

# NEWSLETTER



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## June news...!

Hello & welcome to our June 2023 edition. Apologies for skipping our May issue. Unanticipated delays developed, which, related to much of the content of the main presentation made at our April meeting being the subject matter of an, as yet, unpublished formal report. Until such time as the formal report is published, content cannot be reprinted elsewhere. We will provide an April meeting report at a later date, once approval to print has been granted.

Memberships renewal time is here. Current memberships expire June 30th & this year, the move to an online renewal and enrolment system is being made. See pages 2 & 16 for links & further detail. For those without internet/online access, our Membership Officer, Christine, will be able to provide assistance (contact details on pages 2 & 14). Apologies too, for the promised guided tour of the new system not going ahead at our May meeting. Unfortunately, our group laptop developed a start-up glitch & was not cooperating on the evening.

Debbie, Ian & Dawn have remained hard at work on preparations for our Spring Plant Expo. Debbie provided an update at our May meeting, & we are pleased to report securing the support of Bendigo Community Bank, who, are again providing a grant towards the costs of running the show. We extend our deep thanks & gratitude to the Bendigo Bank for their support, & to Debbie, Dawn & Ian for their hard work. Our Expos could not go on without such effort, generosity and dedication.

Our next newsletter will be due for issue on or within a few days of Monday July 10th. Contributions big & small are hugely appreciated & always needed. If you can help out with items of interest please send them in by Monday July 3rd. Email to: [jin.wgff@gmail.com](mailto:jin.wgff@gmail.com)

Happy gardening, keep warm & cheers until next time,

Jeanine

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### Can you help? Assistance with Gardens for Wildlife needed...

Can you help please?

We are currently looking for volunteer/s to assist with the Gardens for Wildlife program. If you have an interest in gardening for wildlife, and a bit of time available, we'd love to hear from you.

For more information please contact Ian Julian:  
Ph:0438 270 248 or email:

[aps.mitchell@gmail.com](mailto:aps.mitchell@gmail.com)

*Scutellaria humilis*  
Dwarf Skullcap  
Photo: J Petts



### Mitchell Diary Dates ..

**Meetings will be held under the requirements of our Covid Safe facility Plan; Please read the plan (back pages) prior to attending.**

**We also ask members and guests to follow important COVIDSafe rules:**

**Please Do not attend meetings if: You are unwell, especially with cold/flu symptoms or have been in contact with someone where there is a risk you may have been exposed to COVID-19 in the last 7 days.**

• **Monday June 19th  
7pm**

**Evening Meeting.  
Topic: Local  
understorey  
species for garden  
cultivation.**

• **July meeting—  
Proposed garden  
visit— To be  
confirmed &  
further details  
advised.**

• **SAVE THE DATE:  
APS MITCHELL  
SPRING PLANT  
EXPO & SALE—  
SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 14th  
9am –3pm**



*The Gardens for Wildlife Program in Mitchell Shire is facilitated by APS Mitchell & supported by Mitchell Shire Council, SW Goulburn Landcare & Euroa Arboretum.*

**'Gardens for Wildlife' aims to provide support, encouragement and advice to people to help make their gardens friendly places for wildlife to visit and live.**

**Even one wildlife-friendly garden can make a difference, but many gardens together can provide greater biodiversity along with areas of protection, habitat, and linkages across landscapes for wildlife to live and move safely.**

**For further information visit**

**<http://www.apsmitchell.org.au/gardens-for-wildlife/>**

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**MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE  
3rd MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
(February to November)  
unless otherwise advised  
at the**

**John Taylor Room, Kilmore  
Library, Sydney Street,  
Kilmore Vic 3764**

**Doors open 7:00pm with main  
presentation from 7:30 pm**

**Entry \$2.00 Gold Coin**

**Guest Speaker**

**Door Prizes**

**Plant Sales**

**Use of the APS Mitchell free  
Library**

**Supper & Chat**

**VISITORS VERY WELCOME**

Members & Visitors are encouraged to bring along exhibits for our "Show & Tell" Flower Specimen Table

Please label plants



## *June Meeting— Monday 19th 7:00pm*

For our June APS Mitchell meeting, we will be hosting an in house slide show and discussion on local understorey species for garden cultivation.

Taking a look at some local species of wildflowers, highlighting what can be obtained and how successful or otherwise, this may be.

Feel free to bring flower specimens along for show and discussion (please label with species name if known). Our door prize plant raffle will follow the main presentation and the evening will conclude with chat time and supper. Tea, coffee, and home baked goodies will be available. Remember: visitors, guests and friends are very welcome at APS Mitchell meetings. Doors open 7pm with main presentation from 7:30pm.

Meetings are held under the guidelines of our [Covid safe facility plan](#). Please read the plan (click link or see back pages) prior to attending.



*Cheiranthera linearis* Tallarook 7.11.2021  
Photo: J Petts

## *Memberships...*

**Renewal time is here and current memberships expire on June 30th. Renewals will be via the APS Victoria online system this year. The system is now operational for 2023/2024 renewals and new enrolments at <https://apsvic.org.au/membership>. Login on the [APS Vic website](#) using your email & membership number. Your membership number is printed on the front of your Growing Australian magazine envelope, so please retain this when it arrives in the post this month.**

For all membership enquiries please contact Christine: Phone 0458 238 270 or Email to the attention of the Membership Officer: [mitchell@apsvic.org.au](mailto:mitchell@apsvic.org.au) Further information, contact details, etc. can also be found at our website: <http://www.apsmitchell.org.au/membership/>

## May Meeting Report - *Eremophila*: 2022 Field trips to QLD, NT & WA...

By Jeanine Petts

The evening of our May meeting saw a good turn out of members, along with a couple of new visitors (hopefully now new members).

Once we all took our seats, Norbert began the meeting by welcoming everyone, and shared that we were privileged to have one of our own members speaking. One who has produced a book on *Eremophila* and created a wonderful garden. Norbert then invited Russell Wait to take the floor.

Russell began his presentation by passing around some *Eremophila* flower specimens, while explaining that there are two main types of *Eremophila* flower. One type has a curved corolla (most often with one curved back lower lobe), and bears stamens and stigma that extend out beyond the floral tube. These flowers suit the beaks of honey eaters and are primarily bird pollinated, although they may be visited by insects as well. The other flower type, has a shape that is designed for insect pollination by having three lower lobes at the front, which, form a landing platform, and stamens and stigma that do not extend beyond the floral tube. The species passed around as examples were:

*Eremophila miniata* (bird pollinated)

*Eremophila cuneifolia* (insect pollinated)

*Eremophila glabra* subspecies *tomentosa* (bird pollinated)

*Eremophila flaccida* subspecies *attenuata* (bird pollinated)

*Eremophila compacta* subspecies *compacta* (insect pollinated)

*Eremophila* were first collected in 1802 by [Robert Brown](#) who was the Botanist travelling with Matthew Finders on the HMS Investigator's expedition 1801-1803. While the expedition visited the top end of Spencer Gulf SA, *Eremophila oppositifolia* and *Eremophila alternifolia* were the first two specimens of the genera to be found (at Mt Brown) and subsequently described.

Moving on, the first image shown was of Russell standing amongst a patch of *Eremophila waitii*, (the species first discovered and collected by Russell, then subsequently named after him). During Russell's recent travels, on speaking with the owner of the property where *E. waitii* was discovered, sadly, he found that feral goats and pigs have arrived in the area, which, are likely to have an adverse effect on local flora.

The second image showed a magnified close up that displayed how hairy the surfaces of *Eremophila* actually are. Russell explained that this hairiness is due to glandular hairs, which, are a feature of the genera, and he went on to say that *Eremophila* could also be called "hairymophila".

From this point, Russell began to take us through images of particular species, along with a few other items of interest. These were:

*Eremophila bowmanii* subspecies *bowmanii* is one of three *E. bowmanii* subspecies. It grows in Queensland and bears leaves that have curled edges.

*Eremophila bignoniiflora* was one of three species, which, Russell was collecting seeds from (with appropriate permits). The seed specimens were being collected on behalf of the University of



Glandular hairs on *Eremophila*  
Photo: Russell Wait



*Eremophila bowmanii* subsp. *bowmanii*  
Photo: Russell Wait



*Eremophila bignoniiflora*  
Photo: Russell Wait

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Queensland and destined for use in research.

*Eremophila bignoniiflora* x *polyclada* is a common natural hybrid found from Victoria through NSW to QLD. The particular specimen that Russell found and photographed, had germinated and grown in a challenging spot- It was growing out of a steel drum that was underneath an old timber platform. Another anecdote regarding this species mentioned by Russell, was that he had found a specimen, which, had white flowers on one side of the plant and blue flowers on the other side. He concluded the colour difference was due to the effect of aspect, with one side of the plant receiving more sunlight than the other.



*Eremophila bignoniiflora* x *polyclada* & where this specimen was growing.  
Photos: Russell Wait



*Eremophila gilesii* subsp. *gilesii*  
Photo: Russell Wait



*Eremophila cordatisepala*  
Photo: Russell Wait

*Eremophila gilesii* subspecies *gilesii* is endemic to the Northern Territory and was originally collected near Lake Giles, hence the species name. There is a QLD form, which, has broader leaves, and another subspecies endemic to WA.

Near Jundah in QLD, Russell found *Eremophila gilesii* and *Eremophila cordatisepala* growing together. *E. gilesii* bears fine green foliage, while *E. cordatisepala* has rounded grey foliage, both have lilac flowers and are examples of insect pollinated plants. Most insect pollinated *Eremophila* have flowers in the lilac-purple colour ranges, while most with flower colours in the red-orange-yellow ranges are bird pollinated, although there are some exceptions.



*Eremophila stenophylla*  
Photo: Russell Wait

*Eremophila stenophylla* is now classified as rare, due to the adverse effects of grazing. This species is an example of bird pollinated flowers and bears flowers in pinks to brick reds, or very occasionally yellow.

*Eremophila goodwinii* subspecies *goodwinii* is endemic to south western QLD, north western NSW, southern NT and a small range in mid-eastern WA. During last year's trips Russell found and photographed a large community of this species about 100km south of Charleville.



*Eremophila goodwinii* subsp. *goodwinii*  
Photo: Russell Wait

During the trip, Russell visited Yanna Road to see if he could find a particular natural hybrid known as *Eremophila* 'Yanna Road', which was originally collected in the area some 30 years ago. Unfortunately, it can't be found in the region now.

*Eremophila goodwinii* subspecies *ecapitata*, of which, Russell only



*Eremophila goodwinii* subsp. *ecapitata*  
Photo: Russell Wait

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found one plant.

*Eremophila willsii* subspecies *willsii* was found on Old South Road (where part of the Finke Desert Rally is run). Its flowers have a tuft of white hairs in the corolla, and a partial stripe that shows up under ultra violet light.

*Eremophila hispida* is a low growing understory species that bears violet to purple flowers.

*Eremophila woodiae* is a species that has only been named in the last 6 to 7 years. It has very stiff sepals, and doesn't like humidity. Russell said "it is an absolute sod to propagate".

