn from some of the propagation whizzes we have in our group. They're friendly, generous with their knowledge and once you get the hang of propagating and how to take cuttings, you'll never look at a plant the same way again.

Bring along pieces of plants (cutting material) you'd like to propagate or share with others and even if you don't have any plant material to bring along, please do join us because there is always plenty of extra material for you to practice your new-found skills on.

**Date:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

**Place:** Knox Park Primary School, Kathryn Rd, Knoxfield

**Time:** 10.00am – 12 noon

**Bring:** Sharp, clean secateurs; Clean pots to place your cuttings into; A container to hold and safely transport your cuttings home; Cutting material; Small watering can or spray bottle if you have one.

**We will provide:** Propagation mix, rooting hormone, a good spot under cover where we are well protected from the elements, and of course morning tea!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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**Leader:** Janet Hodgkiss

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**Day Meeting Liaison:** Nicky Zanen

**APS Vic Liaison:** Janet Hodgkiss

**Other Members:** Richard Maddever

## **MEETING DETAILS**

### **DAY Meeting**

**Venue:** Field Naturalists Hall, 1 Gardenia St,  
Blackburn. (Melway 47K10)

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month except Nov,  
Dec, Jan.

**Time:** 10.30am

**Enquiries:** Nicky Zanen 040 197 5191

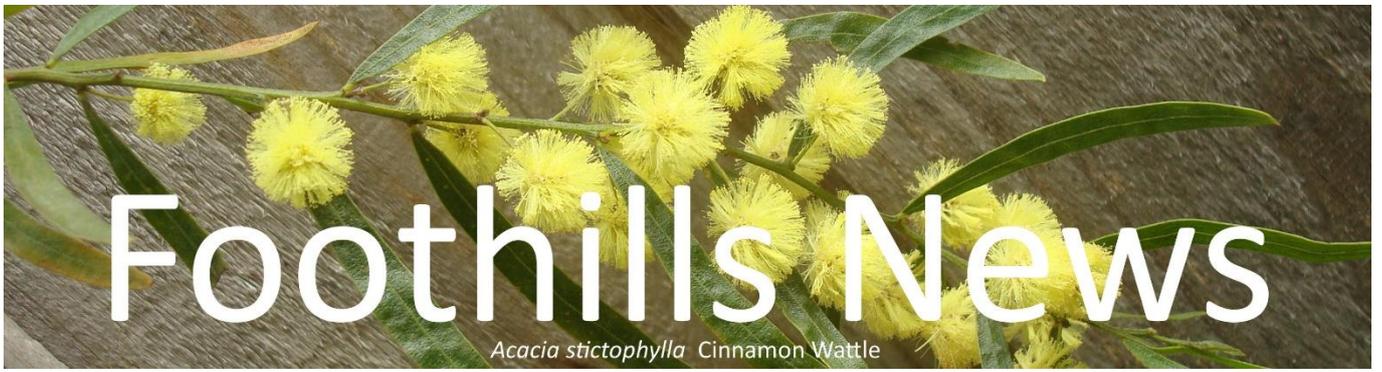
### **EVENING Meeting**

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

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, except  
Dec, Jan.

**Time:** 7.45pm

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March Newsletter 2021

## DAY MEETING

### Observations of Moths, Butterflies and Pollination - Cathy Powers

Tuesday 9 March 2021

10.30am

## EVENING MEETING

### Aussies in a Dutch Cowshed: Liesbeth Uijtewaal-de Vries

A Zoom Meeting

Wednesday 24 March 2021

8pm

## Garden Visits

Saturday 20 March 2021

Starting 2.30pm

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## Hi Everyone,

We've eased into this new Foothills year quite gently with the day meeting people getting together up at Karwarra Gardens and a delightful evening meeting looking at slides of we did during our various lockdowns last year. We also had our first physical get together in the form of our propagation day.

Your committee also met in February to discuss plans for the year and we are hopeful that the coronavirus situation is not going to disrupt things too much. We have to be ready at a moment's notice to accommodate any government directives as they occur, so we have to have some contingency plans in place too. For this reason, the planning is proving to be trickier than usual, as we can't plan too far ahead, or confidently lock in a year's worth of speakers and events. It might be a bit of a bumpy year, but you were all so understanding and embracing of new technology last year, that I know you'll all take this in stride and go with the flow whatever happens! Our March meetings are still going to be via Zoom and we are looking to try have our meetings in person from April.

