



*Patersonia occidentalis*

Australian Plants Society  
South Gippsland Newsletter  
December 2020

We are proud to acknowledge Aboriginal people as the traditional owners of these lands and waters



*Pimelea rosea* (Rice Flower) Family Thymelaeaceae Photo by Alan Lacey Oct2020

**Program – STOP PRESS** Twilight Garden  
Walk & Picnic Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at  
Wywurri.

More details of our December 2020 activity  
on page 2.

**Twilight Garden Walk and optional picnic**  
**Paul and Jenny Sierakowski have invited us**  
**to visit their garden, Wywurri, at Inverloch**  
**from 6pm Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**

It has been an unusual year that resulted in all APS South Gippsland planned events cancelled, but hopefully everyone has been safe from covid 19.

The committee would like to provide an opportunity for an outing to visit Jenny & Paul's garden near Inverloch (See directions below).

However your expression of interest is required so that the event can comply with Covid safe practices. Numbers of visitors are limited and the logistics will be assessed on the numbers replying to this invitation.

Please bring all covid safe requirements, eg Face masks, hand sanitiser and practice safe social distancing of 1.5m

**Your RSVP is imperative by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December** to Jenny Sierakowski  
 email: [jennysiera@gmail.com](mailto:jennysiera@gmail.com)  
 mobile : 0408 355 130

Following the walk around the garden you are welcome to enjoy your BYO supper in the garden. Wear solid shoes & suitable clothing for outdoors.

The APS committee encourage you not to share any of your picnic items with other attendees as per covid safe practices.

We look forward to seeing you in the gardens, but the committee need to ensure we have a covid safe event. Your RSVP ASAP is important.

**How to get there :**

Wywurri is located half way between Inverloch and Wonthaggi off the Bass Highway.

***From Inverloch***

Take the Bass highway from Inverloch turn left 4.2km after 100km sign. There are some aviation marker balls for the local airstrip on

the electric wires on the left - Martyn Lane is the next left turn just over the peak of a hill so be careful with tailgaters as you slow down to turn left.

***From Wonthaggi***

Take the Bass highway from Wonthaggi, turn right 3.8km from 100km sign. Martyn Lane is 300m on the right after you see a white tyre on a post on the RHS of the road.

Travel down Martyn Lane, turn right at the T intersection and Wywurri is the first on the right. Please drive past the cottage and house and park on the large grass area that we have named Wallaby Way after the wallabies that frequently pass through.

Paul 0401 163 921 & Jenny 0408 355 130

**Whether you choose to attend or not, President Jim Lyons and the committee wishes everyone a safe, healthy and happy Christmas and New Year.**

**We all look forward to getting together in 2021.** We hope to have a Twilight Picnic meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> 2021 but will send out details to confirm this in late January.

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*Utricularia laterifolia?* (Small or Tiny Bladderwort) Family Lentibulariaceae. Photos by Wendy Watkins Nov2020



***Utricularia* or Bladderwort species.**

These are small aquatic carnivorous plants with little bladders which entrap organisms in water.

I am not positive about the actual species in the previous photos, but *Utricularia laterifolia* is endemic to Australia and found in sandy and peaty sites.

Wendy said they were growing in a revegetated area of Cape Paterson in water from what looked like a single stem.

**Apology for errors in previous newsletter.**

I'm sorry there were even more mistakes than usual in the October newsletter and, in particular, I incorrectly named some of Alan Lacey's photos.

My excuse - we had the great pleasure of our latest little grandson and his parents living with us and my brain and office were in disarray!



*Lechenaultia biloba* (Blue Lechenaultia) Family Goodeniaceae. Photo by Alan Lacey Oct2020

**Vale Barry Teesdale**

Barry, previous proprietor of Melaleuca Nursery, passed away on Feb 16 2020. An obituary by Glenda Hambly can be found at <https://www.theage.com.au/national/the-man-who-made-gippsland-greener-20200629-p5575t.html>

**Black Spur Creek Wetland Project Updates**

To access these, go to Nerrena Tarwin Valley Landcare Group website

<https://www.nerrenatarwinvalleylc.org.au/>

To subscribe go to Newsletter and you'll see newsletter options. This will enable you to subscribe and unsubscribe simply to our updates.

### **West Gippsland Regional Catchment Strategy Renewal**

The West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority is renewing this important document for the fourth time. We are part of the Bunurong Coastal area and they are wanting community input. There is a survey, suitable for individuals and organizations, on their website <https://www.wgcma.vic.gov.au/our-region/regional-catchment-strategy>

### **West & South Gippsland Conservation**

In wonderful news for private land conservation in our region, Trust for Nature has successfully established an ongoing fund :

“Our initial goal was to establish a million dollar endowment fund that will be invested, with the returns invested in our ongoing conservation efforts in West Gippsland. We are tremendously grateful for the generous lead donor who made this campaign possible by offering to match, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$500,000. With your support we have now reached our first milestone of \$1,000,000, allowing for funds to start flowing soon to the region for conservation projects. We are now looking to grow the fund further to enable us to provide increased support for covenantors over the coming years.”

**Taken from the Trust for Nature website**  
<https://www.trustfornature.org.au/west-gippsland-fund>

### **APS – Victoria**

#### **SHOWS, CONFERENCES, PLANT SALES AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST 2021**

#### **IMPORTANT PLEASE CHECK APS VICTORIAN WEBSITE FOR CANCELLATIONS**

24 - 28 March 2021 - 25th Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show, Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens, Melbourne.

17 April 2021 - APS Geelong Australian Native Plant Sale, ‘Wirrawilla’, Lovely Banks.

25 April 2021 – APS Yarra Yarra Autumn Plant Sale, Eltham Senior Citizens Hall, Eltham. 10 am – 4 pm.

1 May 2021 - APS Mornington Peninsula Plant Sale, Seawinds Gardens, Arthurs Seat Park, Purves Road, Arthurs Seat. 10 am - 3.30 pm

26 & 27 June 2021 – APS Ballarat Winter Flower Show. Flower show, plant sales etc. Robert Clark Centre, Ballarat Botanic Gardens, Gilles Street, Ballarat. 10 am – 4 pm.

4 & 5 September 2021 – APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo, Eltham Community & Reception Centre, Eltham. 10 am – 4 pm.

2 & 3 October 2021 - APS Grampians Group Pomonal Native Flower Show, Pomonal Hall.

9 October 2021 - APS Echuca Moama Native Flower Showcase, Echuca Masonic Lodge Hall, 426 High Street, Echuca. A huge flower display, plant sales, floral art, Native Bonsai, basket weaving and other displays and demonstrations. 9 am - 4 pm.

23 & 24 October 2021 – APS Ballarat Spring Flower Show. Robert Clark Centre, Ballarat Botanic Gardens, Gilles Street, Ballarat. 10 am – 4 pm.

13 & 14 November 2021 Garden DesignFest, Metro Melbourne & Mornington Peninsula

20 & 21 November 2021 Garden DesignFest, Regional Victoria: Ballarat, Euroa, Geelong and Macedon Area.

11 – 16 September 2022, ANPSA Biennial Conference 2021 – Kiama, New South Wales. The theme ‘Australian Flora – Past Present Future’. The Conference will be hosted by the Australian Plants Society (NSW). Preliminary details of the Conference, pre- and post-Conference tours and the beautiful town of Kiama can be found on the APS (NSW) website.

15 & 16 October 2022 – 14th 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)