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## NOVEMBER OUTING



Gorgeous weather saw fourteen of us at Phillip Johnson's recreation of his medal-winning Chelsea garden in Olinda. Surrounded by tall trees and the occasional large rhododendron still flowering, the garden was a delight. A central pond, with many water plants at the edges, has a waterfall (running off solar panels) and large rocks producing attractive reflections.

Two or three months ago, the dominant flowers were epacris. Now blue dampieras, yellow velleias and hibbertias and a few grevilleas – pink, yellow and red - have taken over. Red *Banksia coccinea* could be seen in several places. The white flowers of *Myoporum floribundum* created a layered effect.

Some of the eucalypts had suffered at transplant because of the change in rainfall but new shoots were seen so it is hoped they will survive.

Allocasuarinas – 'Cousin It' style – make for a quirky hillside. A controversial talking point was the large waratah sculpture near the pondage. Lots of seating was there for the footsore.

Afterwards, we all went to lunch at Dudley's in Olinda – the large meals were delicious and several doggie boxes went home for the night's dinner. A great way to finish the day.



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### EVENTS DIARY

#### APS South East Melbourne

**27 November** Committee meeting. Gillian's. 34 Blackwood St, Carnegie

**5 December** Christmas Break-up. Members' Slides, plants for sale (gold coin). Last of our book sales.

2024 program We hope to have David de Angelis talk to us on frogs – either February or March. Geoff Lay would be the alternate speaker. In April, Ross Shepherd is booked to speak to us about the Seaford Arboretum. For May, we hope to have a speaker on the West Gate Park.

#### APS Victoria

##### 2024

**23,24 March** – Cranbourne Friends Autumn Plant Sale

**13 April** - APS Geelong Plant Sale "Wirrawilla", Lovely Banks

**20 April** - APS Yarra Yarra Autumn Plant Sale

**14 & 15 September** – APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo

**21, 22 September** – APS Grampians Pomonal Native Flower Show

**30 Sept – 4 Oct** – ANPSA Biennial conference in Melbourne hosted by APS Vic – see next page

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## **PROMOTIONS**



The venue has changed to “The Round” in Nunawading. 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>

## ***PHOTO GALLERY***

Betty’s vibrant callistemon