*Allocasuarina decaisneana* is also known as Desert Oak. It has a cylindrical form when young and then matures to a spreading habit.

*Eremophila prostrata* as its name suggests, is a low growing prostrate plant. It bears very deep magenta-deep lilac flowers.

*Eremophila latrobei* subspecies *latrobei* is quite variable in leaf form, ranging from grey-leaved forms, to forms with vivid green, thin leaves. The specimens that Russell found and photographed were un-grazed so looked "scraggly".

*Eremophila ringens* MS – Russell explained that MS means Manuscript Name, which, only have an associated preliminary botanical description. Species listed in this manner are yet to be fully described, and await a formally published name. When first found, there were hundreds of the plants growing on a hill. Russell stated that now, there are maybe around 20 surviving plants that remain.

*Eremophila ballythunnensis* forms a low little shrub and was once said to be in the *E. compacta* group, but it has much smaller flowers.



*Eremophila willsii* subsp. *willsii*  
Photo: Russell Wait



*Eremophila hispida*  
Photo: Russell Wait



*Eremophila woodiae*  
Photo: Russell Wait



*Allocasuarina decaisneana* young trees in mid-ground  
Photo: Russell Wait



*Eremophila prostrata*  
Photo: Russell Wait



*Allocasuarina decaisneana*  
Photo: Russell Wait



*Eremophila latrobei* subsp. *latrobei*  
Photo: Russell Wait



*Eremophila ringens* MS  
Photo: Russell Wait



*Eremophila ballythunnensis*  
Photos: Russell Wait



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*Eremophila* aff. *macmillaniana* is an as yet unnamed species. The known specimens form old woody trees, and are found growing among rocks, in an area approximately 200km north east of the Gascoyne Junction. Nearby to this species Russell found *Eremophila crenulata* growing.

*Eremophila crenulata*, the name crenulata refers to its wavy leaf.

*Eremophila decipiens* subspecies *linearifolia* grows in WA grazing country, but is not found in copping areas. There is another subspecies; *Eremophila decipiens* subsp. *decipiens*, which, is more widespread and very variable in its habit.

*Eremophila drummondii* is also a variable species and grows over most of the WA Wheatbelt country.

*Eremophila* Weld Range is another species likely to get a new name and is a member of the group related to *E. hygrophana*. As the current name suggests, it is endemic to the Weld Range, where it was found growing near a mine site.

*Eremophila vernicosa* is a species with only four plants known to exist in its natural range. It is found growing under Eucalypts and is adapted to life as an understorey plant, needing overhead canopy for shade and shelter.

*Eremophila eriocalyx* is found across central WA, and grows as an upright shrub that has variable leaf and flower colour.

*Eremophila flaccida* subspecies *attenuata* is endemic to a small area in WA on dry, open country, where it forms colonies of widely spaced plants. The plants typically form a low mounded shape, wider than it is high.

*Eremophila fraseri*, *Eremophila latrobei*, and *Eremophila clarkei* were all found growing in



*Eremophila* aff. *macmillaniana* above left: Flowers & leaf form. Above right: trees growing amid rocks. Photos: Russell Wait



*Eremophila crenulata*  
Photo: Russell Wait

*Eremophila decipiens* subsp. *linearifolia*  
Photo: Russell Wait



*Eremophila drummondii*  
Photo: Russell Wait

*Eremophila* Weld Range  
Photo: Russell Wait



*Eremophila vernicosa*  
Photo: Russell Wait

*Eremophila eriocalyx*  
Photo: Russell Wait



*Eremophila flaccida* subsp. *attenuata*  
Photo: Russell Wait

*Eremophila fraseri* subsp. *parva*  
Photo: Russell Wait

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the same location.

*Eremophila fraseri* subspecies *parva* is a species difficult to grow in cultivation.

*Eremophila laanii* was found growing in the bed of the Murchison River, where Russell came across multiple flower colour variation forms, which, ranged from deep pink to off-white.

*Lechenaultia macrantha* Wreath Lechenaultia, about which, Mike Williams commented that it likes growing in disturbed sites and is usually found near roadsides that have been graded.

*Eremophila miniata* grows naturally surrounding salt lakes. It is found in both yellow and orange flower forms. Russell is currently looking for the orange flowered form.

*Eremophila obliquisejala* was first found in plains country and is named for its oblique sepals (growing at sides). Photographed side on, the sepals and pedicel can be seen.

*Eremophila lachnocalyx* has very fluffy calyxes that birds are known to collect as nesting material.

*Eremophila oppositifolia* subspecies *angustifolia* is quite variable in flower colour. Russell collected an array of differing colour specimens from plants growing within a 100m range.

Russell was asked "how do you keep cutting specimens alive?" His answer was: Take two sheets of newspaper, spritz them with half a dozen sprays of water, then roll each specimen in as you go and put the roll into a green vegetable bag, then store it in the fridge.

*Grevillea eriostachya* bears large, yellow, toothbrush type flowers. A very fine specimen in full flower that



*Eremophila laanii* Above left: shrub in flower. Above right: selection of flower colour variants. Photos: Russell Wait



*Lechenaultia macrantha*  
Photo: Russell Wait

*Eremophila miniata*  
Photo: Russell Wait



*Eremophila obliquisejala*  
Photo: Russell Wait

*Eremophila lachnocalyx*  
Photo: Russell Wait



*Eremophila oppositifolia* subsp. *angustifolia* Photo: Russell Wait

*Grevillea eriostachya* form Photo: Russell Wait



*Eremophila platycalyx* subsp. *platycalyx* Photo: Russell Wait

*Grevillea eriostachya* flowers Photo: Russell Wait

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Russell photographed, was found roadside south of Overland Roadhouse.

