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EDITORIAL

Hello members,

What a great afternoon we had visiting the gardens of Linda and David and Ross and Sue at Illowa last month. Fifteen members attended and enjoyed wandering around their gardens checking out all the different plants that they grow. See pages 7 & 8 for a brief photographic report. A big thank you to the garden owners for making their gardens available to members.

This month we will be holding our Annual General Meeting, there is nothing to fear from this, we have applicants for all positions. There is always room for one more though should you like to get involved with the running of our group, experience is not required. On page 3 is a Nomination Form should you wish to nominate, I would be very happy to second your nomination. Bring it along on the night.

It wont take long to get this important part out of the way so that we can move on to more interesting things. Our speaker is Royce Raleigh who has a large garden at Wartook in the Grampians. We plan to visit his garden later on in the year in October when we have our weekend away in the Grampians. He will be speaking on "Small Plants For The Garden", his talks are always very interesting as he grows lots of rare plants, so it promises to be a great night.

We will book a table at the RSL for dinner from 6.30pm so please let me know if you would like to come along so we know how many to book for.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to this newsletter, it makes it very easy for me to put together. Make sure you bring something along for the Display Table. See you next Friday night. Cheers, Kevin

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We wish to acknowledge the Maar people as the traditional owners of the land on which we meet and pay our respects to their elders past and present.

Members Night: Friday 28rd May at Mozart Hall 8.00pm - Speaker Royce Raleigh - "Small Plants for the Garden".

<i>Members Activities</i>	<i>Members Activities</i>
<p>May 28th Members Night from 8.00pm: Annual General Meeting, speaker Royce Raleigh - "Small Plants for the Garden"</p> <p>June 1st Committee Meeting at 1.30pm: Halls 127 Rooneys Road</p> <p>June 25th Members Night from 8.00pm: Dinner at RSL followed by a members night where people can bring along their favourite piece of native art or favourite plant etc for discussion.</p> <p>June 29th Committee Meeting at 1.30pm:</p> <p>July 23rd: No Members Night.</p> <p>July 24th: Day trip to Colac and to Special Effects Nursery at Barongarook for a discussion on Bush Tucker plants.</p> <p>July 27th Committee Meeting at 1.30pm:</p> <p>Aug 27th Members Night from 8.00pm:</p> <p>Aug 28th: Day trip to Hamilton members gardens</p>	<p>Aug 31st: Committee Meeting at 1.30pm:</p> <p>Sept 24th: Members Night from 8.00pm:</p> <p>Sept 28th: Committee Meeting at 1.30pm:</p> <p>October 2/3rd: Weekend visit to Grampians.</p> <p>October 22nd Members Night from 8.00pm: Miriam Ford - Marvelous Mints and more besides</p> <p>October 26th: Committee Meeting at 1.30pm:</p> <p>November 26th: Members Night from 8.00pm:</p>
<p>Please submit your articles for the newsletter by the end of the second week of the month</p>	
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<p>The APS Warrnambool & District holds meetings on the 4th Friday of each month at the Mozart Hall Warrnambool at 8pm.</p>	
<p>APS Warrnambool & District is a District Group of the Australian Plants Society (Vic) All members are required to also be a member of APS Vic.</p>	
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Nomination Form for Committee

NOMINATION FORM – WARRNAMBOOL & DISTRICT APS Inc.

I.....

have nominated the following member.....
(Print Name)

for the position offor the 2021-22 Financial year.
(insert Committee position nominated for)

(To be completed by the nominee)

I.....declare I am an active member of the
(insert Name)

Warrnambool & District APS, and I accept the nomination.

Signed:
(Nominee)

Signed:
(Nominator)

Dated:/...../ 2021

Display Table by Linda Handscombe

I've always felt that the best part of an APS meeting is the monthly 'Display Table' or as we called them at the Grampians meetings, 'The Flower Table'. We always held the 'Flower Table' at the end of the meeting and just before the monthly raffle draw. This meant it was always rushed and sometimes even omitted. I'm so glad to see that Warrnambool gives it pride of place at the start.