If any of you would be willing to contribute to our calendar programme, we'd love to hear from you, as it would help to fill some gaps, and help us with our contingency plans! Some offers to show slides of member's trips were put on hold last year as we got to grips with the Covid situation, so it'd be good to revisit some of those. Your contribution could be something along the lines of a slide show that we could do either via Zoom or in person depending on the circumstances, or if you just have ideas or contacts for potential speakers or a members' meeting, that'd be good too! Simply drop us a line on our email [foothills@apsvic.com.au](mailto:foothills@apsvic.com.au) or you can get in touch with Nicky (her number is in the information panel in this newsletter).

We're looking forward to hearing from you!

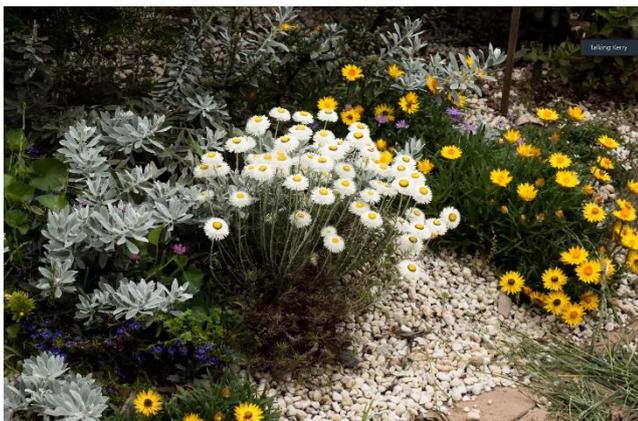
**Janet Hodgkiss.**

## First evening meeting of the year - Five Slides

Our first evening meeting of the year was our member's night - Five Slides, with the broad theme of what people did during our year of lockdowns last year.

As always, it's a meeting I always look forward to because of the lovely range of images, stories and explanations that we get to hear. Thank you to everyone who participated, and thank you all for being so patient and understanding with those who were having trouble with getting their screen sharing function to work.

**Kerry** - showed us some plants from his garden that he's got growing for a bit of colour, and a rather lovely *Eremophila hygrophana*, with its silvery leaves and purple flowers, which sparked some debate, with the possibility of it being *Eremophila mackinlayii* rather than *E. hygrophana* as the two are very similar. Kerry also added to his pergola and now has a lovely new spot to sit outside and enjoy the garden.



**Chris** - spent her time renovating her pond and exposing rocks. A lot of hard work I think but the effort has produced lovely results.



**Paul** – spent time landscaping and because they're on a very steep slope, all landscaping is quite challenging. The new drive, asphalt edged with bricks, looks fantastic, and Paul tells us that his solar panels work well even though they are surrounded by tall trees.



**Peter and Jean** – did some vege gardening although lost some to rats, Jean cooked and baked and quilted, and they found some impressive art on the silo art trail. Peter gave Jean a new camera for Christmas, so she has embarked on an interesting project of documenting all the plants in their garden by photographing them as they come into flower.



**Liz** – didn't manage to get away for a holiday last year but took some time out in January this year and went to Tarra Bulga National Park and walked some of the trails. Even though it rained the day Liz went, highlights of the forest walks included the suspension bridge, plenty of ferns and a majestic tree canopy that provided shelter from the rain.



**Janet** - came across a rare white form of *Comesperma volubile* on a visit to Antonio Park in between lockdowns and discovered a magnificent St Andrews Cross spider waiting for unsuspecting prey in the centre of her very strong and sticky web.



**Bev** - also had a St Andrews Cross spider in her garden. She showed us her *Eucryphia moorei*, NSW Leatherwood that is flowering magnificently at the moment and had a lovely photo of two ringtail possum's tails. She says this is the second year they have decided that a falling-apart bird nesting box is just the best spot for relaxing in!



**Nicky** - got the covid blues and discovered that she has a quite a large number of blue-flowering plants in her garden including *Veronica perfoliata* and a double *Wahlenbergia gloriosa*. Within her 5km radius during lockdown she rediscovered Doongala and also visited one of her favourite spots, Grants Picnic Ground.