*Eremophila platycalyx* subspecies *platycalyx* was another species that Russell found with a range of differing flower colour forms, all within a 100m radius.

*Eremophila petrophila* subspecies *densa* forms an upright shrub, and has dense hairs on its branches and leaves.

*Eremophila phyllopoda* subspecies *phyllopoda* has a long-lasting colourful sepal. Russell only found one plant in good flower during the whole trip.

*Eremophila reticulata* grows as a very scraggly shrub, and when showing the photo of its form, Russell asked "why would you grow that"? The next photo showed its white flowers with rosy sepals, which, together are highly attractive and definitely worth growing this species for.

*Eremophila waitii* has been given the common name of Silky Lavender, and a new stand of the plants has been found in the wild, although they are now at risk from wild pigs and goats that have come into the region.

Nearing the end of his presentation, Russell showed a photo of a plant that originally developed from a chimera, which, is now often mistakenly sold in some nurseries as *Eremophila mackinlayi*. This chimera in Russell's Garden has now reached 6m x 8m. A chimera occurs when genetic material mixes in a graft and shoots with mixed DNA are produced. Russell has experimented with using chimera material as rootstock. Russell further advised that the true *E. mackinlayi* subspecies *mackinlayi* only grows to no more than 1.5m, and a 15-year-old specimen in his garden is currently 0.5m high.



*Eremophila platycalyx* subsp. *platycalyx* flower forms Photos: Russell Wait



*Eremophila petrophila* subsp. *densa* Photo: Russell Wait



*Eremophila phyllopoda* subsp. *phyllopoda* Photos: Russell Wait



*Eremophila reticulata* form Photos: Russell Wait



*Eremophila waitii* Photo: Russell Wait



*Eremophila reticulata* flowers Photo: Russell Wait



Chimera shoot developed on graft. Photo: Russell Wait



Chimera in garden at 4.5m high x 6m wide. Photo: Russell Wait



The true *Eremophila mackinlayi* subsp. *mackinlayi* Above left: form. Above right: in flower. Photos: Russell Wait



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Russell closed his presentation with photos of a sunset at Thompson River QLD and a final slide of a plant with bright pink flowers similar to an *Eremophila*, and asked, did anyone know what it was? It turned out to be:



Sunset on the Thompson Rive Qld. Photo: Russell Wait



*Hemigenia macphersonii* Photo: Russell Wait

*Hemigenia macphersonii* a member of the Lamiaceae family, and related to *Prostanthera* (Mint-bushes). Russell said that this particular bush was so eye catching and striking in flower that it could be seen 100m away from the roadside. The species grows in full sun, and this specimen was photographed north of Mullewa WA.



*Hakea invaginata* Photo: J Petts



*Templetonia retusa* Photo: Mike Williams

Our evening plant raffle draw came next on the agenda, with a choice of six species on offer (apologies as I wasn't quick enough to note down species names). The lucky winners being; Yolande (a first-time visitor), Angela, Janis, Ian, Norbert & yours truly.



*Diplolaena grandiflora* Photo: Neil Humphreys



*Thryptomene denticulata* Image: <https://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/browse/profile/6055>

Moving into the last agenda item for the evening, the flower specimens on display that we discussed were:

*Hakea invaginata* is a very showy plant, its flowers start out white and age to pale pink.



*Hakea laurina* 'Stockdale Sensation' Photo: J Petts



*Hakea* 'Burrendong Beauty' Photo: Brian Weir

*Templetonia retusa* Cockies Tongue has a natural range from Shark Bay (coastal WA) into the Ayre Peninsula in SA. It produces highly ornamental massed displays of bright red-orange flowers.

*Diplolaena grandiflora* is in the Rutaceae family and forms a dense bush.

*Thryptomene denticulata* is a species endemic to WA.

*Hakea laurina* 'Stockdale Sensation' is a hybrid that forms a tall bush and mature specimens produce massed displays of pink flowers.



*Spyridium parvifolium* Photo: J Petts

*Hakea* 'Burrendong Beauty' is a hybrid between *Hakea petiolaris* and *Hakea myrtoides* that was found growing at the Burrendong Arboretum in the mid 80's. It grows to a height of 1.5m with a

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spread of 3m, and produces a stunning display when in flower. It can be cut back to manage size if need be.

*Spyridium parvifolium* Dusty Miller

*Correa* 'Warrandyte Wonder' is a hybrid between *C.* 'Dusky Bells' and a *C. glabra* hybrid.

*Siegfriedia darwinioides* is an interesting, unusual shrub growing to 1m that Mike Williams joked is "the scientist plant". Endemic to WA, it has foliage that changes to bronze on the underside of the leaves as it grows, and bears cream yellow- orange, bell-like flowers that occur from late autumn to late spring.

*Correa* 'Catie Bec' is a hybrid produced by Bywong Nursery and is a very showy plant growing to 1m high x 1.5m wide. Soft pink flowers are produced over a long period from autumn through to spring. It is adaptable, frost hardy, and drought tolerant once established.

*Correa pulchella* is a dense small, bird-attracting shrub that grows from 0.2-1m high x 1m wide with smooth green oval leaves. Orange or pink tubular flowers occur in autumn, winter and spring. It prefers dry or moist well-drained soils in full to filtered sun.

A *Correa reflexa* form. *C. reflexa* is a widespread, highly variable species found across south eastern Australia. Five natural varieties are recognized in Flora of Victoria, and varieties are known to intergrade. It grows as an upright to spreading shrub ranging from 0.3-2m high x 1-2m wide, is hardy plant in well drained soils, easily copes with frost and is suitable for dry shady positions.

