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**JULY NEWSLETTER 2023**

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, February to December except November. **Visitors are always very welcome**

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

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**\*\*\*\*\*DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER IS 21<sup>st</sup> JULY\*\*\*\*\***

<p><b><u>Next Meeting</u></b>  <b>Hughesdale Community Hall</b>  <b>Cnr Poath and Kangaroo Roads</b>  <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>  <b>Topic: Daisies</b>  <b>SPEAKERS: John Thompson</b></p> <p>John will give his second talk for the year on the Asteraceae family. Daisies of many types will be described as well as John's unique research on where references have been made to daisies in philately, art and historical records.</p>	<p><b><u>CONTENTS</u></b></p> <p>Page 1 Library sell-off at AGM  Page 2 Rainfall  Membership Renewals  Pages 3, 4 June Meeting – Silo Art 2  Pages 4,5 Specimen table  Page 6 Next Meeting  Pick of the Bunch  Page 7 Events diary  Page 8 Notice of AGM  Page 9 Promotions</p>
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**AGM NOTE:** At our AGM in August – see page for date - the committee has decided to sell off some of our library. Those books of interest to more than one member will be sold by auction. Some others will be by gold coin donation. A small number of books will be free. Bring money!!

## RAINFALL FOR 2023 (mm)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Oakleigh South	15.1	36.8	47.6	99.1	119.2								317.8
Highbett	10.7	27.5	49.2	80	82								249.4
Hampton	10.15	23.34	31.46	98.75									163.70
Cranbourne South	7	29	49	79									164
Elsternwick	10	23	37.5	100	91								261.5
Ashburton	25.7	29.7	53,2	100.0	92.2								

## \*\*\*\*\*MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL\*\*\*\*\*

Memberships are due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> July and you are to do your own, except where you don't have computer access, in which case see Norm.

The new fees appropriate to our members are:

APS Vic: Households \$44, Singles \$38, Students \$28

APS SE Melb: Households \$15 Singles \$10 Students \$5

Australian Plants \$20

To renew, go to <https://apsvic.org.au/membership/>

There are instructions available immediately by clicking on the link.

To renew, you **must log in** using your email address and membership number (from the bottom of your yellow *Growing Australian* envelope –*don't throw it out!*) as well as your credit or debit card. You can also pay by electronic funds transfer and you will need to give your name and membership number as a reference.

Look for **login** under the heading New Membership, do the login and proceed from there to fill in the details for your membership. Note that the default is "Single" – you will need to click on the household button if that applies to you.

Review, then confirm (important) or, if using a credit card "make contribution". If you have paid by credit card you should get confirmation straight away.

For those without computer access, see Norm Seaton who will accept your payment (cash or cheque) and complete your membership for you.

If you have any problems, see Marj or Norm who will endeavour to sort it out.

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## JUNE MEETING

Speaker: Marj Seaton

Topic: Silo Art 2

Norm and Marj's second Silo Art trip started from Horsham; two loops covered most of the silos in the north west of Victoria. The first loop took them via Natimuk and Mt Arapiles to Edenhope, Goroke, Kaniva and back to Horsham. The second loop went through several railway sidings, up to Patchewollock and Walpeup then, via Sea Lake, to Woomelang, Wedderburn, St Arnaud and back home to Melbourne.

First stop Redesdale; arrived in pouring rain to find a tiny place with a terrific water tank adjacent to a community hall.

The loop west took them firstly to Natimuk and Mt Arapiles where they had a short walk to the viewing area looking over the surrounding countryside. Grass trees, masses of Calytrix, some of the local prostanthera, the occasional rather tattered orchids, hibbertias, astroloma all seen here.



On to Edenhope and Goroke; Edenhope has a wonderful set of bird panels at the side of shops and a collection of painted sheep. Goroke's silos pay tribute to our magpie and the kookaburra.

At Kaniva, a large Australian hobby is painted on a set of three silos. There are also painted pigs scattered through the town. Then back through Nhill and Dimboola to Horsham for the night.

