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Australian Plant Society – Melton & Bacchus Marsh Inc

NEWSLETTER June 2024

MEETING SCHEDULE

3rd Wednesday of the month
start 7:30pm (doors open from 7pm).

Address:

Botanica Springs Community Centre
249 Clarkes Rd
Brookfield VIC 3338

MELTON – BACCHUS MARSH EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE

07.30 PM

MELTON-BACCHUS MARSH MONTHLY

Gerard Morel – Waterway Restoration

No July monthly meeting

WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST

07:30 PM

M-BM MONTHLY MEETING

Brachychitons - Ian Evans of APS Bendigo

OTHER EVENTS

21&22 September 9am – 4pm

APS Pomonal Native Flower Show

19&20 October 10am - 4pm

Cranbourne Spring Plant Sale

www.rbgfriendscranbourne.org.au



Hakea linearis

Photo: Susan E

NEXT MEETING

Gerard Morel

Melbourne Water, Waterways and Land Officer, Regional Services;

Will be talking about the restoration efforts to revitalise the Kororoit Creek corridor through planting to restore significant ecological values and habitat.

Kororoit Creek is a major natural asset in Melbourne's western region. It carries rainfall and stormwater to Port Phillip and provides habitat, food and safe passage to frogs, waterbirds, fish and other water dependent species. As most of Kororoit Creek is within a comparatively low rainfall area, it is important that stream flow and health is maintained as urban pressures increase around the creek.

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MARCH – VISIT TO NEWPORT LAKES.



March saw us visit Newport Lakes and the local Friends group nursery. The lakes and surrounding area were created from an old quarry site; now providing an oasis of native plants and birdlife in the suburbs,



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APRIL Meeting – Isopogons & Petrophiles.

Photo: Tez B

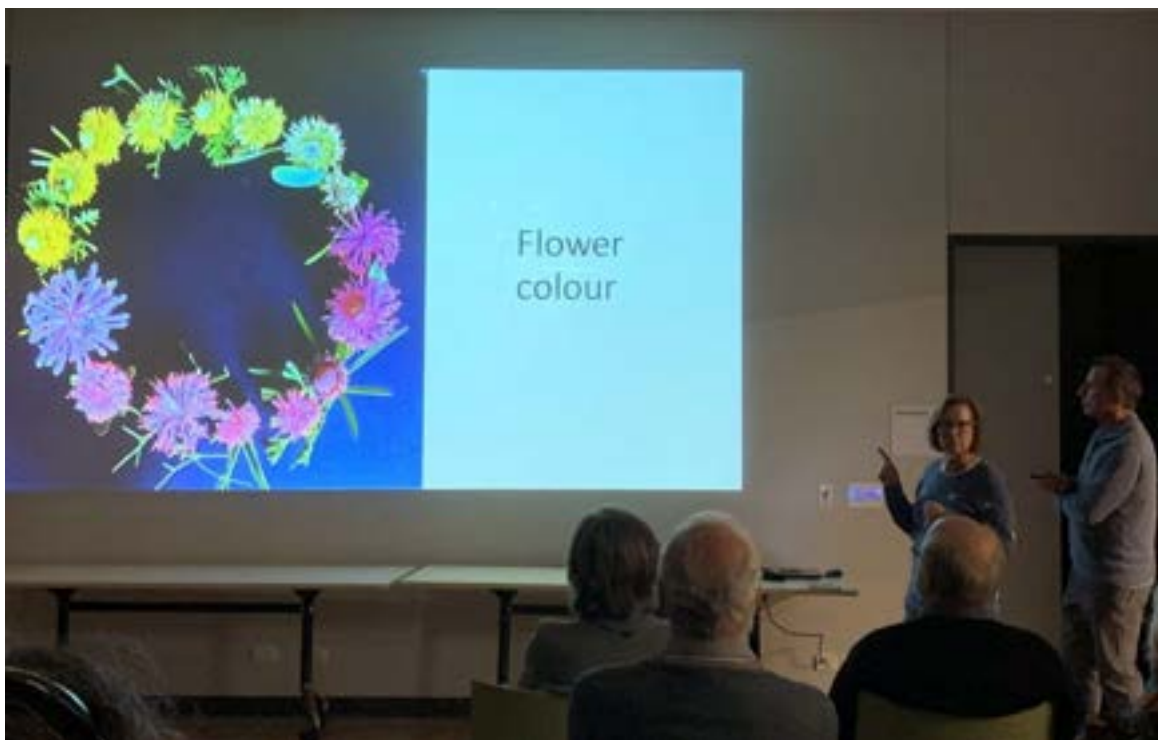


NOTES by Susan on presentation by **CATRIONA BATE** and **PHIL TRICKETT**

Commonly known as drumsticks or coneflowers (Isopogons) and conesticks or cone bushes (Petrophiles).

Isopogons and Petrophiles are generally found in more temperate southern Australia, mostly endemic to WA.

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They grow in well drained ironstone, limestone or sandy soils and they dislike warm, wet soils (i.e. summer watering) . Most species prefer full sun. A lack of nectar attracts mainly insects (not birds) for pollination. The majority fit into the small to medium height range.

Propagation from seed is difficult. Seed needs to be fresh and damping off occurs readily. Only about 10% of seeds are viable.

Grafting is much easier. For Isopogons, three suitable rootstock plants are *I. coaldale cracker*, *I. anethifolius*, and *I. anemomfolius*. However, some species require an understock and *I. cuneatus* is proving to be successful.

For Petrophiles, *P.pulchella* is often used but needs to be grown from seed, At this stage, cutting grafts work well for Isopogons, but it is better to grow rootstock petrophiles from seed.

For more information see Vol 1, no. 247 of Australian Plants 2021.



H. subsulcata in flower at Melton Botanic Garden

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Melton – Bacchus Marsh MAY PLANT SALE



Our Group received \$965 from the sale of Hakeas and with after expenses made a profit of approx. \$905

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Noticed [flowering at Melton](#) Botanic Gardens this month.

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Grevillia asteriscosa – listed as critically endangered



Eremophila oppositifolia

- Will grow in a wide range of soils in either full sun or partial shade. Only tolerates light frosts.

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Acacia jibberdingensis – both frost and drought tolerant.



Eucalyptus pluricaulis ssp *porphyrea*

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Eucalyptus desmondensis



Grevillia delta

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June at Bullengarook – (elevation 530 m)



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Choughs looking to dig around new plantings!



Grevillia peaches and cream



Hakea orthorrhyncha var *filiformis*

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Hakea verrucosa

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