After such a long break, there was a lovely collection of specimens from 6 households. Kevin Sparrow brought in an impressive array of Eremophilas, some Hakeas, Banksias and a lovely little *Westringia eremicola*. He said the original had died in the pot but fortunately a number of seeds germinated in the same pot so he still has it in his collection. He also showed an interesting little *Anthocercis littorea* (photo right) from WA. This coastal ray flower is a medium shrub with strongly scented flowers that I hadn't noticed. It can adapt to a wide variety of soil types providing there is good drainage and can tolerate some lime and coastal planting. It sounds ideal for some difficult Warrnambool areas.



Ross Dawson showed a gorgeous *Grevillea* 'Panrock Princess' which is delighting he and Sue in their garden. The plant was a cutting from a seedling from Neil Marriott, a cross between *Grevillea petrophiloides* and *oligomera*.

Marilyn Berry brought a beautiful small herbaceous *Pelargonium rodneyanum*. She said it grew to 40cm high and flowered from October until May and we have seen them in the grasslands between Willaura and Caramut and even had one in our driveway in Pomonal. Marilyn also brought a cream coloured *Acacia pycnantha* which was a form from Mt Arapiles that had fragrant flowers. She generously donated a number of tubes to members to raise funds for the Swan Reserve and these were eagerly purchased. She also displayed a *Grevillea rhyolitica* 'Deua Flame'. It's a medium sized shrub occurring naturally in poor soils and enjoying full sun but tolerating some shade. It is drought tolerant and flowers most of the year.

Display Table by Linda Handscombe

Mike Halls brought a *Grevillea magnifica* which seems to grow very well for us in our garden in Illowa too [much better than in the sandy soil in Pomonal]. He passed around a delightfully soft *Banksia baueri* flower, affectionately called the 'Possum Banksia'. It comes in different colours, grey and brown and occurs naturally in southern WA.

Mike also brought a *Hakea* Burrendong Beauty (Photo below). Several members brought in specimens of this garden favourite and there was an interesting report in the Waverly newsletter about Sue and Ross's prostrate form as seen on the Quarterly Gathering garden visit. The theory was that the cutting for theirs came from the lowest part of the original plant and it grew this low, prostrate form. Apparently the original plant is a seedling between *Hakea myrtooides* and *petiolaris* and grew in the Burrendong Arboretum in NSW in the 1980's.

Michael Mattner brought in a gorgeous collection of Banksias including *praemorsa* wine red, *grossa*, 'Giant Candles' [a hybrid between *spinulosa* and *ericifolia*], *conferta*, *spinulosa*, *candolleana*, *ericifolia* var *ericifolia* and *spinulosa collina* form. These Banksias made a beautiful little bouquet that was taken home by our visitors from Winslow. He also displayed the beautiful *Kunzea baxteri* pink form 'Solomons Pink' which we discovered was quite frost tender in a bad winter in Pomonal. It's very pretty and a great plant for birds as it's laden with nectar and dense enough for good cover.



David Handscombe brought an enviable collection of tropical Grevillea hybrids including Bush Lemons, Superb, Kay Williams, Lollypops, Honey Barbara and Honey Gem. *Grevillea* Honey Barbara (photo above right) is my favourite with a lovely orangey terracotta colour that contrasts nicely against our bricks and blue roof. It's the first plant you see when you reach the top of the driveway and it's nearly always in flower. David has been longing to grow these Grevilleas for a long time and he found our property in Pomonal to be too dry and frosty to grow them successfully. He bought a number of these as tubestock from Windyridge nursery in Queensland.

Don't forget to bring 2 or 3 flowers from your garden next month. If you can't speak about them, someone else will be able to.

June Meeting - Show and Share by Dorothy Mattner

We will be doing something a bit different for our June meeting, a show and share members night. Starting off with a meal at the RSL at 6.30 pm for those that can make it, (we will need numbers by the Wednesday) then 8pm at the Hall.

The idea is to bring along something plant or nature based and share a few words about what you have brought. This could be anything from a painting, photo, favourite book, magazine, interesting web site, gardening tool, a piece of art / craft, it doesn't have to be something you have done. Maybe a piece of jewellery or something made from timber, crockery or linen.