*Correa* 'Big Pink' (possibly a *C. pulchella* form)

*Correa* 'Empress' (a *C. reflexa* form)

*Grevillea treueriana* is only found in the Finke Gorge SA and bears showy bright orange-red flowers. The species is said to grow to 1m x



*Correa* 'Warrandyte Wonder'  
Photo: Mike Williams



*Siegfriedia darwinioides* Image:  
<http://www.goldfieldsrevegetation.com.au/PlantDetail.asp?PlantID=7267>



*Correa* 'Catie Bec' Image:  
<https://bywongnursery.com.au/products/correa-catie-bec/>



*Correa pulchella*  
Photo: Brian Walters  
[https://anpsa.org.au/plant\\_profiles/correa-pulchella/](https://anpsa.org.au/plant_profiles/correa-pulchella/)



*Correa reflexa* red form  
Photo: Brian Walters  
[https://anpsa.org.au/plant\\_profiles/correa-reflexa/](https://anpsa.org.au/plant_profiles/correa-reflexa/)



*Correa reflexa* green form  
Photo: Brian Walters  
[https://anpsa.org.au/plant\\_profiles/correa-reflexa/](https://anpsa.org.au/plant_profiles/correa-reflexa/)



*Grevillea treueriana*  
Photo: Brian Weir

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1m, however, some older garden specimens have been known to reach 3.5m tall x 2.5m wide. It has very prickly leaves and is frost tolerant to at least -3c. Prefers a dry climate in well-drained soils. Grafted specimens are more able to tolerate higher humidity and rainfall.

*Grevillea* 'Spirit of Anzac' was shown, and during our discussion it was mentioned that it may have *G. bipinnatifida* parentage. It was bred as part of the Kings Park WA breeding program, to commemorate the first ANZAC forces action at Gallipoli, and released for the centenary in 2015. It has large, red, toothbrush flowers, and will grow to 2m high x 1m wide. Suitable for most climates, grows in full sun to part shade. It is hardy, tolerating light frost, drought (once established), is bird and pollinator attracting with a long flowering period from autumn to summer. Pruning in spring keeps the plant tidy and promotes better flowering.

*Eremophila punicea* white flowered form. This species normally bears pink flowers and has the common name of Crimson Eremophila.

*Crowea exalata* will self-seed in the garden.

*Grevillea iaspicula* Wee Jasper Grevillea is a rare *Grevillea* found only in a small region of Southern NSW. It forms a medium shrub growing to 2.5m high x 1m wide, is frost hardy, drought tolerant and has low water requirements once established.

*Veronica arenaria* is a woody herb or softly woody shrub with several erect, branched stems rising from small woody rootstock. It grows to around 1m with upright to arching stems and is endemic to south-eastern Queensland and the Central West Slopes of New South Wales. Blue flowers occur from spring to autumn and the plant dies back each year. This specimen was sourced from Russell Wait, planted 18 months ago, and is still going strong (planted in part shade, receiving middle of the day sun and has had extra moisture). It prefers well drained soils with summer water in a full-sun to part-shade site, and is drought tolerant and frost resistant.

*Eucalyptus pauciflora* 'Little Snowman'. Mike Keogh advised that 7-8-year-old trees take on a 'droopy' habit, and to maintain juvenile leaves, they are best coppiced in November.

*Grevillea paniculata* is endemic to the south west of WA. It forms a dense shrub growing to



*Grevillea* Spirit of Anzac Photo: Digby Growns  
<https://www.friendsofkingspark.com.au/news/rsl-spirit-anzac-grevillea/>



*Eremophila punicea* Photos: L & M Greeve & S.J. Patrick  
<https://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/browse/profile/7257>



*Crowea exalata* Photo: J Petts



*Grevillea iaspicula* Photo: Brian Weir



*Veronica arenaria* Photo: J Petts



*Eucalyptus pauciflora* 'Little Snowman' Photo:  
<https://www.plantmark.com.au/eucalyptus-pauciflora-little-snowman>

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2m with needle-like leaves and bears white, honey-vanilla scented flowers occurring from late autumn into mid spring.

*Spyridium vexilliferum* is also known as Winged Spyridium and is found in SA on the Eyre Peninsula, in the east, north and west of Tasmania, and scattered locations in Victoria. There are two varieties; *S. vexilliferum* var. *latifolium* and *S. vexilliferum* var. *vexilliferum*. Both varieties are found in Victoria; var. *latifolium* is found in SA and near Portland Victoria, while var. *vexilliferum* is found in Tasmania and scattered locations in western and southern Victoria.

*Prostanthera incisa* is found in both pink and mauve-lilac flower forms and grows as a rounded shrub to 2m x 2m that bears aromatic leaves with toothed margins. Masses of pale lilac-mauve or pink flowers occur in spring. Grows best in a partly shaded position, in moist, well-drained soil. A little water may be needed on hot days, as the plants will wilt readily if too dry. Tip pruning after flowering helps maintain a compact habit.

*Lambertia ericifolia* Heath-leaved Honeysuckle is endemic to the southwest of WA and forms a slender shrub or small tree that may reach 5m high. It bears narrow, linear leaves and produces orange to red tubular flowers during spring to autumn.

