



## AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY SOUTH EAST MELBOURNE REGION INC.

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### SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2021

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, February to December except November.

The venue is the Hughesdale Community Hall, Cnr Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale (MEL 69 C7)

**Visitors are always very welcome**

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**\*\*\*\*\*Note: Deadline for the OCTOBER newsletter is SEPTEMBER 22nd\*\*\*\*\***

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**8pm Tuesday**

**Hughesdale Community Hall**

**Cnr Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale**

**8pm Tuesday 7<sup>TH</sup> September: AGM and Propagation Night???**

Current lockdown restrictions are due to end on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, five days before our scheduled next meeting but things are not looking good. It is likely that further restrictions will limit the number of people allowed to gather indoors, so expect another cancelled meeting. If fortune favours us, we'll have our AGM and Propagation night but it is very unlikely at this stage. Watch your inbox for updates – if a meeting is to be held there will be information on what to bring in the later email..

**The two Open Gardens mentioned in the last newsletter have been postponed due to COVID.**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Oakleigh South	83	11.6	63.3	78.3	50	77.8	37.4						401.4
Highett	71.7	12	55.3	61.5	52	44.5	33.2						330.2
Hampton	66.5	11.8	22.6	33.7	50.3	58	68						310.9
Cranbourne South	70	51	65	59	49	78	75						447
Caulfield South	79	8	50	36.5	37	50							260.5
Elsternwick	85.8	8.5	63.5	43.5	57.5	49.1							307.9

**Our wattles are in good form this year. Remember that Wattle Day is September 1<sup>st</sup>. Wear a sprig.**



### VALE : Pamela Sherlock 1934 - 2021

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Pamela Sherlock.

Pam will be remembered fondly by the members of the South East Melbourne APS (formerly Caulfield & Districts SGAP).

A member of the group not long after its foundation in the early 1970's she was passionate about both native flora and fauna. She was a driving force in the foundation of the Kitmont Street Reserve, part of the Outer Circle Railway Reserve at the southern end of what is now Boyd Park.

When the Caulfield & Districts SGAP reformed in 1995 after a brief hiatus, Pam took on the role of Secretary. She was a keen participant in the group's activities such as the Boneseeding days at Arthurs Seat.

### THE NATIVE GARDEN IN SEPTEMBER

*This is an updated version of an article John Thompson wrote some years ago..*

September heralds the beginning of spring, a time that most gardens are at their best, the native garden being no exception.

When contemplating what to plant in the native garden, consider plants that emit fragrance from their flowers or foliage. The Brown Boronia (*Boronia megastigma*) is probably the most well known of the aromatic Australian plants. A popular cut flower and container plant they can be difficult to maintain in the garden. The secret of growing Boronias successfully? They require moist, well-drained soils that must not be allowed to dry out and protection for their roots in the form of low growing plants, ground covers or a thick layer of mulch. A position in dappled sun or morning sun is best. There are other *Boronia* species that have scented flowers - *B. floribunda*, *B. heterophylla*, *B. purdieana*, *B. serrulata* - they are also excellent as cut flowers.

Some Boronias are now available as grafted plants; though more expensive they are hardier. Two Boronias that grow well on their own roots are *Boronia clavata* and *Boronia crenulata*. *B. clavata* is a medium sized shrub up to 2m tall that has massed yellow flowers in winter and spring. *B. crenulata* is a small shrub to 0.75m tall. It is widespread in south west Western Australia and a form from the Shark Bay area is very adaptable in cultivation. It requires very good drainage but it can be grown in full sun and is fairly drought hardy once established.

Many Mint Bushes (*Prostanthera*) flower in the spring. *Prostanthera ovalifolia* or *P. rotundifolia* provide focal point in the garden with the entire plant covered in purple flowers and even when they have finished flowering the minty aroma of the foliage permeates the garden. Prostantheras are generally quite hardy plants that prefer well-drained soil but some extra water over long, dry spells.

The warmer weather, moist soils and many plants putting on new growth make this an ideal time to apply fertiliser. A special purpose native plant food is recommended as many plants are sensitive to the high levels of phosphorous found in other fertilisers. Chicken manure or chicken manure based products are to be avoided.

Other plants in flower in September include Acacias, Callistemons (Bottlebrushes), Chamelauciums (Geraldton Wax), Grevilleas, Leptospermums (Tea-trees) and Telopeas (Waratahs).

