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FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming events for:

- February 11th Meeting Vision Centre, Channel Road
Shepparton 8 pm
- March 17th Meeting with Congupna/Tallygaroopna
Landcare Group. Congupna Reserve, 8pm
- April 14th Meeting Vision Centre, Channel Road,
Shepparton 8pm

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Hello Members,

What a summer we have had, starting off very mild, then wind, hot, then wind, - cool, then wind, massive bush fires – wind, dust, smoke along with extreme heat. All part of living in Australia. Hope everyone’s gardens have survived, and those plants that didn’t, have fun replacing them.

Show Success

Since our last newsletter, Carolyn Edwards and Margaret Farrell have had successful entries at the Shepparton Show. Carolyn received two firsts, and a second place for her entries. Margaret won Championship Sash for her entry of Grevillia on behalf of Ava Maria. Congratulations once again ladies. SGAP Shepparton had a display table of vases of cut flowers.



Margaret's Grevillias

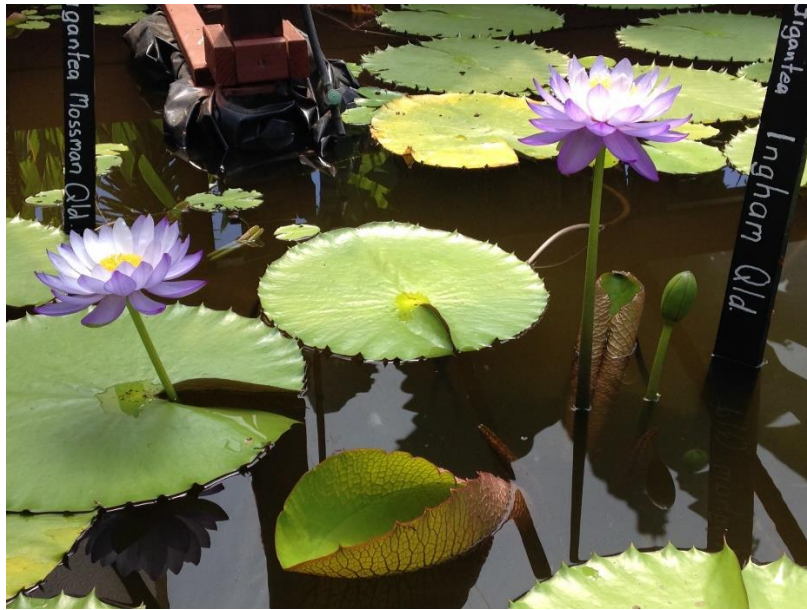


Carolyn's Arrangement

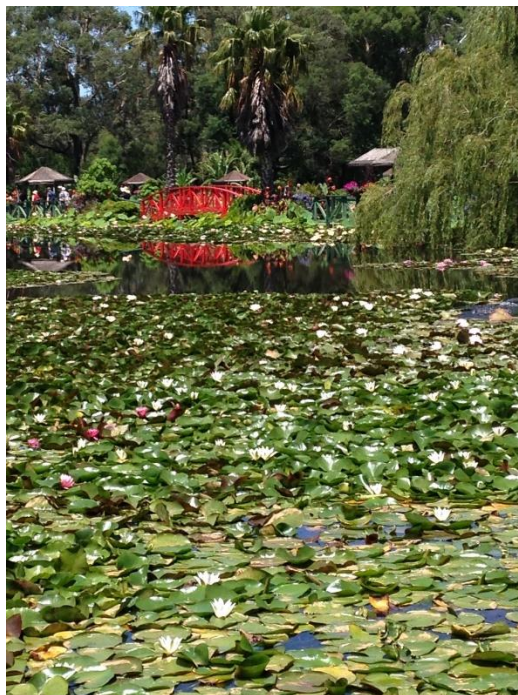
Christmas Break Up

Thirteen Members and guests, enjoyed a get together at The Victoria Hotel for a Christmas Break Up, everyone enjoyed a meal and chat. Ross put on his “Santa” hat and presented everyone with a jar of Dookie Gold 100% Australian Honey. I am sure everyone has enjoyed their gift. Thankyou to Ross and Heather.

Blue Lotus Water Garden



In January I visited the Blue Lotus Water Garden at Yarra Junction, which is open from December to April. Here there are four massive lakes, along with many other water filled areas filled with flowering Lotus, an amazing sight when you walk in. With 3km of tracks around, over, and up the middle of these lakes there are lots of Lotus to be seen. There is a small pond containing Australian Lotus and Tropical Waterlilies. Over the past 20 years Geoff Cochrane, owner of the gardens, has collected seed during many expeditions to Northern Australia. The seed is then germinated in experimental ponds at Mosman, Queensland before the mature plants are relocated to this display. These native waterlilies and lotus are found in many lagoons, lakes, dams and billabongs in Northern Queensland, Northern Territory and North Western Australia. No visit to the Lotus Gardens is complete without a cup of hot Lotus Root chips!



Monet's Lake

February 2020 Meeting

Our February meeting will be held at Vision Centre, Channel Road, Shepparton at 8pm.

March Meeting.

Our March Meeting will be held at the Congupna Recreation Reserve with members of the Congupna/Tallygaroopna Landcare Group, where Janice Metiplay Smith is guest speaker. Please note this meeting will be held on **MARCH 17** starting at 8pm.

April Meeting.

Our April meeting will be held at Vision Centre, Channel Road, Shepparton at 8pm.

The APS Vic Quarterly Meeting will be hosted by SGAP Shepparton in June.

Apologies for this Newsletter being a little late,

Don't forget any items for future newsletter would be greatly appreciated,

Best wishes,

Jenny Polinelli