To close the meeting there were two announcements:

1. The May newsletter has been delayed whilst awaiting reprinting approval of meeting report content, with the possibility that the April meeting report may not be published until June or later.
2. Debbie provided an update on preparations for this year's Spring Plant Expo and Sale:
  - Bendigo Bank have confirmed we will be receiving a grant towards running the Expo.
  - The Expo date has been confirmed for Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to be held at the same venue as last year, at the Wallan Multipurpose Centre. Set up day is being organised and confirmed for Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - There will be lots of Raffle prizes thanks to Dawn's efforts seeking sponsors.
  - 4 or 5 sellers have confirmed their presence at this stage.
  - We will be needing volunteers to assist with set up & on the day of the Expo (Saturday October 14th). Dinner is provided for those helping out on set up day (Friday October 13th). Further details will be made available in coming newsletters & roster sheets will now be available at meetings for volunteers to sign up to help, & nominate preferred timeslots. Please feel free to volunteer & join in, the more the merrier!



*Grevillea paniculata*

Photos: A Carr, M Hancock, K R Thiele & J Thomas.

<https://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/browse/profile/2056>



*Spyridium vexilliferum* var. *vexilliferum*

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<https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/35a88e58-5e4f-458c-97cb-114a2517d631>



*Prostanthera incisa* Photo: J Petts



*Lambertia ericifolia*

Photos: S D Hooper & T Tapper

<https://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/browse/profile/2245>



# Save the date: Expo and Plant Sale Saturday October 14, 2023



## Reminders, APS Victoria Diary Dates & Other Events

### Thank you

- For the various contributions of articles, answering pesky questions, event information, photos, feedback, proof-reading, researching & providing other information as needed and general support...

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John King (APS Victoria)  
Chris Long (APS Victoria)  
Barbara Mau,  
Debbie Packham,  
Norbert Ryan,  
Russell Wait.

#### APS VIC DIARY DATES...

**COVID-19 (coronavirus), restrictions may apply or effect APS-related events .**

APS Victoria will endeavour to keep event status updated on the APS Victoria website: <https://apsvic.org.au/events/>

**Checking with the event organiser is advised.**

APS Heathcote Inc. meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at Heathcote Mechanics Institute Hall, 121 High St, Heathcote.

Commencing 7:00pm. For further information see their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Australian-Plants-Society-Heathcote-Inc-102380169043080/>

Phone: 0419 878 950 or

Email:

[heathcoteaps@outlook.com](mailto:heathcoteaps@outlook.com)

**June 24 & 25 - APS Ballarat Winter Flower Show.** Robert Clarke Centre, Ballarat Botanic Gardens, Gilles St, Ballarat. Flower Show, plant sales etc. 10am-4pm.

**July 22 & 23 - Cranbourne Friends RBGV Autumn Plant Sale.** 10am-4pm. Wide range of plants, plant lists available one week before sale. Website: <https://rbgfriendedcranbourne.org.au/>

**September 2 - APS Cardinia Region Group Plant Sale.** Akoonah Park, Princes Hwy,

Berwick. Sale located in the undercover fruit & vegetable market area. 9am-3pm.

**September 9 & 10 - APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo.** Eltham Community & Reception Centre, 801 Main Rd, Eltham. 10am-4pm.

**September 23 & 24 - APS Bendigo Flower Show.** Victory College, Kairn Rd, Strathdale (Bendigo).

**September 23 & 24 - APS Grampians host APS Vic September COMM**



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**For inclusion in the next Newsletter please forward contributions prior to the first Monday of each month.**

## Local Nurseries open for business ...

Please remember to support our local native nurseries...

**Valley of 1000 Hills Nursery** (David & Helen Laurie) Supplying indigenous tube stocks. 150 Reid Rd, Reedy Creek. Open Saturdays 10am to 5pm. Phone: 03 5784 9286

**Ironstone Park** (Peter & Joan Broughton) Specialising in rare, unusual & hard to find native plants. Lot 33 Paling Rd, Heathcote. Open by appointment: The garden is looking fabulous with many unusual natives worth looking at. Call Pete on Ph: 0419 878 950 if you would like an appointment or arrange to have plants dropped off.

**Russell Wait** - *Eremophila* specialist  
Russell grows *Eremophila*, some standard *Grevillea*, and does occasionally have a small quantity of other species. Held in his garden is the Botanical Collection of *Eremophila* for Plant Trust: which, he has held for approximately 25 years. 11 Tranter Close, Riddells Creek. Open by appointment: Visitors need to telephone first to arrange access. Phone: 0428 388 211

*Diary Dates & Other Events continued...*

## ANPSA Biennial Conference 2024 – Melbourne

<https://apsvic.org.au/anpsa-biennial-conference-2024/>

## “Gardens for Life”

Hosted by Australian Plants Society Victoria

30th Sep – 4th Oct 2024

Held at the Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre, the conference topics include Gardens for Wildlife and Habitat, Restoration and Revegetation of Wetlands, Grasslands and Verges, Care for the Rare, Insects and Biodiversity, Garden Design, Indigenous Food Plants and many more.

Tours before and after will go to Victoria’s best wildflower areas and day excursions will feature new botanic gardens, private gardens and wild areas.