**Richard** – had some good images of pollinators, including a cuckoo bee, a hoverfly on *Grevillea lanigera*, a Dingy Swallowtail butterfly, and wattle bird on *Lagunaria patersonii*, Norfolk Island Hibiscus.



Wattle bird on Norfolk Island hibiscus

Thanks again everyone for your lovely photos and stories!

**Janet Hodgkiss**

## **Next Day Meeting: 9 March 2021, 10.30am**

Cathy Powers will be presenting a talk via Zoom on “Observations of Moths, Butterflies and Pollination”.

Our March day meeting will be a Zoom meeting. We are still working through the challenges of post Covid physical meetings with all the rules and protocols we need to follow. I am hopeful that we will be up to speed for our April meeting.

In the meantime, Cathy Powers will be speaking to us on “Observations of Moths, Butterflies and Pollination”.

For the past 10 years, Cathy has been involved with Lepidoptera, especially moth photography. She has been a volunteer in Museums Victoria entomology department for 5 years, assisting with curation of moths as well as researching material for the Moths of Victoria series. She is co-author of Part 9 in the series however has supplied numerous images for Part 1-8. She is passionate about Citizen Science and will share techniques of how she attracts moths (and other insects) to a light-trap, basic identification methods and observation recording for research. All that as well as intriguing facts and a demonstration of the unexpected/amazing variety.

Our meeting starts at 10.30 am.

If you are unable to use Zoom at home, I hope you'll visit one of our members who can connect so that you can take part. Or you could come and join me in Boronia. Phone 0401 975 191 to arrange.

**Nicky Zanen**

## **Next Evening Meeting – 24th March 2021, 8pm**

Nicky will present the talk she did at the ANPSA Conference in Albany in 2019 on behalf of Liesbeth Uitjewaal-de Vries on “Aussies in a (Dutch) Cowshed”. This covers the challenges of sourcing Australian plants, growing them in challenging conditions that include snow and ice, and the great variety of plants that Liesbeth has. This will be a Zoom presentation.

**Nicky Zanen**

## **Evening Meeting Zoom Details**

Reminders about Zoom meetings will be emailed to members a few days before the meeting, along with the link. Look forward to seeing you!

**Nicky Zanen**

## **Acknowledgement of Country**

The subject of Acknowledgement of Country was brought up at our committee meeting, and we decided we wanted your feedback on this before we make any decision about it. You'll find some detailed reference material in the email attachment with this newsletter for you to consider.

It came up because some APS groups include an Acknowledgement of Country at the beginning of their meetings, and it was suggested that perhaps we should do the same, or we could show our acknowledgement by including it in our newsletter and printed material.

It is a sensitive subject and once we started looking into it more deeply, it turned out that things are not quite as simple or clear cut as we hoped. For one thing, we discovered that the area we call Foothills, and where most of our members reside, is the traditional land of more than one Aboriginal group and the boundaries between them are blurred, which makes a specific acknowledgement more complicated.

The main problem with an acknowledgement that refers to a specific group, and you'll see this in the attached reference material, is that I came across several variations of the spelling of the Aboriginal names. From my point of view, attention to names (and how you spell or pronounce them) is a huge part of respect towards people, and if we want to include an acknowledgement, then it is critical that we get it right. Should we decide to include an acknowledgement, then something more generic, especially when referring to the traditional custodial group, would still be considered appropriate and acceptable.

Another thing that came up, not only in our own discussion but on some websites too, was the issue

of tokenism, i.e. simply making an acknowledgement so that one can be seen to be doing the right thing. Getting the words right, and making sure that an acknowledgement heartfelt, is thus very important. So, have a look at the attached reference material and let us know what your thoughts are, whether or not you like the idea of including an Acknowledgement of Country either at the meetings or on our printed/published material, and if you have any ideas or suggestions as to the wording. Please email these to us at [foothills@apsvic.org.au](mailto:foothills@apsvic.org.au) so that we can collate your responses.

Thanks in anticipation of your feedback!

**Janet Hodgkiss**

## February Propagation Day

Our propagation day started off with a little hiccup in the form of no tables for us to work on but we adapted to the situation and made good use of a fixed table and benches elsewhere in the school grounds. Luckily it was cool and overcast as the table was not under cover, otherwise it might have got hot and unpleasant. We had a good number of people turn up and we spent a pleasant morning happily chatting and propagating.

