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Please join us in wishing Pam Sherlock well as she battles with her health. Pam is a long standing member of APS and would be with us if she could.

**MAY MEETING**

**Speakers: Ivan and Marg Margitta**  
**Topic: A Month of Wildflowers**

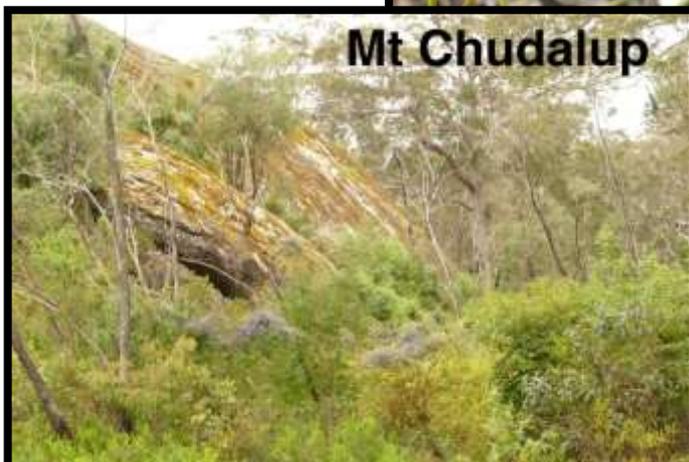
With Ivan running the computer and Marg presenting, we learnt about their visit to The South West of Western Australia, particularly to take part in the ANPSA conference in 2019. Their presentation was based on flowers rather than scenery. The map shows the route covered. *(All photos by Ivan or Marg)*

A four day preconference trip took them from Perth to Albany where the conference began. They were very impressed with the booklets given as part of the trip as they gave detailed lists of the plants likely to be found along the way.

Some of the plants found along the way include *Acacia pulchella* at Preston Beach south of Perth, *Diplolaena dampiera* and *Caladenia gardneri*.



At Mt Chudalup, they saw pink Petticoats, *Utricularia multifida*, *Clematis pubescens* and *Hovea elliptica*.



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At Windy Harbour there was the small shrub *Gyrostemon sheathii*.



In the Walpole/Mount Frankland areas, they visited the Tingle forest and the Gloucester Tree, with *Pterostylis pyramidalis*, *Boronia crenulata*, *Chorizema retrorsum* and *Crocea angustifolia* var *platyphylla* being some of the smaller flowers seen.



They attended the Albany Wildflower Show, visited Mount Melville which overlooks the new conference centre, and the Albany Wind Farm. A special flower found in this

area is the sticky tail, *Anthocercis viscosa*.

On a day tour to the Stirling Ranges, their bus had the misfortune to be



stuck in a ditch for about

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1 ½ hours - a bit of unexpected entertainment, but they were able to see the bright *Gastrolobium leakeanum*.

No visit to WA would seem complete without seeing *Banksia coccinea* and this was seen at the Mt. Barker Banksia Farm. Also seen there was *Banksia candolleana*



On their two day trip back to Perth, a visit was made to the wonderful Greens Pool area.

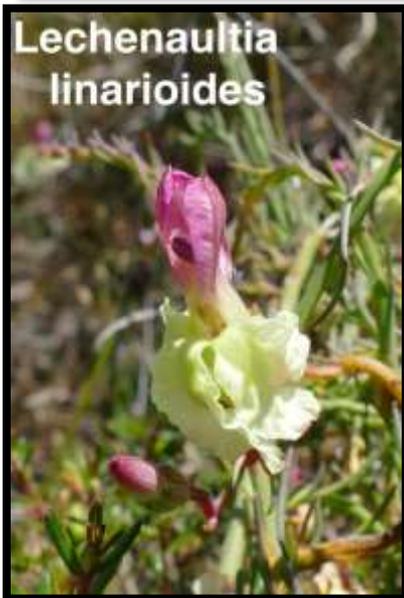


On some of the walks in this area they saw *Calytrix leschenaultia*, the pink enamel orchid *Elythranthera emarginata*, *Dasymalla terminalis* and *Hibbertia hemignosta*.



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Back in Perth, Ivan and Marg visited some of the bushland areas such as Bold and King's Park.



After their five days in Perth, Ivan and Marg took a bus trip with ANOS and saw over 60 orchids in full flower. On the bus was

Andrew Brown, an orchid guru who knew where to find special plants such as *Thelymitra villosa* (above right), the Albany Pitcher plant *Cephalotus follicularis* and *Diuris ostrina*.



**MAY SPECIMEN TABLE**

Only Mandy and John provided offerings at this meeting.

Mandy started with *Micromyrtus leptocalyx* (right), a plant with weeping habit and tiny yellow flowers. It is rather brittle and grows to about 1m x 1m. Flowers all year.



*Diplolaena grandiflora*  
(wild rose or Tamala rose, left) is always a popular

plant on the table. Mandy's is grafted and has a width of about 2m. It flowers abundantly for most of the year. The graft is onto *Correa glabra*.

A pink Correa, possibly "Candy Pink" was originally taken as a cutting from one of Alan Lowry's plants.

Finally, her *Thryptomene denticulata* (below) was covered with

pinky mauve flowers and is an excellent small plant for the garden. Its fine foliage can be subject to the webbing caterpillar.