To register your interest go to:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeseytb9Z872EABLHpeWypQ\\_rqiEGfmbqDA-jG9PRYKhgUPFA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeseytb9Z872EABLHpeWypQ_rqiEGfmbqDA-jG9PRYKhgUPFA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0)

A promotional video can be viewed at:

<https://youtu.be/8ApdryKllwA>

Read most recent news & information in the March 2023 “Gardens for Life” newsletter:

<https://apsvic.org.au/documents/ANPSA/2024/ANPSA%202024%20Newsletter%2020230301.pdf>

**Nurseries  
further  
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**Edendale Indigenous Nursery:** Located in the Edendale Community Environment Farm at 30 Gastons Rd, Eltham VIC 3095. Open 10am to 4.30pm weekdays and weekends. Phone:9433 3703

Email: [Nursery.edendale@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:Nursery.edendale@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)  
Website: <https://www.edendale.vic.gov.au/Nursery>

**Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary & Indigenous Nursery:**

Located on the La Trobe University, Melbourne (Bundoora) campus. Access is via La Trobe Ave (near the roundabout on Main Drive). Open: Sunday to Friday, 10am-3pm (some public holidays may affect opening hours). Ph: (03) 9479 1206

Email: [wildlife@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:wildlife@latrobe.edu.au)  
Website: <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/wildlife/indigenous-plant-nursery>

**Euroa Arboretum:**

Located at 76 Euroa Main Road. Their retail nursery Opens Monday & Thursday 12-5pm. April to October each year. (Note that the nursery closes November to March.) A plant catalogue & further information is available on line at: <http://euroaarboretum.com.au/plant-order-form/> & <http://euroaarboretum.com.au/plant-nursery/>

**Goldfields Revegetation:**

Located at 230 Tannery Lane, Mandurang Vic 3551. Open 7 Days a Week 10am to 4pm. Ph:(03) 5439 5384  
Email: [info@goldfieldsrevegetation.com.au](mailto:info@goldfieldsrevegetation.com.au) Website: <http://www.goldfieldsrevegetation.com.au/index.asp>



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## 2023/24 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & ENROLEMENTS WILL BE VIA THE NEW ONLINE SYSTEM AT [www.apsvic.org.au](http://www.apsvic.org.au)

**(A combined District Group and APS Vic membership is required for insurance purposes)**

**Multiple district groups may be joined under one APS Vic membership (see the APS Vic website for details of other district groups fees (district group fees may vary from group to group)).**

| Membership Types:                              | Fees: Note: Membership Year = July 1—June 30 |                  |                |
|--|--|------------------|----------------|
|  | APS Victoria                                 | APS Mitchell     | Total          |
| <b>Single</b>                                  | \$38.00                                      | \$10.00          | <b>\$48.00</b> |
| <b>Couple/Family</b> (2 adults & 2 dependents) | \$44.00                                      | \$12.00          | <b>\$56.00</b> |
| <b>Student</b>                                 | \$29.00                                      | \$10.00 (single) | <b>\$39.00</b> |
| <b>Organisation</b>                            | \$48.00                                      | \$10.00 (single) | <b>\$58.00</b> |
| <b>Optional Australian Plants Subscription</b> | <b>4 issues:</b>                             |                  | <b>\$20.00</b> |

## *Membership Instructions – Joining or Renewing:*

Go to <https://apsvic.org.au/membership> where a link to detailed instructions for renewing or joining can be found on the page, along with a link for renewing members to login.

If **renewing** APS Vic and/or District Group membership/s as an existing member, you will need the email address you used when joining, and your membership number, which, can be found printed on the envelope your *Growing Australia* magazine arrives in. Alternatively, contact our membership officer for your membership number if needed. Once logged in, check your details are correct before proceeding further with your renewal. You can update your details through the process if necessary.

When renewing or joining: Select your preferred APS Vic membership category, optional *Australian Plants Journal* (if desired), and your district group or groups from the drop down menu. (NB *always* click on the district group drop-down box to ensure that the correct option has been selected: single, household etc.)

To register for Neutrog if you have not previously registered, and wish to do so: Click on *Register for Neutrog*. (Members of participating District Groups can receive a Neutrog newsletter & buy Neutrog products through the [Neutrog online store](#) at special member prices, which are much lower than retail prices.)

Remember to check your totals to be paid are correct, along with your email, name, and postal address etc. before clicking submit.

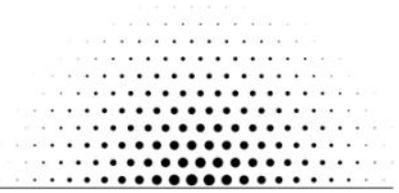
Card payment is preferred by APS Vic. Paying via EFTPOS (bank transfer) or Cheque is available.

- If paying by card (the preferred method), membership will be immediately renewed; if by another method, membership renewal will be confirmed once the deposited amount has been reconciled.
- If paying by EFTPOS (bank transfer), include your membership number and name in the transaction reference.
- If paying by cheque, write your membership number and name on the back of the cheque.

**For anyone wishing to join or renew who does not have online/internet access, our membership officer can assist. Please contact: Christine Cram Ph: 0458 238 270 or email: [mitchell@apsvic.org.au](mailto:mitchell@apsvic.org.au)**

# MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL.

## COVID-19 Community Facility Safe Plan



### COVID Safe Plan For APS Mitchell Group Inc. Organisation

#### PURPOSE

Mitchell Shire Council requires a COVID-19 Safe plan for groups and organisations who wish to return using Council owned or managed facilities. The following plan supports a safe approach for building use. Council welcomes the inclusion of any special guidance from your peak bodies and associations where this has been provided.

#### SCOPE

**This plan applies to all people entering the KILMORE LIBRARY JOHN TAYLOR ROOM building located at 12 SYDNEY STREET KILMORE in line with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions identified by the Department of Health and Humans Services.**

#### PLAN

##### 3.1 Pre-Return Risk Assessment

Prior to people attending the site a Risk Checklist must be completed identifying how the requirements for physical distancing and people density will be maintained. A checklist to enact the plan is attached in Appendix 1

##### 3.2 Considering groups needs

**Organisers will discuss potential vulnerabilities with all group members and encourage individual participants to consider their own risk and need to attend.** The group may need to consider supporting different members depending on their circumstances. Circumstances may have changed post COVID-19, for example they may now have additional carer's responsibility or family members with specific health risks.