We used our usual coir peat and perlite mix that Kerry made up for us, and there was plenty of good cutting material to choose from too. I had quite good success with the cuttings I made last year, so hope to have similar success, and hope that everyone else does too, with this year's batch!

A bonus at our propagation day was that Liz brought a couple of trays of her plants for sale, and even though I'm really pressed for space in my tiny garden I couldn't resist buying a few! Got myself some dainty little white *Brachyscomes* to offset and highlight the greens and other colours in my garden. They've already been potted up and are settling in well to their new home!

**Janet Hodgkiss**

## Opportunity or Curse!

As many of you know I have lots of plants seeding in my garden. The latest one is *Leionema coxii* in a pot. But I digress. A couple of years back a correa seeded itself between two rocks that, along with other rocks, help to define and retain a flat path on the edge of a steep slope. A small correa, how lovely, is what I thought early on but it didn't stay small for

long. My next move was to prune it to stop it obstructing the path. This only proved to be a short-term solution because of course pruning only encouraged healthy growth and the need for more pruning more often. I finally had to face the fact that this self-seeded plant was not a welcome blessing but a curse.

On Friday I decided it was time to remove the plant. What a challenge that proved to be. I tried brute strength, a fork and a pick. I could loosen the rocks but not a scintilla of movement from the plant. In the end I resorted to sawing it off as close to ground level as possible and disguised the ugly, butchered stem with mulch. I think this is a gardener's take on 'sweeping it under the carpet'. I haven't resorted to scouring the sides of the remaining stem and painting it with an undiluted poison. I will wait and see what happens next and if this becomes a necessary step.



**Sawn-off Correa** (Photo: Chris Larkin)

What is the lesson to be learned here? Not all freely given gifts by nature are to be valued and cherished. Take stock of whether where the plant has seeded is useful or not in creating your garden. If the answer is no, then see if the plant can be transplanted when conditions are ideal into another part of the garden. Failing that, see if the seedling can be gifted. As a last resort throw it away and save yourself the grief of dealing with a big problem in a future year.

**Chris Larkin**

## From the Secretary

Firstly, a warm welcome to Deb McMillan from Croydon who joined our group in January. Deb is an amazing photographer with a terrific collection of interesting plants that she grows in challenging conditions. We're looking forward to hearing about her garden and aspirations.

We had a super propagation morning. Always the most optimistic day in my calendar. I hadn't got round to potting up my recent cuttings and much to my surprise when I finally got round to doing these, inspired by the activities of the morning, found success and a number of plants to pot on. Now we'll need to find homes for these.

A small group met up at Karwarra Gardens in February for the first day meeting for the year, and the first face to face meeting since March 2020. We chose a perfect day and had a wander through the gardens that are looking terrific.

This year there will be 50 year celebration for Karwarra which was 'officially' opened in 1971. There must be some history here, because from the information I've been able to get hold of, Karwarra was farmed till 1939, and bought by the local shire in 1965, when the Mount Dandenong Horticultural Society established the native garden. However, there is a plaque in the garden so that is the date they are celebrating on. Sadly the Mount Dandenong Horticultural Society which has been steadily involved with Karwarra, wound up last year.

The 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration was going to be held in March this year but due to COVID restrictions they have chosen to postpone the event till September 25<sup>th</sup>. If any APS members have slides or memories they would like to contribute towards a display of the Karwarra History, please contact the [friendskarwarra@gmail.com](mailto:friendskarwarra@gmail.com) or call 9728 4256.



**Karwarra Garden** (Photo: Nicky Zanen)

**Nicky Zanen**

Ph: 0401975191

## Garden Visits – with APS Waverley on 20 March 2021.

Foothills members are invited to join APS Waverley on garden visits on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March starting at 2.30 pm with a visit to Mirini Lang's garden.

*Garden Visit to Mirini Lang and Marlee Petrie*

Meet at Mirini Lang's garden at 2.30pm. Following inspection of Mirini's garden we will drive to Marlee Petrie's garden.

Address details will be emailed nearer the time.

**Nicky Zanen**

## Out and About

I've made several trips to Yarrawonga recently and here are a couple of pics. The first is on a heritage property that has a creeper that spans both the fence and gate, but done so that the gate can be opened. *Hardenbergia violacea*.