Nothing to bring, no worries maybe you would like to share a few words about your favourite destination or an interesting experience you have had or a helpful hint on gardening or propagation, options are endless it would be terrific if we all contributed to what will be a fun night I even have a game of, native plant Bingo if time allows.

We will still have the display table for flowers so please bring something along for that as well. I look forward in anticipation to an interesting and fun night of sharing.
Regards Dorothy.

As mentioned at the last meeting, below is the flower arrangement that Michael did in the shallow fruit bowl when he couldn't find the flower vases. He did well, didn't he?



Who Let The Emus Out? Visit to Sue and Ross' Garden Last Month



David & Linda Showed Us Some of their Grevillea Collection Among Other Things

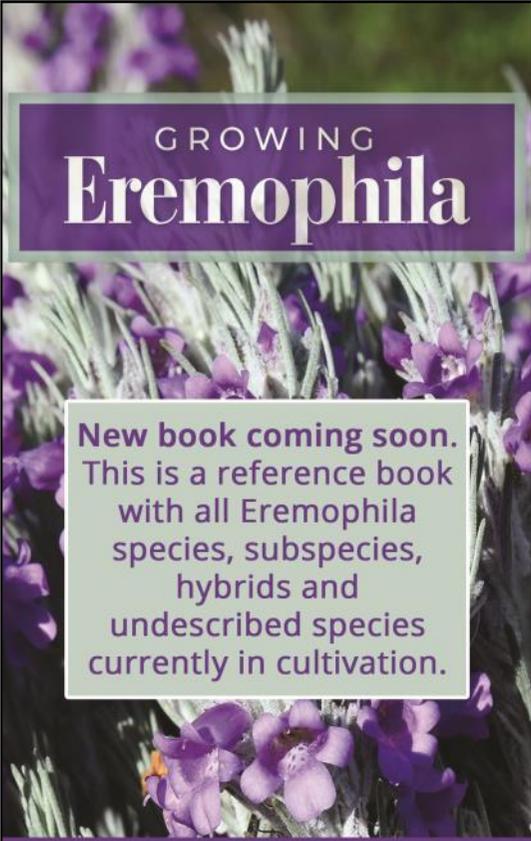


My Xanthorrhoea quadrangulata by June Preece

My *Xanthorrhoea quadrangulata* has a spike on it after 34 years! It is 1 metre tall. I was looking for mushrooms and I came at it on a different side. It was shooting perhaps from the beginning of the year.



New Eremophila Book On The Way



**GROWING
Eremophila**

New book coming soon.
This is a reference book
with all Eremophila
species, subspecies,
hybrids and
undescribed species
currently in cultivation.

Email Russell Wait at:
eremophilabook@gmail.com
for registration of interest,
orders and information

Lepidium hyssopifolium - Follow Up Visit to Belfast Loch by Kevin Sparrow

As a follow up to the *Lepidium* project where I grew and collected as much of the rare *Lepidium* seed as I could, (See last months newsletter) Laura Prentice and I travelled to Belfast Loch to find any remnant plants there and to spread some of the seed collected to hopefully regenerate some new plants. We found only three surviving plants each holding some remaining seed and noticed some seedlings germinating nearby. We cleared some ground and sprinkled seed around. Hopefully this will result in some more remnant plants for us to find next time we visit.

These are the only remaining plants of this highly endangered form of the species that grow in the saline estuary at Belfast Loch..



Coastal Connections By Jarred Obst.

Hello and welcome to the March/April instalment of Glenelg Hopkins CMA's '**Coastal Connections**' email.

I hope this finds you well and prepared for what appears to be a good taste of early winter weather this weekend..!

