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**Australian Plants Society – South Gippsland Group
Newsletter October 2022**

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12th October meeting at Inverloch Bunurong Environment Centre

The Discovery Room at the Environment Centre was almost full to capacity with many APS members and visitors in attendance to listen to Prof. Dick Wettenhall. His captivating talk about the unique vegetation found in The Gurdies Nature Conservation Reserve demonstrated a deep understanding of the area covered in his scientific and visual presentation.

The Gurdies Nature Conservation Reserve represents a remnant of pre settlement vegetation that once covered this area. Within the reserve boundaries is a variety of habitat types, from riparian, messmate forest and melaleuca woodland to name but a few. The variable vegetation is influenced by the soil type and water availability.

Within this natural environment specific pollinators are attracted to the variety of orchids found in this reserve; hoverflies, spiders, ants, nectar feeding wasps.

Prof. Wettenhall has spent many hours with the company of his dog, Basil, observing, photographing and recording the pollinators. His thorough understanding of the intricate relationships between the pollinators and orchids is now leading him to write and he hopes to publish a book or two about this subject in respect to The Gurdies Nature Conservation Reserve.

Photo below, President Jim Lyons giving a thank you to Prof Dick Wettenhall.



November Meeting:

When: Wednesday 16th November

Where: Wonthaggi seed bank, located in the historic State Coal Mine Wonthaggi. We will be met by our APS members and seedbank volunteers, Margaret and Graeme Rowe

Time: 12noon

Optional early lunch or cuppa meet at 11am at the Mine Cafe at the State Coal Mine, Wonthaggi. The full lunch menu will be available at that time.

A booking has been made at The Mine Cafe, **Please RSVP if you are able to attend at 11am for your choice of a cuppa and/or lunch. RSVP to Diane, southgippslandaps@gmail.com or phone 0490070103, please leave a message**

The Wonthaggi seedbank visit will be followed by a walk through the revegetated Wonthaggi Rifle Range wetlands a short car journey away. As this could be a very damp walk bring gumboots if you have them.

December Christmas Meeting

When: Wednesday 14th December

Where: Diane and Ross's home, Korumburra South – address details in next newsletter.

Time: from 5pm for a walk through the forest and finish around the home garden. Sturdy shoes required for forest walk (uneven ground and could be wet in places)

Bring your chair, plates, cutlery, drink glasses, food and refreshments etc and warm clothing for sitting outside

A hot water urn will be available for a warm cuppa

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New APS South Gippsland gmail email address for all communications:

southgippslandaps@gmail.com

Please use this email address for RSVP to any event, or communication for the committee.

Meetings proposed 2023 **Australian Plants Society South Gippsland**

The committee has met and discussed a new and regular meeting time for the group. It was decided, as much as possible, to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1pm, when it is the in-room meeting. The venue will be, as much as possible, the Discovery room, Bunurong Environment Centre, Inverloch – corner Ramsey Blvd & Esplanade, Inverloch

Ruth C and Diane G have met to develop a program for APS South Gippsland in 2023. These are a combination of in-room meetings and outings. Between them Ruth and Diane will be making contact with the speakers, confirming the venue and organising billeted accommodation (if required) for the speakers travelling from Melbourne or further afield. More information will follow as soon as it is available. Gathering for lunch prior to the meetings won't be arranged by the committee. If members wish to meet for lunch prior to 1pm meeting commencement, that will be an informal arrangement.



February 2023

Traditional Twilight meeting

When: 8th February 2023

Where: Korumburra Botanic Gardens walk and picnic

Time: from 5pm

Bring the usual items to the twilight picnic your chair, plates, cutlery, drink glasses, food and refreshments etc and warm clothing for sitting outside.

Located just a few minutes from the town centre, the Botanic Gardens are a little-known gem of the town.

The sprawling 12-acre garden features beautiful wooded areas of established trees – a mix of European trees and natives, some over 100 years old. These provide a stunning background for the Korumburra Tourist Park (caravan park).

There are several walking paths around the park, including between Bridge St and Bourke St.

Olsen's Walk follows the banks of Coalition Creek across picturesque foot bridges and wanders through mostly native bush land. It is 700m in length and takes approximately 15 minutes. This walk presently needs some maintenance and may not be accessible in February 2023.

As you stroll, you'll be greeted by and hear a variety of bird life and likely see some native birds.

Open grassy areas offer visitors a relaxing environment for a picnic and a wonderful place to stroll or rest. There is also an undercover dining area, including two rotundas with tables, but no public toilets or BBQ.

The park is dog-friendly with both on-leash and off leash areas. Car parking inside the gates from Bridge St.

PS the Botanic Park logo was designed and drawn by very talented artist and APS South Gippsland member Vicki Philipson.

Open Gardens Victoria, 3 Inverloch on the same day

Sophorae at 1 Sylvia Crt & 4 Sylvia Crt Inverloch

Sunday 30 October, 2022, 10.00am - 4.30pm

Two gardens open in this Court on Sunday 30th October ONLY.

Click on link, or copy to your internet browser for garden description and more information: <https://opengardensvictoria.org.au/Sophorae>

8 Jazmine Court Inverloch

Sunday 30 October, 2022, 10.00am - 4.30pm

This garden is ONLY open on Sunday 30th October.

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<https://opengardensvictoria.org.au/8-Jazmine-Court>

Two of the three open gardens feature many Australian native plants in creative and pleasing landscapes. Well worth the visit – this weekend!

APS Pomonal spring Wildflower show October 2022

It seems the annual wildflower exhibition at Pomonal has attracted many from afar. Spied in the crowd were Alan and Marg L., Paul & Jenny S., and Diane and Ross G.

A well presented exhibition of garden flowers and foliage specimens as well as a specific exhibition of Grampians indigenous species. A delight to view and a thrill to shop for plants at the marketplace attached. It has been rumoured that 'someone' came back to their home garden with around 20 plants to find a place in their garden...confessions remain anonymous!



APS South Gippsland meetings for 2023

Your APS committee members have met to discuss future events and outings. However, if you have any suggestions for outings, visits, speakers please contact your contribution will be welcome email southgippslandaps@gmail.com

Some photos from Vicki P of the Cranbourne Botanic Gardens in September





A Eucalyptus bloom of a different style. Hand crafted with fine thread, wire and dye this is a sample of the exquisite three dimensional work by embroiderer and botanical artist, Lynne Stone. Lynne was exhibiting at the Pomonal wildflower show. She has gained her skills of replicating Australian native flower and foliage over many years. After a segment on Gardening Australia in 2021 she was inundated with commissions for work. The order book has been closed and she only makes work for some museums. For more inspiration see the Gardening Australia segment here:

<https://www.abc.net.au/gardening/how-to/my-garden-path-lynnestone/13197374>

Hope you enjoy this newsletter, October 2022