



# Australian Plants Society (Wangaratta Inc) August 2021 Newsletter

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## **MEETINGS:**

*Venue: Masonic Lodge, 101 Appin Street, Wangaratta.*

*Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7pm.*

*Visitors are always welcome.*

**26 August:** AGM. Silent Auction of plants.

Once again we are out of lockdown, and current restrictions permit us to meet again.

The provisions are --- 4 sq. metres per person, a marshal who will ensure that EVERYONE checks in either manually or with the Service Victoria mobile phone app. & all wear face masks unless eating or drinking. (Helen Wrigley will act as marshal.)

**23 September:** Spring Spectacular Display Table. Everyone to bring something for the table.

**28 October:** Malcolm McKinnon on Waratahs.

**25 November:** Bernie Datson on birds.

## **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:**

**7 November:** After lunch, following the propagating morning.

## **OUTINGS:**

*Usually the Sunday after Monthly Meeting. Arrive at 10.30am for an 11am Start.*

**29 August:** Killawarra Forest. Meet at Campsite 10.30am for 11am start. BYO lunch and morning tea to share, along with a folding chair. Depending on Covid restrictions we may have to split into two groups of 10.

**26 September (may be subject to change):** TBC. Working bee (weeding, etc.), readying the van Riet garden for an Open Garden to raise money for Oxfam. Or Chiltern-Mt Pilot Box Ironbark National Park.

**16-17 October :** APS plant sales at Van Riet Open Garden. Profits will be divided 50:50 Oxfam:APS.

**7 November:** 9.30am. Cutting and seed propagation at Van Riet's.

**28 November:** Christmas party lunch. At Glenda and Bernie Datson's, 4 Wickham Court, Baranduda. 0428 401 090.

The Australian Plants Society (Victoria) is dedicated to promoting, growing and the conservation of Australian native plants, in gardens, community areas and their original environments.

*Growing Australian magazine* - an electronic copy can be accessed via the APS Victoria website.

## **President's Annual Report**

At our last AGM, in February this year, held over from August 2020, I reported on the few meetings we had in 2020 due to Covid19 restrictions. This report runs from September 2020 to August 2021. From mid-September to December, we were unable to meet.

On Sunday 13 December, 2020, we had our Christmas gathering at Mike and Carol Burston's property at Myrrhee. Attended by 19 members, all were delighted to meet again and savour not only delicious morning tea and lunch treats but each other's company. Thank you, Mike and Carol, for your warm hospitality and fascinating garden.

Early 2021 saw the Committee looking for a new meeting venue as Park Lane Nursery was no longer available. Our search resulted in a new meeting venue, the Masonic Lodge Hall in Appin Street, available to us on our regular 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday night, at a cost of \$50 per night, including kitchen facilities and storage room for our equipment. This change has been well received by all. We are indebted to the Masonic Lodge Management Committee for their willingness to provide the excellent facilities.

Monthly meetings in 2021 hosted the following guest-speakers:

In February 11 members shared stories about their garden in informative and humorous ways. Thanks to all. A full report of this appeared in the March 2021 Newsletter.

In March Chris Findlay enlightened us about native grasslands restoration and its future and his business, Flora Victoria. A full report appeared in the May edition of our Newsletter.

In April our scheduled guest-speaker, Philip Vaughan, was unable to attend. Fortunately, our member Neil Blair stepped in and presented us with "A field naturalists' view of the local flora." We were all enriched and those interested were provided with a plant list useful for identification on bush outings. Thanks Neil!

In May, Marilyn Bull presented a travelogue to "The Dragon Tree Soak and Mount Augustus". The former is in the Sandy Desert, south-east of Broome. Mount Augustus, the largest rock in the world, twice as big as Uluru and a height of 717m, lies in the Mount Augustus National Park, inland from Carnarvon.

In June, our member Glenda Datson, gave us a splendid presentation on "The Greening of Albury-Wodonga", from her time with the Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation, spending 17 years at the Carramar Nursery. The maps showed how much greening has occurred, as described in the July Newsletter. Thanks Glenda!

We did not meet in July.

### Outings.

Our February 'outing' was a well-attended propagating day at Helen and John van Riet's property at 475 Shanley Street on Sunday 1 March.

The March one to Running Creek Castle had to be cancelled due to the property's closure.

The April outing on Sunday 2 May, was at Malcolm and Mirella McKinnon's at Eurobin. Well attended, all appreciated the wonderful variety of plants in a well-planned garden. Thanks Malcolm and Mirella!

The May, June and July outings had to be cancelled due to Covid19 restrictions.

