

## NEXT MEETING

7:30 Tuesday 19th April Pomonal Hall  
Clive Carlyle  
'Plants in Wild Places'

## Next Meeting

The talk by Ian Evans on Brachychitons which was originally scheduled for April has been postponed till May. At short notice Clive has leapt into the breach and has agreed to speak on 'Plants in Wild, High Places'. Such places are inhospitable to life in general and Clive will explore some of the challenges plants face at altitude and some of the strategies they use to mitigate them. The talk will be illustrated using examples from high altitude areas of Nepal, Japan, and Australia

## Last Meeting

I don't really like driving to Stawell in the dark - too many marsupial hazards! But I'm glad I did for last month's meeting. Graham and Maree presented a stunning set of pictures of the seldom visited Western Block of the Little Desert. not only were the flower pictures spectacular, but some the close up shots of birds were amazing. How was it even possible? I can't get close enough to even identify them before they fly away!

As a bonus Graham and Maree have offered to lead our group around the area in October.



## PLANT OF THE MONTH

*Hakea laurina*

I know these are considered rather old fashioned and commonplace, but still they are very reliable and long lived plants and this specimen can be relied on to produce flowers on the 1st April every year, rain or no rain. This year was no exception.

It is over 30 years old and has grown into a solid tree about 5m high. The honey eaters are having a feast after the long dry summer.

Phil

## History Page

Two items from the archives to spark discussion. On the left is a reproduction of a page of the Group's newsletter from 1994, 28 years ago. Note the name of the editor! Also of interest are the familiar names of committee members.

On the right the flower table list from April 2014. The flower table was always a popular feature of most meetings. It was a chance for members to share their successes or find out name of a plant they liked. And to get their name in the newsletter! I would like to reinstate the flower table as an important feature of every meeting, so this is a request to members to see if we can equal this list in April 2022!

Are there any volunteers to take on the newsletter editor's job? it definitely needs some new ideas!  
Phil



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Our first article in this newsletter is a report by Betty on a very enjoyable and well attended excursion which took place at the end of April.

### SGAP EXCURSION & BARBECUE

by Betty Jackson

It has taken a long time due to over active members, but we finally had an excursion. It was truly lovely to have another day to meet and socialise – I always maintain that friendships are made on these occasions rather than during the necessary formalised form of meeting nights. This may sound like a hint and it is – to those of you who hesitate before putting a SGAP outing on the top of your priorities list (with the obvious exception of those who have a living to earn), the loss is yours. I needn't sign this article, you have all heard me on this subject ad nauseum. At any rate we all set out with high spirits for the Halls Gap tip with leader Warren Meeks – the aboriginal P.R. officer with Brambuk. It wasn't a good time for finding aboriginal food plants as at this dry time of the year very little is out and please remember that the bush looks very different today to what it did under aboriginal land management.

However we were all able to enjoy Warren's flow of reminiscence and his enthusiasm for life and we all hope that he will be able to lead us on an overnight bush adventure when we can build and sleep in bark humpies and spend the evening hearing tales around the campfire and hear Warren playing the didgeridoo. When we left the bush we all repaired to Brambuk where we filled in the time before our dinner with coffee or wattlechino talk and laughter in the Brambuk restaurant. The day finished with it barbecue in the grounds (laid out by Jane Williams) where we enjoyed emu sausages and kangaroo burgers along with rolls supplied by Joylene and salads. By the time darkness had really set in the cold had also arrived. I am sure everyone will echo me when I say, "Thank you so much Jane and please can we have another one soon".

### The New Committee

Office bearers elected at the A.G.M. in May:

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### April Flower Table 2014

#### Neil Marriott

*Correa sp.*  
*Correa glabra*  
*Thryptomene denticulata*  
*Hakea* "Burrendong Beauty"  
*Verticordia grandis*  
*Crowea* "Festival"

#### Phil

*Calytrix fraseri*  
*Epacris impressa*  
*Hakea nodosa*  
*Acacia genistifolia*  
*Grevillea* "Pink Surprise"  
*Rhododendron lochiaie*  
*Banksia spinulosa*  
*Hoya australis*

#### Terry

*Banksia* "Giant Candles" *B. baueri* *B. solandri* *B. media* *B. menziesii* *B. prionotes*  
*B. lemnniana* *B. burdettii*

#### Beth

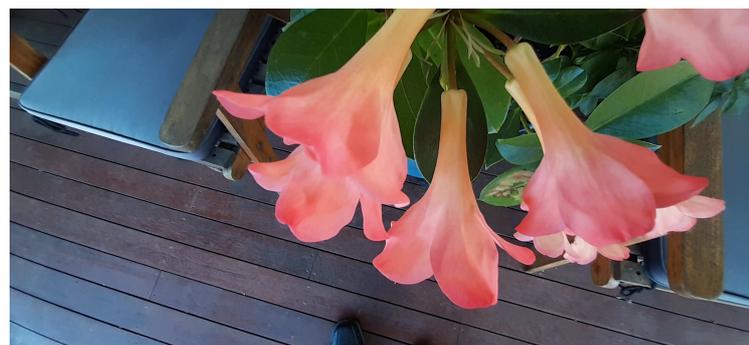
*Eremophila platycalyx*  
*E. densifolia*  
*E. ????? Pink*  
*E. ????? Crimson*  
*Eremophila sp.*

*E. glabra*  
*E. maculata*  
*Swainsona formosa*

#### Dave

*Xerochrysum bracteatum*  
*Banksia spinulosa*  
*Banksia spinulosa* "Coastal Glow"  
*Correa* "Jezebel"  
*Persoonia pinifolia*  
*Banksia seminuda*

Sorry about the *Eremophilas*, can't read my own scribble  
Denis



## Kevin's Choice

Kevin has sent in a couple of shots of his *Rhododendron lochiaie*, which was propagated by Jeanne Raleigh.

This is a spectacular plant which only grows on a few misty mountain tops in far north Queensland.

It is very difficult to keep alive in our local conditions, but fortunately will live a long and happy life in a large pot or tub.

And also from Kevin:

“Our olive tree is ready for harvest if anybody wants to come and pick their own also I still have some tree guards if someone can make use of them “

## Editor's request.

Every month in the blue box below is a request for newsletter contributions. This month we came perilously close to the point where it was not worth sending out.

Next meeting I would like to have a discussion with the group about the future.

Ideally there should be a team of contributors who would regularly submit articles, so that the editor did not have last minute panics every month.

Think about it and if anyone wants to put up their hand to take over I will be quite happy to hand over. After all I've been doing it on and off for nearly thirty years.

**Also don't forget to bring something for the flower table!**

**Phil**

The newsletter will only continue if it has material to include. If you value the newsletter and enjoy reading it please consider making a contribution.

Contributions in any form, physical or digital are welcome. Items submitted on paper, for example photos, will be scanned and returned. Subject matter need not be limited to native plants, but can also include anything you think members may find interesting.

Email: <mailto:grampiansnewsletter@psvic.org.au> or by phone: 0438 566 250 or by post to:

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Thanks to everyone for their contributions to this issue.

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