John too brought in some *Thryptomene* specimens. *T. denticulata*, *T. Hyporhytis* and *T. stronglyphylla*. This last one had slightly paler pink flowers.

*Westringia longifolia* is a largish shrub (2 1/2m x 1 1/2m) with small white flowers. It is adaptable and will take both full and part sun.



John's *Grevillea insignis ssp insignis* (left) is a grafted shrub, over 20 years old. His plant has a spread of about 4m, and the leaves are prickly.

The 'zig-zag wattle', *Acacia macrodenia*, right, comes from the Rockhampton area. It tends to have a weepy habit with the flowers hanging down. Severe frosts knock it down.

The biggest specimen of the night was from a Firewheel tree *Stenocarpos sinuatus*. A plant of the sub tropics, it nevertheless grows well in Melbourne. Leaves are large and leathery. The distinctive wheel-like flowers are popular with possums.



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Pick of the Bunch May 2021

*Acacia macradenia* Benth. Zigzag Wattle  
Specimen grown by John Thompson

*Acacia macradenia* is a large shrub or small tree to 4 - 6 metres high by 2 - 3 metres wide. It grows in dry areas often in sandy or gravelly soils near creeks inland from Rockhampton. It has also naturalised in parts of SE Queensland. The branchlets are both pendulous and flexuose (zig-zagging). The phyllodes are up to 25cm in length with a prominent midrib and margins. The golden flowers are produced in racemes from the leaf axils. Flowering is in winter and early spring. It is often profuse and very conspicuous.



John's plant is in a sunny and dry position in a north facing garden bed. Well drained soil and a full sun aspect are recommended. Plants have been grown from Townsville to Melbourne. It is tolerant of dry periods and light frosts. Heavy frost may severely incapacitate the plant or lead to its death. Propagation is from seed.

*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 or thorn. The species name, *macradenia*, is from the Greek, *macros*, large, referring to the large elongated gland on the phyllode margin.

The ABC's science news page reports: **CRITICALLY ENDANGERED SCAEVOLA FOUND**



This is the first known photo of a critically endangered wildflower not seen in the wild for more than three decades.

The remarkable discovery of the *Scaevola macrophylla* flower, on Western Australia's south coast, is just the fourth recorded sighting of the species in 180 years.

Known as the large-flowered scaevola, it germinates after fire with its seeds able to lay dormant for decades.

The recording of the species near Cape Riche – about 450kms south-east of Perth – is the first sighting since 1990 when it was seen in the same area.

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**NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 1st June**

**Supper: Jean Staunton** (Please bring milk)

**Write-up: Marj Seaton**

**FLORA AND FAUNA WALK**

Helen found a mention in the Glen Eira news of a guided Flora and Fauna Tour.

For anyone interested, here are the details:

Wednesday 2nd June, 11am and 12pm

Mallanbool Reserve, Leila Road, Murrembena.

Explore the Indigenous flora and fauna at beautiful Mallanbool Reserve, for cultural and historical insights.

Join us for a bite to eat afterwards at Cooee Cafe.

For further information and to book this free event, visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/nrw](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/nrw) or contact the Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

**DIARY FOR 2021**

**APS South East Melbourne Meetings:**

**June 1** Topic: "Boronia Oil". Speaker: Chris Long

**July 6** Chris Clarke:

**August** AGM and members' slides

**September** Propagation night

**October** Malcolm Dow

**Other dates:**

**5 June** - APS Vic COM Shepparton – morning for business, visit to Shepparton Botanic Gardens and a private garden

**26,27 June** - APS Ballarat Winter Flower Show. Flower show, plant sales etc. Robert Clark Centre, Ballarat Botanic Gardens, Gilles Street, Ballarat. 10 am – 4 pm.

**4 Sept** - APS Wilson Park (Berwick) Plant Sale, Wilson Botanic Gardens, Berwick.

**4,5 Sept** - Open Garden: Bill Aitchison & Sue Guymer garden, Donvale. 10 am to 4.30 pm both days, need to be done online. Entry \$10 per adult. Further details on the OGV

bookings  
Website.

**11, 12 Sept** - APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo, Eltham Community & Reception Centre, Eltham. 10 am – 4 pm.

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**18, 19 Sept** - APS Bendigo Plant Show at Kangaroo Flat Primary School, Freeman Drive, Kangaroo Flat. 9.30 am to

4.00 pm both days. \$3 entry.

**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, huge flower display, plant sales, floral art, native Bonsai, basket weaving and other demonstrations. 9 am - 4 pm.

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displays and

**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.

**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 in Mt Evelyn. Expressions of interest and queries to [fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com](mailto:fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com)

### ***Monthly Photo Gallery***

Ray has sent us a collection of grevillea photos and a fungus from his and Eva's garden:



*Grevillea bipinnatifida*



*Grevillea dryandroides*

*Grevillea armigera x hookeriana*



Possibly *Aminita muscaria*, an exotic fungus.



Banksias and a callistemon on this page – also from Ray.



*Banksia brownii*



*Callistemon "White Anzac"*



*Banksia robur* flower



*Banksia robur* shrub