Neutrog Bush Tucker informed us of a new ordering system, as mentioned in the May and July Newsletters. Orders to be delivered to Van Riet's and to be picked up on 6 or 7 September at 475 Shanley Street, Wangaratta South.

At State level, Helen van Riet represented our branch at the quarterly meetings of APS (Vic). These too were affected by Covid19 lockdowns. This year she attended the March meeting in Warrnambool and a Zoom meeting in June. Reports appeared in the May and July Newsletters.

Eldorado Off-Grid Festival. After its 2020 cancellation it was able to be held again in April this year. It offered an opportunity to advertise our group and sell plants. There was much interest and we could have sold many more plants, but the lockdowns had their effect on getting more plants ready. Several of our members served on our stall for our one day booking. Thanks to Therese Graham for booking our site.

Finally, thank you to all Committee members for their attendance at our quarterly meetings and their input to the planning of our programme, usually held in the comfort of Van Riet's home at 475 Shanley Street. Only our latest one, 4 August, was at the

Wangaratta Library due to Covid 19 restrictions. To the Supper Roster people and coordinator Joan Cochrane who provided us with that vital cuppa. To the specimen table presenters, now overseen by Therese Graham since Jan Hall's retirement. To others who helped in some way to make our year, despite its interruptions, successful. A special thanks to our secretary

Alison Earp, treasurer Arthur Meyers, and newsletter editors Gillian Anderson and Glenda Datson ( in 2021), for keeping us informed and up to date.

In retiring from my position as president for the last five years, I want to thank everyone for their contribution to the yearly programmes and for adding to my knowledge about Australian plants. A special thank you goes to my partner Helen to whom I turned many times for assistance, especially with computer matters.

John van Riet, President, August 2021

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Nominations for a number of Committee member positions have been received.**

**If you are wanting to nominate for a position please let our Secretary, Alison Earp, know NOW (not the night of the meeting). Alison will send you a nomination form.**

**Particularly, we require a nomination for the position of President which is being vacated by John Van Riet.**

## RE NEUTROG ORDER COLLECTION

- We anticipate delivery of the bulk order from Neutrog to arrive at van Riet's on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.
- This is **not** the collection date for individual orders.
- The dates for individuals to collect their Spring orders are **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**. We have set these two days aside to be at home. Please go to the shed in the paddock through the first gate on the right in Cox Road. Due to Covid restrictions **please do not just turn up and do not go to the house**.
- Please ring us beforehand on 03 5725 7207 or text Helen on 0401 021 448 to confirm a time.
- **It is most desirable that everyone arranges to collect their fertilizer on the dates specified.** If these dates are a difficulty, please ring 03 57257207 or text Helen on 0401 021 448, and we will arrange another collection time. We anticipate that all the fertilizer orders will be collected within a week of delivery.

## PROGRAM FOR THE APS WANGARATTA MEETING ON 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021

Our next APS Wangaratta meeting will include

### THE AGM

Our AGM does not take any more time than is necessary. In the unlikely event that any positions on our committee do not have nominations, we DO NOT put anyone 'on the spot' or accept nominations 'from the floor', unless the nominee has already agreed to that nomination.

LUCKY NUMBER SILENT AUCTION. To round out the evening, and by popular demand, our third HYBRID 'SILENT LUCKY NUMBER AUCTION' will keep us all on our toes.

How it will work.....

We will have purchased approximately 30 lovely Australian plants from various nurseries on which to try your luck. Each plant will have a receptacle into which identifying numbered voting slips for the corresponding plant may be placed.

Each person will be registered and given an identifying number. You will receive 20 voting slips with your identification number and space to write how much you would be willing to pay for a particular plant. You will be invited to place each of your 20 slips in the corresponding receptacles beside each plant you would like to purchase. We suggest that your nominated amount could be anything from \$1 upwards.

There may be just a few plants that you really want to win. You could put quite a few of your voting slips in one bucket, or not be fussed, and distribute your voting slips amongst the 30 buckets in any way you wish.

Lots will be drawn from the accumulated voting slips for each plant. The lucky winner gets to purchase the plant for the amount they have nominated on their slip. The treasurer will collect all payments at the conclusion of the silent auction.

To ensure that everyone gets an equal chance, once a member has drawn a winner, they will not be included in subsequent draws until everyone who has made a bid has drawn a winner. There will also be consolation prizes for those who don't draw a winner. And swapping of plants among ourselves is always an option. **Please remember to bring some cash with you for the lucky number auction! Or afterwards**

**Direct Pay to: Bendigo Bank, Account Name: Australian Plants Society Wangaratta, BSB: 633000 Account Number 122784283 & add your Surname**



### **Flowering Now**

*Grevillea petrophiloides* (front)

*Hakea lissocarpha* (middle)

*Acacia boormanii* (rear)

Sustainable Farms has launched a new resource, *Enhancing farm dams: What to plant in and around your dam*.