Next day, we started on the long loop north. Rupanyup first, where two local sporting young people are painted in silver. The poor old railway station adjacent is a sad reminder of what has happened to our country railways.

Brim's grain silos near the old railway line, were the second set of silos painted in Australia – they feature four anonymous farmers, male and female. At the base can be found a profusion of *Senna artimisioides*, a big tree and a seating area – that is the sum of Brim! Sheep Hills is another rail siding with nothing else surrounding it. The silos feature aborigines, both young and older, and are quite vividly conveyed.

A detour west took us to Albacutya where we saw our first cartoon-like paintings showing various aspects of growing up in the country.

Patchewollock styles itself as the home of the mallee fowl, though we didn't see any.

A stop beside the road gave us *Glischrocaryon*, porcupine grass (*Triodia*) and *Austrostipa* sp and an attack from a horde of mosquitos and that was before the flooding rains hit a couple of weeks later!

Walpeup was the furthest north ventured, just to see their Dryland Garden.

*Eremophilas*, saltbushes, *grevilleas*, *Acacia pendula*, *myoporiums*, yellow *calothamnus*, etc .





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A stop in the rain to see the lake at Lascelles and on to Woomelang. The Woomelang paintings were probably some of the best seen on this trip. Around 10 are painted on mini



silo bins scattered around the town and feature the local wildlife. At the General Store, there is a giant snake painted on the side wall.

Sealake, where they stopped overnight, has five silos painted in vivid pinks and blues and show a young girl swinging from a mallee tree and gazing over Lake Tyrrell. Aboriginal astrology tracking totems are also represented. The town has several street murals .



Heading south to Nullawil they found a terrific painting of a kelpie and his owner. At Wedderburn, a painted church and street murals were the main attraction (left).

In St. Arnaud, local man Kyle Tourney has done paintings throughout the town and on silos. He has featured several St Arnaud residents, all in shades of black and white.

Finally, at Avoca, glow in the dark strontium paint has been used to highlight elements of a painting of a Barking owl on a silo. Because this was seen in daylight, the glowing effects were lost on them but it was still a memorable painting.

### **SPECIMEN TABLE**

Mandy and Marj both brought in *Hakea cristata* and *Templetonia retusa*. The hakea has white flowers and very prickly leaves. Grows to about 3m x 3m. Templetonia flowers, although mostly red, can also show yellow and cream patches. 2m x 2 – 3m



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Mandy also brought in a pink Correa, *Philotheca myoporoides*, a seedling *Darwinia citriodora* and *Acacia beckleri* (see Pick of the Bunch).



Marj had *Banksia spinulosa*, *Chorizema cordatum* (very early flowering) and *Micromyrtus ciliata*. This last is a small shrub growing in full sun, covered in white flowers on weeping branches. H: about 50cm, width similar. The flowers of some plants of this species turn pink with age.



John's *Acacia macradenia* or zig-zag wattle comes from the arid area of Queensland. It is a largish open shrub with pendant branches which clearly show the zig-zag pattern.



His white *Hardenbergia violacea* is a bushy form – doesn't climb at all – growing to 0.75 or 1m.

John also brought in a collection of *Thryptomenes* – white *T. saxicola* "Supernova", and three pink forms: *T. stenophylla*, *T. denticulata* and *T. hyporhytis*. All are vigorous and spreading, can be pruned heavily and grow up to 1m high. He mentioned several others and said that most flower 2 or 3 times a year. WA species do well in Melbourne.



**NEXT MEETING****Supper: Petra Cox** (please bring some milk)**Write-up: John Thompson****PICK OF THE BUNCH JUNE 2023*****Acacia beckleri*** Tindale    Barrier Range Wattle  
Specimen grown by Amanda Loudon

*Acacia beckleri* is a small to medium sized shrub, 1-2m high by 0.5 -2 m wide. It occurs from the Gawler Range and north east Eyre Peninsula in SA and east to the Barrier Range and the Manara Hills in N.S.W. The large, globular, bright yellow flowers occur in racemes of three to seven flowers from May through to August.