### **TAWNY FROGMOUTHS**

A BBC film crew under Sir David Attenborough will be filming here for the Planet Earth series in November. They particularly are wanting anyone who has tawny frogmouths in their garden to contact them as they are needing as many different backyard environments as possible. If interested, there is a segment taken from Sammy J's breakfast radio you might like to hear – just google "Tawny Frogmouths+BBC" or send them an email at:

[Frogmouthpe3@BBC.co.uk](mailto:Frogmouthpe3@BBC.co.uk)

### **A PLANT YOU MIGHT LIKE FOR YOUR GARDEN**

Last year I bought a *Pomaderris aurea* at the Friends of Cranbourne Gardens plant sale. It is now over a metre high and roughly a metre wide. In winter it receives very little sun, more in summer but still



mostly dappled sun.

Although its actual flowering period is fairly short, there is an extended build up when the creamy buds are developing. The flowers burst forth in their golden glory in spring and with the dark green leaves, it is a very attractive shrub, well worth considering for those shadier spots.

I understand it can be propagated from cuttings though I didn't have any success last year but will try again once the flowers have finished. *Marj*

### **DIARY FOR 2021**

#### **APS South East Melbourne Meetings:**

**September 7** Postponed AGM and Propagation night **subject to government restrictions but probably to be cancelled. An email will be sent around. If you are not on email, please ring Marj if in doubt on 9570 6293**

**October 5** Malcolm Dow. A Sustainable garden and the St. Kilda Eco Centre

**November** Visit to Kuranda for lunch?

**December** "Clear the Decks", slide night, Christmas break-up **alternative date for AGM.**

#### **Other dates:**

**4 Sept** - APS Wilson Park (Berwick) Plant Sale, Wilson Botanic Gardens, Berwick. **Cancelled. Possibly postponed to November.**

**4,5 Sept** - Open Gardens: Bill Aitchison & Sue Guymer garden, Donvale and the Hanson Garden, 104 Webb St, Warrandyte. 10 am to 4.30 pm both days. **CANCELLED**

**11, 12 Sept** - APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo: **CANCELLED**

**18, 19 Sept** - APS Bendigo Plant Show. **CANCELLED**

**25,26 Sept** - APS Grampians Group host APS Victoria COM Meeting.

**2,3 Oct** - APS Grampians Group Pomonal Native Flower Show, Pomonal Hall.

**9 Oct** - APS Echuca Moama Native Flower Showcase, Echuca Masonic Lodge Hall, 426 High Street, Echuca. A huge flower display, plant sales, floral art, native Bonsai, basket weaving and other displays and demonstrations. 9 am - 4 pm.

**16 Oct** - APS Mitchell Annual Flower Expo and Sale, Memorial Hall, Kilmore.

**23, 24 Oct** - APS Ballarat Spring Flower Show. Robert Clark Centre, Ballarat Botanic Gardens, Gilles Street, Ballarat. 10 am – 4 pm.

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**13, 14 Nov** - Garden DesignFest, Metro Melbourne & Mornington Peninsula

**20, 21 Nov** - Garden DesignFest, Regional Victoria: Ballarat, Euroa, Geelong and Macedon Area.



**11 – 16 September 2022** - ANPSA Biennial Conference 2022 – Kiama, New South Wales.

Preliminary details of the Conference, pre- and post-Conference tours and the beautiful town of Kiama can be found on the APS (NSW) website

**26 to 30 September 2022** - 7<sup>th</sup> Global Botanic Gardens Congress, Melbourne. *Influence and Action: Botanic Gardens as Agents of Change*. Includes a youth program for future gardens' leaders aged 18 to 24.

**15 & 16 October 2022** - 14<sup>th</sup> FJC Rogers Seminar. Topic: Fabulous peas (the typical 'pea-flowered' plants from the sub-family Faboideae. York on Lilydale, Mt Evelyn. . Expressions of interest and queries to [fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com](mailto:fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com)



**FABULOUS PEAS**  
F. J. C. Rogers Seminar  
15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
Mt Evelyn, Melbourne

Learn about Australian pea flowers!  
The fabulous plants of the Faboideae sub-family.