Seasonal Weather

We've experienced all sorts of weather this year, but fortunately autumn has provided some well received warm and calm conditions, combined with some extremely encouraging rainfall patterns in recent weeks. In typical autumn fashion, the Southwest Victorian coastline has also been bombarded with several large southern ocean swells, particularly on April 10th and 11th. This swell peaked at 9m, which from memory is the second largest swell that I recall in my 15 years with the CMA, and unfortunately damaged key recreational hotspots in our region including the Warrnambool Breakwater, Griffith Island at Port Fairy and Cape Bridgewater main beach. This is however a reminder of where we live, the power of mother nature, and what potentially lies ahead...

For details on recent conditions and upcoming weather predictions, please refer to the following [BoM link](#).

Estuary Update

After a relatively stable start to 2021 on the estuary front, autumn swells and large tidal patterns have dominated estuarine conditions over recent months. In particular, the April 10/11th swell impacted all estuaries across our region, but with mixed outcomes. Details of specific estuaries can be seen in the attached *Estuary Update*, but of note, the Surry River estuary opened naturally during this swell, due to the huge volumes of seawater that was rapidly pushed into the estuary and rose water levels at Narrawong by 30cm in a matter of hours! Recent rainfall patterns have also been very encouraging, with the first signs of rain induced flow responses into our estuaries in the past fortnight. Fingers crossed catchment wide rainfall continues into early winter and initiates a positive streamflow season ahead.

*For more information regarding recent estuary conditions and observations, please refer to the *Estuary Update & Photo attachments*.*

Community News & Engagement Events

Here is some important information, along with engagement and educational activities if interested. *Please follow links for further information:* [Abalone Disease Emerges at Cape Nelson](#) - a Control Area has been declared following the detection of Abalone Viral Ganglioneuritis (AVG) near Cape Nelson; please follow this link for more information if in the area.

[Sustainable Cities/ Keep Australia Beautiful Awards 2021](#) – these awards recognise and celebrate positive actions taken by communities, including environmental actions; please nominate worthy contributors if interested!

[Digital Innovation & Smart Agriculture Festival, Hamilton 25 & 26th May](#) – although further north, this event is a great opportunity for our coastal farmers to learn more and become involved with farm innovation.

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Volunteer & Group Funding Opportunities

Some fantastic funding opportunities are currently available to volunteers and community groups across our region. *Here is a quick summary:*

[Victorian Landcare Grants 2021](#) – are currently open and provide funding support to volunteer groups and networks through projects that protect, enhance and restore our land and natural environment.

[Australasian Bittern Incentives](#) – funding remains available through the CMA to protect and manage important wetlands and swampy areas on private land.

[Wannon Water Ripple Effect Grants 2021](#) – funding is currently available for not-for-profit, volunteer-based, community organisations to undertake projects that aim to strengthen community and school groups.

Lastly, an innovative litter mitigation project is commencing in Warrnambool, titled **'Let's Strain the Drains'**. This project will monitor stormwater debris in Warrnambool, to help identify the source of what is being found on our beaches and to subsequently reduce litter at the source. The initial session will take place in the Archie Graham Community Centre, Warrnambool, **tomorrow** the 15th of May 2021 from 10am-1 pm. Please refer to the attachment or this [Facebook link](#) for more information. You can also register your interest in participating by contacting Melissa at melissa@tangaroablue.org.

Please make contact if you have questions relating to the above items & all the best until my next instalment,

Regards
Jarred

Estuary Photos – April 2021



Surry River estuary mouth post 9m swell event, Narrawong 15th April 2021.

Let's Strain The Drains

Website Article

The "Let's Strain the Drains – Warrnambool" will be the first stormwater debris monitoring project in Warrnambool, and just the second one across Victoria. This innovative project is supported by the Victorian State Government through the Coastcare Victoria Community Grant, delivered by Tangaroa Blue Foundation & Cleanwater Group with support from the Warrnambool City Council.

It builds on existing beach clean-up data by analysing stormwater drain data to help identify the source of what is being found on our beaches and reduce litter at the source. 10 stormwater drain traps have been installed by the Cleanwater Group in consultation with the council to two different land use sites; 5 traps in the CBD area and another 5 in an industrial area in order to better understand what type and what quantities of litter escape into the stormwater system from these areas.



