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*Corymbia ficifolia* orange flowered from Dave and Victoria's garden (February 2020)

## Welcome to 2020

After a scorching end to 2019, the new year has welcomed some much-needed rain. Over January we had almost 100mm in our rain gauge which is in stark contrast to last year when we got barely a drop for the first three months of the year.

For those of you who share an affection for the plants of Western Australia, may be fretting somewhat with the uncharacteristic humidity we are currently enduring. So far, I have lost a Banksia Victoria, which is a real shame as they are such a showy plant in flower. It is also my wife's namesake, which stings a little more. It managed to thrive in the 40°C+ days whilst running dry in its pot, but after a week of high rainfall and high humidity it turned pale green and wilted.

It's an example of how resilient our plants can be in their natural environments, and how fragile they can be outside if it.

Happy gardening!

### What's coming up

#### Next Meeting

Garden visit to Jean and Alan's wonderful native garden. BYO dinner

**When:** 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Where:** 3 Victor Court  
Melton South

#### APS MBM Plant Sale

**When:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> of May

**Where:** St Andrews Church  
Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh  
VIC 3340

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*Eucalyptus landsdowneana*-Crimson Malley from Dave and Victoria's garden (January 2020)

## Hakea potting up

### GETTING READY FOR OUR PLANT SALE

On the morning of Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of January, an enthusiastic group of members and friends attended the Pye residence for the annual potting up ceremony. With so many species on offer, its hard to contain oneself!

At the end of the morning, approximately 400 plants were potted up. For many this meant a stroll around their garden to take in many of the wonderful plants they have growing. A few even stuck around for a BBQ lunch. Happy days 😊



*Hakea decurrens* from Dave and Victoria's garden (September 2019)

### Photos wanted

I know you all have a range of fascinating plants in cultivation. What I would like you to do is photograph them and send them to me. I'll then include them to the newsletter as banners and feature pics.

A couple things I would appreciate:

- Make sure the photo is in focus. Blurry photos really won't be doing your beauties justice
- It's not all about flowers! Many Australian plants have foliage and seed pods that are just as interesting as their flowers. Sometimes even more so.
- If you would like to see your photo as a banner, make sure it's in landscape perspective
- Include details! If it's a banksia I'll probably have half a chance, but please include species name, where it was taken and when it was taken.

Send photos to:

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with the subject **APSMBM Newsletter photo**

# Whats on

APS Melton and Bacchus Marsh	DAY/TIME	LOCATION
<p><a href="#">Next Meeting</a></p> <p>A visit to Jean and Alan Partridge's garden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore garden</li> <li>• Dinner, BYO picnic. BBQ facilities will be available</li> <li>• Flower table</li> <li>• Raffle</li> </ul>	<p>27<sup>th</sup> February 6:00pm onwards</p>	<p>3 Victor Court Melton South</p>
<p><a href="#">APS MBM Plant Sale</a></p> <p>Our annual hakea extravaganza and invited sellers</p>	<p>9<sup>th</sup> of May 2020</p>	<p>St Andrews Church Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340</p>
Other events	DAY/TIME	INFORMATION
<p><a href="#">Banks &amp; Solander Exhibition, Ringwood</a></p> <p>With assistance from the national Herbarium of Melbourne, this exhibition will feature six of the actual specimens and 31 images of plants collected by Banks and Solander in 1770. Afterwards all the framed images will be donated to the Melbourne Herbarium so they can be displayed without risking damage to the precious 250-year-old specimens.</p>	<p>17<sup>th</sup> February to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020</p> <p>9am to 5.00pm on weekdays 12 noon to 4.00pm on Saturdays Closed on public holidays</p>	<p>Maroondah Federation Estate 32 Greenwood Ave Ringwood, 3134 + <a href="#">Google Map</a></p>
<p><a href="#">Banks &amp; Solander Exhibition, Karwarra</a></p> <p>The Karwarra Australian Native Botanic Garden and plant nursery is set on two hectares at Kalorama in the picturesque Dandenong Ranges. It is an ideal place for an exhibition of original paintings of Banksias by Ian Wallace, with art and craft works featuring unique Australian flora and fauna. Being just 20 minutes drive from the Maroondah Federation Estate you could conveniently visit both.</p>	<p>18<sup>th</sup> February to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2020</p> <p>Tuesday to Friday 10am to 4.00pm Saturdays and Sundays 1pm to 4.00pm Closed on Mondays, days of Total Fire bans and extreme weather</p>	<p>Karwarra Australian Native Botanic Garden and Nursery, 1190 Mount Dandenong Tourist Rd, Kalorama, Vic</p>
<p><a href="#">Cranbourne Friends Autumn Plant Sale</a></p> <p>Plant show and sales</p>	<p>14<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> March 10:00am to 4:00pm</p>	<p>Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne Cranbourne Gardens, Enter via cnr Ballarto Road and Botanic Drive Cranbourne, Victoria 3977 Australia + <a href="#">Google Map</a></p>

## Other matters

### Calendars:

Due to the cost of postage, we decide not to mail these out this year. If you are owed a calendar, please let me know. We will have them at our meetings. Other arrangements can be made upon request.

We have additional calendars available for purchase at \$15 each

# Around the grounds



Lucile posing with Matilda the Gymea lily (*Doryanthes excelsa*). After a gestation of 20+ years they finally have a flower spike! Photo by Norris January 2020



*Banksia integrifolia* seed pod, Dave and Victoria's garden December 2019



*Banksia Baxteri* flower, Dave and Victoria's garden February 2020

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**MEETINGS:** 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, Feb – Jun, Aug – Nov (doors open at 7.30pm)

**VENUE:** Botanica Springs Community Centre, 249 Clarkes Rd, Brookfield

All contributions to the newsletter are gratefully received. Please send a word document to the group's email address. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me via email or phone. I am also happy to research a subject for an article if you give me a topic you would like to see explored.

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