<http://sustainablefarms.org.au/farm-dam-planting>

This planting guide is for anyone revegetating a farm dam in the NSW South West Slopes, Central West, Murray-Riverina and in North-East Victoria.

Sustainable Farms is a research and extension initiative of the Australian National University that provides farmers and land managers with access to the latest science about improving on-farm natural assets and biodiversity, while supporting sustainable and profitable agriculture. Sustainable Farms builds on the research of the long-term ecology group from the Fenner School of Environment and Society who have been undertaking research in the Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands of NSW and Victoria for over two decades.

Also you may be interested in Sustainable Farms *Planting for Pollinators Guide*

<http://sustainablefarms.org.au/resources/powerful-pollinators>

Both resources can also be ordered via post at this link:

<https://anu.onestopsecure.com/onestopweb/FSESPOST>

*(NB: Sustainable Farms/ANU will generously post a bulk order of these wonderful brochures to my address for distribution to members as soon as possible. Ed.)*

***How do native lawns benefit the environment?***

<https://www.sgaonline.org.au/native-lawns>

## Flowering Now



*Guichenotia macrantha*—Pink Paper Bells



*Pimelea physodes*—Quaalup Bell

From **Vaughans Australian Plants Pomonal** facebook page:

### ***'The use of liquid fertiliser'***

"These comments are just my opinions, from 30 years of observation. The use of liquid feed, or not, opens up and runs into other questions.

"Australian gardens have long been promoted as no or low maintenance. This is simply untrue. It's a fact that our flora has evolved over time to have adaptations that allow many of them to grow, despite poor soils and harsh climates. Having, on countless occasions, seen the WA plants, in all their glory in the spring, look half dead at other times, only to burst back again, when conditions improve. It's the world's best display, growing in tough locations. It begs the question 'Do we want our gardens to be full of plants that SURVIVE or THRIVE? If the answer is the latter, then we need to feed them. There are obviously many other factors such as watering, drainage, mulching, pruning etc., etc.

Is the use of fertiliser beneficial?

The answer is absolutely yes. This applies to garden plants, seedlings, struck cuttings and especially pot cultured specimens. We have always watered in our tubed, cutting-grown stock with Seasol, as it makes for very strong, white, healthy root growth. It also hastens top growth. It is very quick acting but the beneficial effects are over a short period. Once the tubed plants are potted, we liquid feed every 3 weeks, during the growing times of the year [Spring, Summer, Autumn], with a combination of half strength Seasol and half strength Nitrosol. In the summer period, care needs to be taken not to use liquid feed, when the temperature is 30 degrees C or higher. We have also found, using straight after watering, in other words onto moist foliage, reduces any opportunity for burning. Remember, liquid food is taken up by both foliage as well as soil or potting mix.

Sticking to the recommended rates, or strengths, is very important. Twice as strong does not equal twice as effective!!! Liquid food works quickly anyway, by allowing plants to have fast access to nutrients.

So far as used in a garden situation, we try to 'water in' freshly planted stock, again with Seasol, to help with transplant shock.

There seems to be a strong link with helping against frost, by strengthening plant cell walls. This also applies to heat stress. Just in passing, we have also enjoyed improvement with both frost and heat stress by using a product called Envy. To keep it simple, the liquid places a film on leaves and stems and this also helps with wind-burn and sunburn.

Having strong, healthy plants definitely assists with combating pests and diseases. Weakened or stressed specimens are always more susceptible to attack. Liquid fertiliser is also said to help improve soil structure, encourage soil micro-organisms and help with air and water penetration through the soil.

There is no reason why making your own liquid food from worm juice, manure, weed tea, etc., is not just as good. Keep in mind that so far as manure is concerned, bird poo [chicken, duck, pigeon, goose, etc.] is high in phosphorus and can be very harmful to certain groups of native plants. Grevilleas, Banksias, Hakeas, Dampieras and Waratahs are just a few.

Applications of liquid fertiliser, in conjunction with a slow release style as the longer acting agent, should benefit all our native plants."



## FLOWERING NOW

Aren't Wattles the most glorious flowerers? They really do fill you with wonder. This is a rain-dampened [\*Acacia boormanii subsp. boormanii\*](#) (Snowy River Wattle).

[\*Acacia boormanii subsp. boormanii\*](#) is a medium, suckering, multi-stemmed, copen-forming shrub, belonging to the genus *Acacia*. Its native range is the Snowy River in the alpine country of south eastern Australia. It thrives best on well drained soils, but also tolerates compacted clay soils or soils with some salinity.

