

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15th February

Pomonal Hall

Royce and Jeanne Raleigh

'Setting Up a Garden in the Grampians'

6:00 pm meal

7:30 Guest Speaker

We are having a catered picnic tea at the hall before the guest speakers.

We are breaking with tradition by having it catered for, so for that reason alone, we need to know how many will be attending our pre meeting picnic.

The caterer knows that we have members that require gluten free items but if you are coming and you require other special dietary food please let me know.

As we need to cater for enough members please text me on 0418 302 151 with your name and number attending before Friday the 11th so that we can let the caterer know, we do not want to run out of food.

Please bring a plate to share for afters / supper

B Y O Drinks Tea & Coffee supplied.

Don't forget about change for the raffle, plant sales etc.



Plant of the Month

Persoonia pinifolia

A lovely shrub to 3 metres which always has fresh-looking bright green foliage and which flowers in the hottest, driest time of year. Not often available in nurseries unfortunately because it is very difficult to propagate. The only success we had was in very wet years when volunteer seedlings grew beneath the parent plant. These were then easy to grow on as cuttings.

Phil Williams

Plant Review

Grevillea “Lady O”

Long-flowering †††††

Flower colour: Red

Drought tolerant †††††

Frost tolerant †††††

Dimensions 2.5m w x 1.5m h

Suitable for local gardens †††††

Attracts insects †††††

Attracts birds †††††

Attractive foliage †††

Recommendation: Highly Recommended

I suspect we all have a garden for similar reasons. For the aesthetics, for the wellbeing benefits of having nature around us, for shading and for the biodiversity a garden brings.

There are many beautiful plants in our garden, chiefly natives. Some have lovely foliage and aspects, but most are at their most beautiful when they flower; this is also the time when they're most attractive to insects and nectar-feeding birds. So, based on that alone, one of the most prized plants we have is a Grevillea “Lady O”.



I'm not sure from where we got our specimen .. maybe Handscombes'. This lovely grevillea puts forth its red flowers throughout the year, and is a great favourite amongst New Holland Honeyeaters, Eastern Spinebills and Blue-banded Bees, to name but a few that feed on it. I once rounded the house to see 5 or so New Hollands on its outer foliage and much arguing going on from within. When I approached,

almost 15 more of that species flew out of its centre, and this in a rounded bush about one and a half metres high and two and a half metres across!

It grows in full sun on our place, not far from a window where we can watch all that goes on in and around it. We never water it.

A lovely plant that flowers when many others don't. Thoroughly recommended.

John King



December Meeting and 40th Anniversary Party



Group history slide show



Fiona, Neil and Mary-Ann
Cutting the cake

An important piece of advice from Kevin!

1. All fungi are edible
2. Some fungi are only edible once



Putting our Covid woes behind us (this was pre Omicron) the group got together to celebrate and reflect on our first forty years. That the meeting was both very well attended and thoroughly enjoyable is proof of our success. The slide show was a chance to remember good times but also to honour the memories of those who are no longer with us. The longest serving members were presented with awards, we had a monster plant raffle and finished off with cake and champagne!

A thoroughly excellent evening. Triple thanks to Glenda, who provided the venue, the champagne and the cake!
Phil Williams

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