*Hardenbergia violacea* (Photo: Nicky Zanen)

Pony Paddock Park was a quick stop for a cuppa just outside Shepparton. A lovely spot with plantings by local school children and the Congupna Tallygaroopna Landcare Group, and one or two of our APS Shepparton members.



Entrance (Photo: Nicky Zanen)

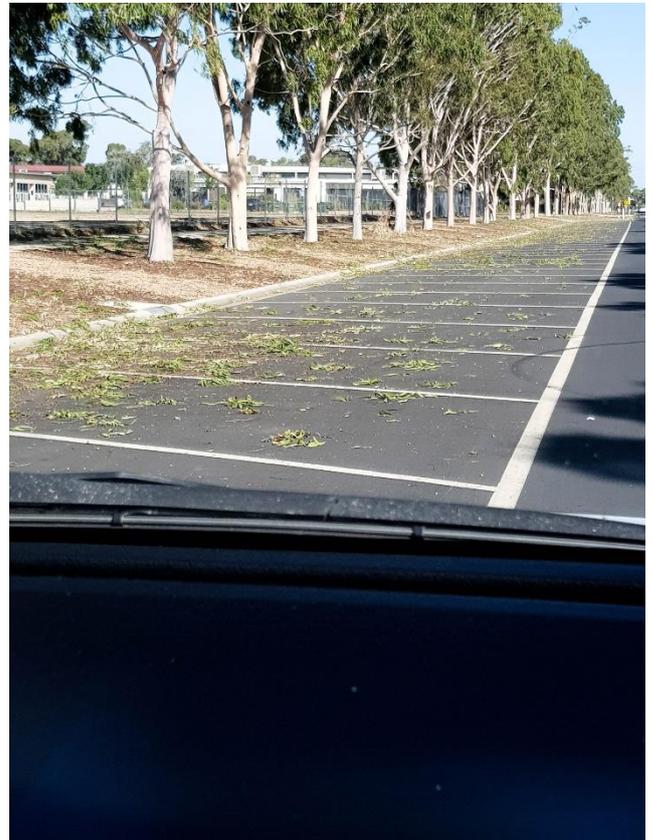
A row of the most stunning *Corymbia* next to the Yarrawonga Showgrounds, but underneath a carpet of leaves and branches. The cockatoos have been in there. Unfortunately they go overboard at times and kill the trees.

## In my garden

One of my neighbours has donated a park bench for our communal area. This happened so quickly and handymen have been able to replace the wooden planks so now it is usable. The downside has been that I have become aware how untidy the garden has become and now need to spend some time and energy in tidying up, clearing out and most importantly, pruning the plants.

It is a beautiful bench though, and recycling at its best.

Talking about recycling, there is a shop on the corner of Boronia Road and Erica Avenue, Here and There Makers. They recycle writing instruments, yoga mats, tooth brushes and toothpaste tubes and caps, Nescafe capsules, bread bag closures, aluminium ring pulls and L'or, Moccona & Illy coffee capsules.



*Corymbia* (Photo: Nicky Zanen)

## Leigh Elsey sent photos to share with our members.

The first image is a Kookaburra who sits on the pool fence, and then takes a dive. He then gets out of the pool, shakes himself dry and flies off. Leigh also has a couple of Red Wattlebirds that take a dip in his pool.



**Bathing Kookaburra** (Photo: Leigh Elsey)

The final image has a lovely story. *Hibbertia scandens*, full of flowers. And Bobby, one of Australia's top terriers. Leigh has always had Fox Terriers and after 5 years without a dog, he found a breeder who was seeking a home for one of his dogs. The breeder lives near a river and twice a snake had entered Bobby's kennel. The snakes were both killed by Bobby, but Bobby ended up in intensive care getting pumped up with antivenom. The breeder didn't want to risk another snake interaction. A nice story to finish up with.

### Nicky Zanen



***Hibbertia scandens*** (Photo: Leigh Elsey)

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## MEETING DETAILS

### DAY Meeting

**Venue:** Field Naturalists Hall, 1 Gardenia St, Blackburn. (Melway 47K10)

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month except Nov, Dec, Jan.

**Time:** 10.30am

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### EVENING Meeting

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

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, except Dec, Jan.

**Time:** 7.45pm

**VISITORS WELCOME!**