Another non-suckering subspecies, [\*Acacia boormanii subsp. gibba\*](#) (Mt Typo Wattle) is endangered and named after our very own member, Alan Gibb, who discovered it. Known only from Mt Typo near Cheshunt, where it is dominant over much of the mountain, and nearby areas (Rose River, Bennies-Mt Cobbler Rd). It occurs in dryish montane to sub-alpine forest, mostly on rather shallow soils.

[\*Acacia boormanii subsp. gibba\*](#) is characterised by its broader phyllodes (2–5 mm wide) which are distinctly glaucous when young. This subspecies, which hybridises with [\*A. pravissima\*](#), may resemble narrow phyllode forms of [\*A. kettlewelliae\*](#) but is distinguished by its narrower pods (c. 5 mm wide) and insignificant gland.



*Acacia podalyriifolia*  
Mt Morgan Wattle



*Acacia flexuosa*—Bent-leaf Wattle. A good colour form from the Whipstick, Bendigo

## ***Get to know your Committee***

**Gardening Connections** by John van Riet

My first gardening connections was when I was 4 years old. The house was part of a long row of houses, with a rear garden five metres wide and ten metres deep, in the city of Eindhoven in the south of the Netherlands. The garden had dahlias, hydrangeas and the sweet smell of honeysuckle in summer. A small lawn which dad cut by hand with large shears became a playground for me and my two sisters. Close to the house and against a sunny south-facing wall, dad grew the lovely climber with sweetly perfumed flowers of all colours, the sweet pea.

My maternal grandfather had been a gardener at the Helmond medieval castle, 15 kms from our home. In retirement he had a magnificent fruit and vegetable garden. I remember the delicious dish of fresh red currants sprinkled with sugar. He used sewage water from his septic tank, as few towns had sewerage systems. My teenage years were spent living in a house with no front garden and very small back yard, with little room for flowers.

Our family's move to Australia in 1957 brought new challenges. In Adelaide we did not have our own house and garden until three years later. By then I was occupied with university studies to become a land surveyor. On completion I gained a job with the S.A. Highways Department and did surveys all around S.A. I came to appreciate Australia's magnificent variety of landscapes and plants.

After marriage in 1967 I discovered Helen's love of gardening and started a long and steep learning curve. Our first home had a small back garden, just enough to grow some vegies. One day I thought to be helpful by weeding, unknowingly removing Helen's carrot seedlings. You can imagine her annoyance at my ignorance! A year after our wedding we moved to Melbourne for my theological studies. We rented a house in East Preston at \$21 a week with Helen getting a position in the School of Agriculture at the newly opened Latrobe University in Bundoora. Both of us had little time for gardening but did enjoy visiting friends' gardens and the many national parks around Melbourne. One holiday took us to Whitlands near Whitfield where we discovered the north-east and dreamed about living there sometime in the future.

That future arrived when I accepted a call to Tallangatta in 1977, our second parish after the initial appointment to a parish in the northern suburbs of Adelaide. We fell in love with the scenery, the people and the lifestyle of country living. We changed the existing garden to an all-Australian plants garden. In 1984 we moved to my third appointment in Wangaratta. It was here that Helen first joined SGAP responding to an invitation by Elspeth Jacobs. Our biggest venture that year was to buy a 16 ha property at Cheshunt, on the Rose River road, after selling our first home in Adelaide. We called it "Bringalongagrin". It became our haven from the stresses of life as we built a kit-home over four years. It also gave us the opportunity to grow a great variety of plants. As we walked around the property, we came to appreciate the interconnections between geology and the diversity of plants and animals, as well as the healing smells and sounds of the bush. We also had a Trust for Nature covenant placed on the property in 1991, being the first one in the north east to do so.

From Wangaratta we moved to Benalla, then to Traralgon. Here we remodelled the garden and grew many Australian plants. In our spare time we discovered the wonderful natural beauty and variety of Gippsland landscapes, visiting many of its national parks and discovering nurseries along the way. On retirement in 2002 we returned to Wangaratta where we started growing Australian plants in earnest and both of us rejoined APS (Wangaratta).

We completely remodelled the garden around our home in Langlands Street, and after two years opened it to one of the APS quarterly gatherings and to raise funds for the Wangaratta High School Chaplaincy. After many years of mostly sedentary work, I loved the physical effort of bringing loads of garden soil from our property at Cheshunt.