It prefers well drained soils in a full sun aspect. Plants are drought resistant and hardy to most frosts. Propagation of this plant is from seed that is best pretreated by scarification or the boiling/hot water treatment.

*Acacia* is a member of the Fabaceae family commonly known as the legume, pea, or bean family, a large and economically important family of flowering plants. The group is the third largest land plant family, behind only the **Orchidaceae** and **Asteraceae**, with 730 genera and over 19,400 species. The genus *Acacia* consists of about 1100 species mostly occurring in Australia.

The name, *Acacia*, comes from 'Akakia' a name given to an Egyptian species (*A. arabica*). It is derived from the Greek, *akis*; a sharp point. The specific name is after Dr. Herman Beckler, the botanist on the Burke and Wills expedition. He collected the type specimen.

The common name refers to the Barrier Range in the

Broken Hill area, western New South Wales

**EVENTS DIARY****APS Soputh East Melbourne**

**July 4** Speaker: John Thompson – “Daisies”  
**August 1** AGM, Book Sale and members’ slides  
**September** Speaker: Chris Larkin – “Hakeas”

**APS Victoria**

**22 & 23 July** – Cranbourne Friends RBGV Autumn Plant Sale. 10 am to 4 pm. Wide range of plants, plant list available one week before sale. Website: [rbgfriendscranbourne.org.au](http://rbgfriendscranbourne.org.au)

**2 September** – APS Cardinia Region Group Plant Sale at Akoonah Park, Princes Hwy, Berwick, from 9 am to 3 pm. To be located in the undercover fruit and vegetable market area.

- APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo, Eltham Community & Reception Centre, 801 Main Road Eltham. 10.00 am - 4.00 pm both days.

**16 & 17 September** – Angair Wildflower Show & Art Show, Anglesea Memorial Hall, McMillan Street, Anglesea. 10 am to 4 pm. Wildflower display, indigenous plant sales, art show and painting sales.

**23 & 24 September** – APS Bendigo Flower Show, Victory College, Kairn Road, Strathdale (Bendigo).  
 – APS Grampians host APS Vic September COMM.

**30 September & 1 October** – APS Grampians Group Pomonal Native Flower Show, Pomonal Hall.

**7 October** – APS Echuca Moama Native Flower Showcase, Echuca Masonic Lodge Hall, 426 High Street, Echuca. 9 am to 4 pm. Flower show, native plant sales, basket weaving display, floral art and painting sales.

**14 October** – APS Mitchell Plant Expo and Sale. Wallan Community Centre, Bentinck Street, Wallan. From 9 am to 3 pm.

**21 & 22 October** - APS Ballarat Spring Flower Show. Flower show, plant sales etc. Robert Clark Centre, Ballarat Botanic Gardens, Gilles Street, Ballarat. 10 am – 4 pm.

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**AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY SOUTH EAST MELBOURNE REGION INC**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the AGM for APS South East Melbourne Region Inc will be held at **8pm on Tuesday 1st August 2023** at the Hughesdale Community Hall, corner of Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale.

Agenda items: 1. Presentation of Reports by the President, Secretary and Treasurer

2. Election of Office Bearers for 2023/2024.

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 regular members' slide night. Please get your slides to John in the week before the meeting. There will also be the opportunity to acquire some of the books from our library. Cash or cheque on the night please.

**NOMINATIONS FOR POSITIONS**

**I wish to nominate** .....

**For the position of** .....

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

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

**Date:** .....



## PROMOTIONS



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.

Register your interest through the APS Vic website: <https://apsvic.org.au>

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### **Cranbourne Growing Friends**

### **PLANT SALE**

### ***Winter Sale 2023***

**Saturday 22, Sunday 23 July 2023 10am – 4pm**

**Near the kiosk, Australian Garden**

Grasses, climbers, border plants, ground covers

Small & large bushes, trees, plants for wildlife

Plant list available 1 week prior to sale – view on website: [www.rbgfriendscranbourne.org.au](http://www.rbgfriendscranbourne.org.au)

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