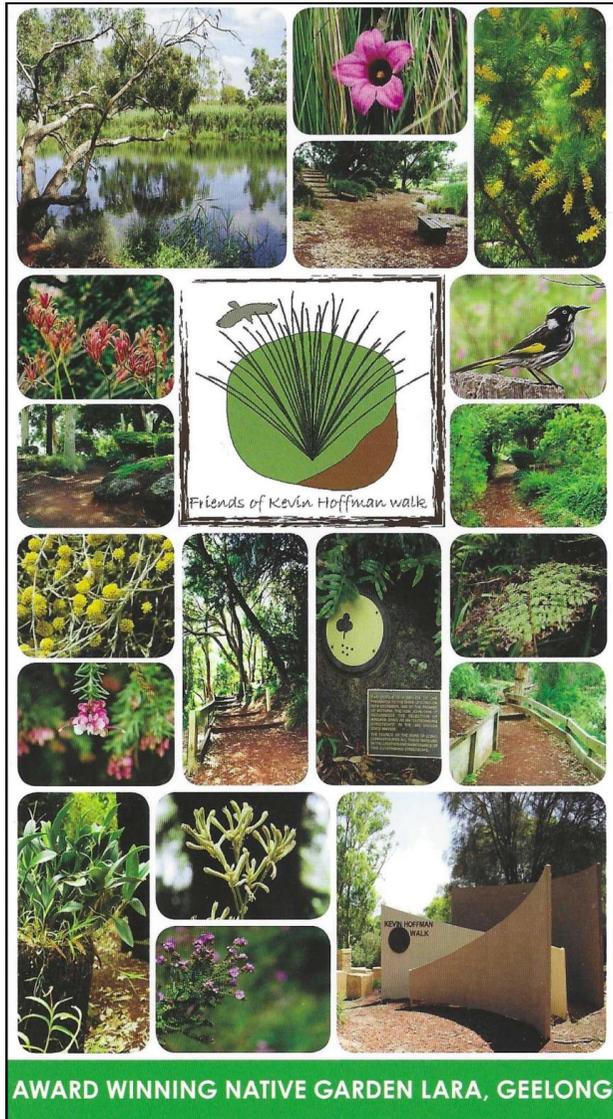
The contents of the traps will be sorted and counted every 8 weeks by volunteers between May 2021 and February 2022. The data collected from the audits is submitted into the Australian Marine Debris Initiative (AMDI) Database, which is then used to identify specific information on sources and distributions of litter originating from urban areas that would normally flow through the stormwater system into the waterways. The results will be published in an open community forum where the representatives of the council, businesses, schools and community members can learn more of the issue and start to work on source reduction plans for certain items to further reduce the amount of litter escaping into the environment.

The auditing sessions will take place in Archie Graham Community Centre, Warrnambool and the first one is scheduled for 15th May 2021 from 10 am until 1 pm.

To register your interest in participating in the audits, email melissa@tangaroablue.org OR text 0423 063 820.

Kevin Hoffman Walk and Native Garden At Lara - Well Worth a Visit.

Kevin Hoffman Walk



AWARD WINNING NATIVE GARDEN LARA, GEELONG

Where: Walkers Road Lara 3212 VIC Australia
 Melway: 423 C5
 Opening Hours: Always open
 Postal Address: PO Box 484 Lara 3212 VIC Australia
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Kevin Hoffman Walk is Lara's Native Botanical Garden that stretches along the east side of the tranquil, Hovells' Creek. The Walk is a gentle walking track that showcases a unique collection of native plants, sculptures, birds and wildlife. Kevin Hoffman, his family and supporters have developed this significant indigenous trail since 1970, with lush ground covers, flowering native trees and shrubs. The project was initially funded through Shire of Corio and now COGG and has been assisted by the Lara Lions Club, Lara Secondary College and volunteers. Until recent years Kevin maintained The Walk himself and in 2013, Friends of Kevin Hoffman Walk Inc. was created to ensure his legacy continues for all to enjoy. This is a must see award winning native garden in the heart of Lara. It has regular seating along the 800m trail to allow you to enjoy the colours and beauty and to listen to the marvellous bird song.



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