After three years Helen expressed a wish to create a larger garden somewhere else. We found a 2ha property at 475 Shanley Street, in the foothills of the Warby Range, but it meant having to sell "Bringalongagrin", emotionally trying after investing some 20 years there. Helen noted that the soil was a sandy loam, ideal for growing many Australian plants. Here we created a garden of approximately one acre, adding to it over the last 16 years, with the help of friends and members of the APS garden design group.

I have come to love our garden, and come to appreciate the variety of plants and seed forms, constantly being reminded by Helen to be more observant! The garden has become an oasis for us both, especially over the last year and a half during the Covid19 lockdowns. I firmly believe that gardening is good for our health, encapsulated by a saying I came across in my reading years ago, "Health is being in tune with the song the Creator is eternally singing."

## ***Hakea nodosa***



### ***CREATING A SAFE HABITAT***

*Helen van Riet*

A garden with nectar-producing flowers is an open invitation to dinner for insects and birds. Birds are delightful entertainment – playful antics, birdsong, nesting and sheer beauty of flight, even their squabbling – all add to the enjoyment of a garden.

To attract birds, the provision of food should be supplemented by choosing to plant and maintain safe places for roosting, feeding, and nesting. Holistic garden design can incorporate ‘pricklies’ without risking injury for unwary passers-by.

The *Hakea* genus contains a wide variety of beautiful species, many of which are suitable for gardens, and some of which have both spectacular flowers and prickly foliage. They grow in all manner of habitats, from harsh inland areas to tropical swamps and winter snow. The genus was named after Baron von Hake, a patron of Botany. They are members of the *Proteaceae* family.

Many hakeas flower for an extended period over winter, providing nectar-feeding birds with food for survival and for building up reserves to prepare for the forthcoming breeding season.

Some have names such as needlewood, needlebush, pinbush, standback, spiked hakea, harsh hakea, hedgehog hakea.

Don't be deterred!

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*Hakea nodosa* [yellow hakea] bears bright yellow flowers closely clasped to rigid stems. It is a fast-growing, medium shrub with dense prickly foliage. It grows well in a range of soil types, including sandy or clay loam, and soils subject to waterlogging. It occurs naturally in south-eastern SA, Victoria and Tasmania, usually in winter-wet, swampy locations.

Typical of many Australian plant species, most mature seed is retained on the plant for many years in large, knobby hard seed capsules. The epithet 'nodosa' is from the Latin word *nodosus* meaning knotty, referring to the prominent knobs on the seed capsules.

There are two winged seeds per capsule, and these are usually released when the capsule is opened following fire or the death of the plant. Heating the seed capsules in a slow oven [125 deg. C.] for about 1 ½ hours will release the seeds.

*H. nodosa* is hardy in most conditions and does not require supplementary fertilizer. It will reach a height of 2 – 3 metres and can be pruned to shape and to enhance bushiness.

This is an ideal plant for the novice gardener. Seed germinates readily. It thrives in full sun or part shade. Choose a location away from walking paths, where the bright yellow flowers will light up even the dullest winter day, birds will find dinner and maybe also choose to build a nest.

#### FLOWERING NOW



*Acacia cardiophylla* 'Gold Lace' overhanging a retaining wall. The Wrens love to nest in this.

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## Shows, conferences, plant sales and other items of interest 2021

*Important: Please check APS Victoria website for cancellations due to Covid restrictions*

**Cancelled—Possibly postponed to November: 4 Sept 2021** - APS Wilson Park (Berwick) Plant Sale, Wilson Botanic Gardens, Berwick.

**Cancelled—4&5 September 2021**—Open Garden Bill Aitcheson & Sue Guymer, Donvale. 10am to 4.30pm, bookings need to be done online. Entry \$10 per adult. Further details on the Open Gardens Victoria website.

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

**Cancelled—18 & 19 September 2021** – APS Bendigo Plant Show at Kangaroo Flat Primary School, Freeman Drive, Kangaroo Flat. 9.30 am to 4.00 pm both days. \$3 entry.

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

**2 & 3 October 2021** – Wartook Gardens - Open Days for Wimmera Healthcare Foundation. BBQ lunch, morning and afternoon teas available.

**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. 9am-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, Gillies Street, Ballarat. 10am-4pm.

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

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

**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. <https://austplants.com.au/ANPSA-Biennial-Conference-2022>

**15 & 16 October 2022** - 14<sup>th</sup> FJC Rogers Seminar. Topic: Fabulous Peas (the typical 'pea-flowered' plants from the sub-family Faboideae). Venue: York on Lilydale in Mt Evelyn. Expressions of interest and queries to: [fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com](mailto:fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com)

**If you intend to attend any of these events, please visit the APS Victoria website to check the latest updates in case of cancellations.**