Social and physical vulnerabilities that might affect a person attending the facility include:

- Immune-compromised: may limit attendance or may require additional controls
- Social isolation: managing return to social settings may not be easy for some people
- Need to assist family with child minding or other activities

Our plan for managing our members is:

- Sending Covid-19 safe plan to all members with the meeting groups notice
- A copy of the Covid-19 Safe plan with the meeting registration book
- Limit numbers to current DHS prescribed restriction number's
- Update all members as circumstances change

Any person who is unwell should not enter the building. This includes presenting with cold or flu symptoms including fever, runny nose, coughing, sore throat, aches or diarrhea. People with symptoms will be asked to leave.

This plan has been communicated to all affected members of the group.

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### 3.3 Return to facilities

#### 3.3.1 Physical distancing measures

Physical distancing measures mean that people from separate households must be more than 1.5 metres from each other. In addition, a minimum space of 2 metres x 2 metres is required for every person in any room they access.

Spaces (e.g. corridors) where there is a potential for people to come in contact with each other may exist in the building. It is acceptable that people walk past each other in these spaces as the amount of time they are together is minimal. However, they are not to stop in these spaces and, if possible, the movement of members should be managed so that people will not physically brush past each other in this space.

Rooms in the building and the maximum number of people allowed (subject to current restriction limits on total numbers):

| Room Name        | Size (width X depth) | Max people (width x depth/2) |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| John Taylor Room |                      | Max 40 people                |
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Signs will be placed into any room where the maximum occupancy is less than the maximum allowed into the entire facility to advise that people are to wait until the room is vacated.

#### Cleanliness

*Cleaning arrangements for the building are to be documented.*

On entry to the building it is advised that every person wash their hands with soap and water or carries hand sanitiser to apply at entry. Everyone should avoid touching their faces.

For this building, at the end of every session any equipment and all tables and chairs used by the members need to be cleaned by the meeting organiser using soap and water with washable or disposable cloths. Spray and wipe is also satisfactory for cleaning.

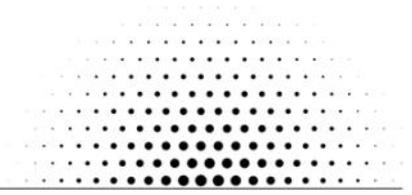
Chairs with soft covers will, where possible, not be used as these are difficult to wipe down.

Council clean as per schedule arranged with the Contracts Management Coordinator at Mitchell Shire Council. This this has been communicated to each building manager.

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#### **COVID-19 Infection**

If a member is diagnosed with COVID-19, the following process will apply:

- Notify members who may have had contact with the person per DHHS guidance
- Ensure the privacy of the individual is maintained
- Seek assistance from Council contact
- Inform Council to arrange a deep clean of the building

#### **3.6 Breach of the policy**

Everyone will be treated with respect and it is expected that members will adhere to guidelines to physical distancing to help minimise the risk of COVID-19 being spread. Should someone test positive who attended a meeting space their privacy will be maintained, however Council will need to support a contact tracing regime to inform others.

#### **3.7 Legal Sources of policy**

- [National COVID-19 Safe Workplace Principles](#)
- [NCCC COVIDSafe plan](#)
- *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 (VIC)*
- *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 2017 (VIC)*
- *Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth)*
- *Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (VIC)*

Appendix 1 – Checklist (to be completed for each session and retained by user group)

#### **Before activity**

- Date and time of activity \_\_\_\_\_
- Activity type \_\_\_\_\_
- Rooms used (e.g. hall and kitchen) \_\_\_\_\_
- Responsible person name (must be present throughout activity)

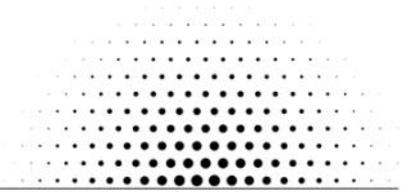
#### **The following available:**

- Advice on COVID-19 available to everyone –  
e.g. [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/staying-safe-covid-19](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/staying-safe-covid-19)
- Specific vulnerabilities determined and vulnerable group members encouraged to participate in other ways or to make arrangements with organisers for any special requirements to facilitate attendance
- Room sizes and number of people in each room signed

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# *Covid Safe Meeting Plan...*

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- Places where it will be difficult to maintain 1.5m spacing identified
- Signs for 1.5m and COVID-19 displayed
- Attendance sheet available and completed by all people entering facility
- Consideration for leaving doors open to allow access through doors without touching
- Advised patrons to hand wash/ hand sanitise as soon as they enter the building (consider leaving the outer toilet door propped open to avoid touching)
- Soap and water or disinfectant spray and disposable cloth (e.g. paper towel) available to clean surfaces touched
- Gloves available

Other risks to be managed (please list, use reverse of sheet if more space required)

### **During activity**

- Encourage participants not to bring belongings into centre (less to contaminate and clean)
- All attendees have been asked if they are unwell or have a temperature
- All attendees have been asked to wash their hands upon entry
- All attendees have provided their contact information on attendance sheet
- All attendees have been informed about safe distancing (1.5m)
- All attendee have been advised of other risks to be managed (please see list, use reverse of sheet if more space required)

### **After activity**

- All items used (including tables and chairs) washed with soap and water or sprayed and wiped with a disinfectant. This is the responsibility of the meeting organiser
- This form and the attendance sheet completed and stored in a centralised location (e.g. office) – to be made available upon request

### **Plan completed by:**

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
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