Speakers from interstate and local.  
Topics include:

- Identification
- Propagation
- Horticulture
- Research

Pea plants and books for sale  
Garden bus tour  
Australian pea art exhibition

Hosted by Australian Plants Society Maroondah  
Contact: [fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com](mailto:fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com)  
[apsvic.org.au/fjc-rogers-seminar-2022](http://apsvic.org.au/fjc-rogers-seminar-2022)



**Fabulous Peas 2022**  
**FJC Rogers Biennial Seminar**  
**15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Discover the extraordinary world of Australian pea plants.

**Saturday** York on Lilydale, Mount Evelyn

Speakers with expertise in identifying, growing and propagating peas. Learn about current research into propagation and growing-on techniques. Evening dinner and an entertaining speaker. Plant sales of common and unusual pea species. Book sales. Displays. Raffle.

**Sunday** Coach tours to public and private native gardens which include a wide variety of pea species.

Art exhibition and sale featuring pea plants from 8<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October at Karwarra Australian Botanic Garden. Plant sales.

Expressions of interest: [fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com](mailto:fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com)

<https://apsvic.org.au/fjc-rogers-seminar-2022/>

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### **Monthly Photo Gallery**

Jean helps with her church garden and has sent in some photos of a few of the plants she monitors:

*Grevillea winpara gem*



*Chamaelaucium uncinata (Geraldton wax)*



*Eremophila glabra (mauve)*



*Anigozanthus "Bush Ranger"*

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*Grevillea synapheae*



*Grevillea "Bonnie Prince Charlie"*



*Eremophila maculata?*



And three from Seatons' garden:

*Hardenbergia violacea*



*Kennedia beckxiana*



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*Eucalyptus saligna*, *Acacia prominens* and *Acacia trachyphloia* (maybe)



**AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY**

South East Melbourne Region Inc A00131128P

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL**

Financial Year 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022

	APS SE Melbourne	APS Victoria	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Optional annual subscription to Australian Plants magazine (4 issues)</b>	<b>Total with Optional subscription</b>
<b>A Single</b>	\$10	\$35	<b>\$45</b>	\$15	<b>\$60</b>
<b>B Household</b>	\$15	\$40	<b>\$55</b>	\$15	<b>\$70</b>
<b>C Student Full Time, under 16</b>	\$5	\$26	<b>\$31</b>	\$15	<b>\$46</b>
<b>D Member of another group</b>	\$5		<b>\$5</b>	\$15	<b>\$20</b>

- Membership includes subscription to the APS Vic magazine Growing Australian (4 issues per year).
- If you pay your APS Vic membership through another group, sign on with us as **D**.
- You may pay for 2 or 3 years in advance. Simply multiply your chosen annual total by the number of years
- New subscription paid after February 1<sup>st</sup> runs automatically until June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

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 I wish to join/rejoin the Australian Plants Society as (circle one) **A B C D**

I wish to join for (circle one) **1 2 3** years

I agree to be bound by the Rules and Bylaws of the Society

I wish to subscribe to Australian Plants Magazine also

Amount due \$ .....

Signed .....Date.....

Title(s) ..... First Name(s) .....

Surname(s) .....

Postal Address .....

Email .....Phone.....

Membership paid at other APS Group .....

**PAYMENT METHOD (Tick one)**

Direct bank deposit (CBA) with email notification to the Treasurer, Norm Seaton at

[normarjs@bigpond.com](mailto:normarjs@bigpond.com)

BSB 063 209 Account No. 1002 6413 Include your surname as a reference

**OR**

Cheque for APS South East Melbourne Region posted to Treasurer, APS South East Melbourne  
36 Voumard Street, Oakleigh South VIC 3167

**OR**

Pay by cash or cheque and deliver by hand to the Treasurer at our next meeting

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021**

For APS South East Melbourne Region Inc A00131128P

Notice is hereby given that the AGM for APS South East Melbourne Region Inc will be held at **8pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (if COVID restrictions allow)** at the Hughesdale Community Hall, corner of Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale. **Alternative night: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December.**

- Agenda items:
1. Presentation of Reports by the President, Secretary and Treasurer
  2. Election of Office Bearers for 2021/2022.

The following positions are declared vacant: Leader, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee Members (3), Newsletter Editor.

If you are able to nominate for one of the above positions, please complete the form below. Nominations can also be made at the meeting.

The AGM will be followed by our usual slide night. Please get your slides to John in the week before the meeting.

**NOMINATIONS FOR POSITIONS**

**I wish to nominate**

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**For the position of**

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**Nominator:** ..... (Name and signature)

**Seconder:** ..... (Name and signature)

**Date:** .....