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



Leptospermum "Pageant" (Family Myrtaceae) Alan Lacey 2020

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BYO picnic lunch

**1.00 pm Wednesday 14th April
At 23 Sanctuary Drive, Cowes**

Once again Alan and Margaret Lacey have created a beautiful garden – enjoy!

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

February and March Twilight Picnics

Both these events, at Mossvale Park and Megan and Brendan's Inverloch home respectively, were well attended. People enjoyed being able to get together again. The weather was kind and the surroundings beautiful.

2021 AGM – APS adapting to changing times

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After many years of service, Pat Emms has retired as Treasurer. The meeting applauded her enormous contribution and President Jim Lyons expressed our appreciation and gratitude. In the meantime, Pat has been “training up” Coral Hughes who has agreed to take Pat's place.

The South Gippsland APS Flower Show and Plant Sale will not continue in its current form.

It has been held for 32 years (we missed 2020 because of the pandemic). In that time, awareness and demand for native plants has grown and many beautiful landscapes have been created and restored. Once again APS is adapting to changing times and demographics. The committee will consider a modified version, perhaps with stalls and a display for one day only.

Coral Hughes' massive contribution in coordinating these events was warmly acknowledged by the meeting. The Flower Shows have brought the community together to appreciate and celebrate the beauty of native

plants whilst enabling people to buy quality, affordable seedlings and raising money for garden and vegetation projects that benefit everyone. What a fantastic effort!

Because of COVID, and also aging membership, we will be changing to predominantly daytime activities.

Thanks to Sybil Smith who has supplied us all with many refreshing and warming cups of tea or coffee over the years. Her “tea basket” accompanies her to the Flower Show and all the meetings and activities besides.

Please support and welcome Paul Sierakowski as the new editor of this newsletter. Paul has kindly agreed to take over from me as I immerse myself in grandchildrenand plants ☺

The APS committee welcomes any ideas or volunteers for future activities.



Beaufortia schaueri Pink Bottlebrush (Family Myrtaceae) Alan Lacey 2020

On a personal note, it has been a pleasure and a privilege (and fun) compiling this newsletter about our unique, important, and beautiful Australian plants and, equally, about the unique, important and beautiful contributions

that each member makes to APS. I'd like to thank all current (and past) members.

I'd especially like to thank Jim Lyons and Geoff Trease for their consistent leadership, help and support over the past 10 years. We came to our roles at the same time.

Some people have left the district – Jim and Joy Park, and Olga and Ken Shaw, were especially inspirational for me. And words cannot express the gap when we lost Margaret McPherson, Glenys Warren and Kerry Pritchard in recent years.

However new members continue to invigorate our program with fresh perspectives and talents. It's exciting! Like our plants, APS keeps adapting and renewing and growing.

Kate Walsh



Eremophila mackinlayi Desert Pride (Family Scrophulariaceae) Alan Lacey

MAY 12 MEETING TALK

Uniting Church Hall, Peart Street, Leongatha

7pm start for a short meeting

NO SUPPER but flower table as usual

Covid safe rules apply

Diane & Ross's caravan adventures in Western Australia

Leaving Victoria in April 2019 Diane and Ross travelled with their off road caravan initially heading north towards Alice Springs. Travelling in an anticlockwise direction the plan was to take at least 12 months to explore the western half of Australia. This time was split into 3 segments, returning to Victoria for work and family commitments they parked the

car and caravan first at Derby for winter 2019 and then in Perth for high summer for 2019/2020.

Seeking out the red dust and unmade roads, popular destinations and surprise discoveries their journey delivered more than they expected. The wildflowers of Australia feature greatly in their journey discoveries and they enjoyed many a clear starry night.

Diane & Ross's presentation will cover but a small segment of a big journey that was cut short by the Covid 19 pandemic and the forced border closures in March 2020.



Painted Desert Road



Tanami Desert Road – start of corrugations



Mystery flower



Keep River NP



Grevillea ? @ Emma Gorge Campground



Wolf Creek Crater with Matrix



Arriving @ North End of Tanami Desert Road

Websites of Interest

Australian Plant Society Victoria (APS)
<https://apsvic.org.au/>

ANPSA Australian Native Plants Society
Australia (ANPSA) <http://anpsa.org.au/>

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APS Victoria Calendar of Events

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

IMPORTANT PLEASE CHECK APS
VICTORIAN WEBSITE FOR
CANCELLATIONS

13 & 14 March 2021 – APS Warrnambool
host APS Victoria COM meeting

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

24 April 2021 – APS Yarra Yarra Autumn
Plant Sale, Eltham Community & Reception
Centre, 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

8 May 2021 - APS Melton and Bacchus Marsh
Plant Sale. 9am to 1pm. The venue is expected
to be St Andrews Uniting Church at Bacchus
Marsh, but yet to be confirmed.

8 & 9 May 2021 - Cranbourne Growing
Friends hold a weekend plant sale in the
gardens from 10.00 - 4.00. Check
www.rbgfriendscranbourne.org.au for plant
list and to ensure that the sale is going ahead
prior to the sale.

June APS Vic COM Shepparton – to be advised.

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 Sept 2021 – APS Wilson Park (Berwick) Plant Sale, Wilson Botanic Gardens, Berwick.

11 & 12 September 2021 – APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo, Eltham Community & Reception Centre, Eltham. 10 am – 4 pm.

25 & 26 September 2021 – APS Grampians Group host APS Victoria COM Meeting.

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.

16 October 2021 - APS Mitchell Annual Flower Expo and Sale, Memorial Hall, Kilmore.

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 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 in Mt Evelyn. Expressions of interest and queries to fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com



Verticordia ovalifolia Oval-leaved Feather Flower (Family Myrtaceae) Alan Lacey

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Eremophila muelleriana

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Growing Friends Autumn Plant Sale

**Saturday 8 & Sunday 9
May 2021**

10am to 4pm

**Australian Garden - Cranbourne
Near the kiosk**

Come along and select from a range of plants, many of which you will find in the Australian Garden.

Available: grasses, strap-leaved plants, climbers, groundcovers, indigenous plants, small & large bushes and trees.

EFTPOS available

**Plant-list available one week
before sale at
rbgfrienscranbourne.org.au**

In these uncertain times, please check our website before attending to ensure that the sale is going ahead.

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