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NOVEMBER 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

COMMITTEE:

- PRESIDENT: John Thompson thomme@netspace.net.au
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Please forward any newsletter contributions, comments or photos to Marj at 36 Voumard Street, Oakleigh South 3167 or to the email address above.

*******Note: Deadline for the DECEMBER newsletter is NOVEMBER 24th*******

Visit to Kuranga

Saturday 13 November 2021

11:30 am or thereabouts

We have a booking at the Paperbark Café at Kuranga for lunch at 11:45am. Our booking is for twenty financial members though we expect to be split at either two or three tables to meet any COVID restrictions. **If you are wishing to attend, you will need to let Marj Seaton know on 9570 6293 or by email no later than Thursday 4th November. We cannot have more than twenty so it will be first in first booked. ONLY THOSE WHO CAN PROVE FULL VACCINATION ARE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE BUILDING and you will need to be able to show proof of your vaccination status.**

As in 2020, there will be \$10 for each financial member to spend either in the café or in the nursery.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Ma y	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oc t	Nov	Dec	Total
Oakleigh Sth	83	11.6	63.3	78.3	50	77.8	37.4	52.4	84.7				538.5
Highbett	71.7	12	55.3	61.5	52	44.5	33.2	27.5	87				444.7
Hampton	66.5	11.8	22.6	33.7	50.3	58	68	38.3	66.8				416
Cranbourne Sth	70	51	65	59	49	78	75	44	129				620
Caulfield Sth	79	8	50	36.5	37	50	54	25	-	-	-	-	339.5
Elsternwick	85.8	8.5	63.5	43.5	57.5	49.1	38.9	21.48	82				450.28
Drouin (Helen)									170				723

GYMEA LILY - *Doryanthes excelsa* – text and photos by Amanda Loudon

I first noticed the flower stalk forming on my Gymea lily on November 1 of last year and have been impatiently waiting for it to mature. The first flowers opened on August 21 (263 days). After seeing some growing in boxes in Adelaide in 2011, I've chosen to grow it in a large tub, in soil not potting mix. It has taken years to flower. We measured the shadow and estimate that it is 5.43 m high including 0.6 for the tub. That's 17.8 feet high!

It has a large very complicated head of bright red flowers that will continue to bloom for weeks. Every now and then you see a much shorter one, there was one in the highway at Moorabbin in 2015 that was only 1.8 m high. There are lots growing and flowering in a small park on the corner of Rowans Road and South Road in Moorabbin if anyone wants to look, just watch out for swooping magpies.

Gymea lilies have strappy leaves that are 100 mm wide x 1.5 m long, so at 3 m wide they need some room. There is a second variety *Doryanthes palmeri*- spear lily, that has a flower spike with the flowers along the stem, generally as a arching spike.

Gymea lilies come from NSW and flower in winter, spring and summer. Spear lilies come from NSW and QLD and flower in spring.



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Gynea lilies on
the corner of
Rowan and
South Roads,
Moorabbin.



The Native Garden in November by John Thompson

As the weather becomes increasingly warmer it is a good time to prepare for the hot dry days of summer. Mulch can be applied to the garden beds in the form of an organic mulch such as wood chips, or an inorganic mulch such as gravel, or another alternative is to plant some living mulch or ground covering plants.

An attractive groundcover for this purpose is 'Running Postman' (*Kennedia prostrata*) which produces red pea flowers from July to December. The purpose of mulching is to protect the soil from direct sunshine thus reducing the evaporation of moisture from the soil. The roots of the plants also benefit from this protection. Mulching also has the benefit of helping to control weeds.

If planting during the warmer months consideration must be given to the watering of newly established plants. Most plants no matter how drought tolerant will need some supplementary watering during the first summer until they are established in the garden.

To reduce the need for watering over the summer consider the planting of drought tolerant species. Many species of Wattle (*Acacia*), Emu Bush (*Eremophila*), *Grevillea* and *Hakea* are suitable, as is the Cushion Bush (*Leucophyta brownii*), a striking plant with silvery white foliage that forms a compact mounding shrub with small yellow flowers in spring and summer.

Other plants in flower in November include: Common Dampiera (*Dampiera linearis*), Flannel Flower (*Actinotus helianthi*), Geraldton Wax (*Chamelaucium uncinatum*), Robin Red Breast Bush (*Melaleuca lateritia*) and Woolly Tea-tree (*Leptospermum lanigerum*).

The Native Garden in December by John Thompson

Christmas is upon us once again and that generally means hot weather and holidays. This combination, whilst seeming ideal for a few weeks of rest and recreation, can be disastrous for plants.

Most gardens including those comprising solely of native plants have plants that need an extra bit of water over the summer period. New plantings, plants from alpine or tropical regions and pot plants will not survive if left to their own resources. Installing a watering system and mulching can be beneficial but enlisting the help of a neighbour or friend to look after those 'special' plants can ease your fears of returning to a collection of dead or dying plants.

To keep with the theme of Christmas and native plants, why not consider a native Christmas tree. A number of species are suitable for growing on in containers and being brought inside over the festive period, to be put back on the porch or decking for the rest of the year. Plants worth considering are *Gymnostoma australianum* (Daintree Pine), *Wollemia nobilis* (Wollemi Pine), *Prumnopitys ladei* (Mount Spurgeon Black Pine), *Persoonia pinifolia*, (Pine leaf Geebung), *Callitris* species, *Nothofagus cunninghamii* (Myrtle Beech), *Allocasuarina* and *Casuarina* species, *Agathis robusta* (Kauri Pine), *Araucaria bidwillii* (Bunya Pine), *Araucaria cunninghamii* (Hoop Pine), *Athrotaxis selaginoides* (King Billy Pine) or *Banksia ericifolia* or *B. spinulosa*.

Or how about adding some Christmas flavour to the garden by planting a Victorian Christmas Bush (*Prostanthera lasianthos*), NSW Christmas Bush (*Ceratopetalum gummiferum*), Christmas Bells (*Blandfordia* sp.) or Tinsel Lily (*Calectasia cyanea*).

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In flower in Ray and Eva's Garden:

Leptospermum Love Affair



Petrophile anemonifolius



Grevillea

Grevillea quercifolia



Pimelea ferruginea



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Banksia lehmannii



Eucalyptus gregsoniana



Scaevola oxyclona



Eutaxia obovata and rabbit (a bit blurry, sorry)



Darwinia collina



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Darwinia macrostegia



Darwinia neildiana x camea



Darwinia oxylepis



There are a lot more where these came from. More next month.....

DIARY FOR 2021**APS South East Melbourne Meetings:**

November 13 Visit to Kuranga for lunch. 11:30am. 2 x vacc members only

December 7 AGM. "Clear the Decks", slide night, Christmas break-up



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 - 7th 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 - 14th 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

**Fabulous Peas 2022****FJC Rogers Biennial Seminar****15th - 16th October 2022**

Discover the extraordinary world of Australian pea plants.

**FABULOUS PEAS**

F. J. C. Rogers Seminar

15th & 16th 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
apsvic.org.au/fjc-rogers-seminar-2022/

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 8th – 16th October at Karwarra Australian Botanic Garden. Plant sales.

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

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

- 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 1st runs automatically until June 30th 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 \$

SignedDate.....

Title(s) First Name(s)

Surname(s)

Postal Address

EmailPhone.....

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

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 7th DECEMBER 2021 (if COVID restrictions allow)** 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 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 an extended specimen table, "Clear the Decks" plants sale and a members' slide night featuring all those interesting things you've done and grown whilst in lockdown. Please get your slides to John in the week before the meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR POSITIONS

(Run off as many of this page as you need)

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: