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**On Eastern Maar Country**

**EDITORIAL**

***Hello members,***

We had a great roll up of members on Zoom last month with 23 people logging in. See the image on page 3, thanks Bev for sending this in. With the relaxation of regulations we are a bit more confident of holding a face to face meeting now, so this months meeting will be held at the Mozart Hall.

**All participants will have to show proof of double vaccination status to our appointed Covid marshal to enter the Hall or have a valid exemption. Wearing of masks is compulsory.** I hope that this doesn't exclude anybody from coming along.

Our speaker will be Denis Crawford who will speak to us on Insect Photography. He is an expert having published a number of books on the subject so it promises to be an interesting night.

***Denis has studied, photographed and written about insects for more than 35 years. His background includes a decade in entomological research, and many years collaborating with an integrated pest management consultancy. Denis is author of Garden Pests Diseases & Good Bugs: the ultimate illustrated guide for Australian gardeners and co-author of Backyard Insects.***

Again, a big thank you to everyone who has contributed to this months newsletter, it now extends to 15 pages!

Don't forget to bring along something from your garden for the Display Table. We will be having dinner at the RSL from 7.00pm, if you wish to join us, please let me know so I know how many to book for.  
See you then, Cheers, Kevin

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**We acknowledge the Eastern 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 26th November at Mozart Hall 8.00pm**  
**Speaker- Denis Crawford speaking on Insect Photography.**

### *Members Activities*

**November 20/21st:** Visit by Geelong APS to Warrnambool visiting Handscombe/Blood-Dawson and Swan Reserve Gardens.

**November 26th: Members Night from 8.00pm:** Denis Crawford speaking on "Photographing Insects".

**November 30th:** Committee Meeting at 5.30pm at John Sherwoods

**December 5th:** Christmas Breakup from 12.00 noon. Venue is Sue and Ross's home at Illowa.

**January Get-together:** Meet at Swan Reserve for a guided walk to be followed by dinner at Macs Hotel at 7.00pm. TBC.

**February 25th:** Adam Mattner speaking on Kakadu National Park.

### *Members Activities*



"Fabulous Peas"  
15th and 16th October 2022

York on Lilydale, Mount Evelyn, Victoria

**Please submit your articles for the newsletter by the end of the second week of the month**

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**The APS Warrnambool & District holds meetings on the 4th Friday of each month at the Mozart Hall Warrnambool at 8pm.**

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.

*Last Month - Members keening Listening to Speaker John - On Zoom - Thanks Bev.*



## Last Months Show and Tell by Kerry Artis

*Callistemon viminalis* (photo right) is flowering magnificently and was shown by John Sherwood. This plant was cut down to do some extension work then shot again and is now about 4m high and twenty-five years old. The Wattlebirds and the New Holland Honeyeaters absolutely love it, an excellent habitat tree.

Joan Krygger showed *Grevillea* 'Lemon Daze' (below left) which is looking absolutely gorgeous with beautiful, yellow flowers and *Grevillea* 'Moe Gem' (below right) with pink flowers, it's the first time it has flowered so profusely. It is a hardy, low spreading shrub with green and burgundy foliage and is looking lovely. The honeyeaters love these as well.



Linda Handscombe had four colour forms of *Ozothamnus diosmifolius* (photo right) which they found they couldn't grow when living in the Grampians area, but these are thriving at Tower Hill. These included a white one, one that changes from pale pink to white and one that has red buds that turn a little bit darker and then the flowers are a coral colour. These make excellent cut flowers.

## Last Months Show and Tell by Kerry Artis

Sue Blood's *Leptospermum* 'Merinda' (above right) is looking stunning. This shrub was planted in 2017, is knee high, a hardy plant and was grown from cutting.

Kevin Sparrow's *Chorilaena quercifolia* (lower right) was grown from cutting from the Mattner's garden and has an oak-like leaf with lots of flowers hidden under the leaves. It has proved to be a tough plant, growing in 'hard to grow' areas and can be used as a screen plant. *Chamelaucium* 'Burgundy Blush' (above left) was a cutting from the Hall's garden and is looking great.

Chris Lourey has a *Cordyline australis* (lower centre) plant that is 1m high with a spike of 2m growing in a warm, sheltered spot. This family of palm-like plants make nice indoor plants and can be grown by cutting. Chris planted a climber on her fence (below left - *Kennedia macrophylla*) that she was told she wouldn't be able to kill, but she did! It is an east facing fence and she had another try to no avail. Now wondering whether to have a third try or change to something else. Has anyone any suggestions?



*Last Months Show and Tell by Kerry Artis*

David Handscombe's exhibits were *Bauera rubioides* (above left) which has a dainty, light pink flower, *Clematis* 'Southern Star' (below) has only been in the nursery trade for a few years, is very vigorous and has lots of flowers and *Lomandra* 'Frisly Lace' (lower left) is a small, nice plant that has started to flower.



*Pycnosorus chrysanthes* (above right) is a ground cover about 1m wide in Lorraine Charles' garden, bearing yellow pom pom flowers that the snails just love! *Pultenaea pedunculata* (lower right) is a prostrate, trailing plant with yellow-orange pea-flowers which is also looking very nice.

## Last Months Show and Tell by Kerry Artis

Mike Halls showed *Verticordia chrysantha* Yellow Feather Flower (above left) which has lots of feathery, golden-yellow flowers, *Verticordia plumosa* Pink Feather Flower (below left) which bears pink flowers and has grey-green leaves and *Verticordia x Chame-laucium* Paddy's Pink hybrid (lower centre) a very pretty plant. These can all be grown from cutting so if anyone would like some cutting material please ask.



*Telopea* 'Braidwood Brilliant' (photo above right) is about two years old, 40cm high and is growing in a full sun position. It will grow to 2m by 2m and at the moment has four flowers which are looking just great. *Hibbertia stellaris* (lower right) is a very pretty, dwarf shrub growing in a sheltered position facing east, it's covered in orange-apricot flowers that are a delight. These both respond well to pruning and were shown by Kerry Artis.

## Pomonal Trip Report by Ross Dawson Part 2

### Day Two Deep Lead Conservation Reserve

The impoverished and harsh environment of the 3 Jacks area did not detract from the carpet of colour that created a floral paradise as you enter the small but incredible example of “ you can grow Australian Natives under any conditions”

There was a pleasing number of small wattles dispersed among the open wood lands with various forms of Eucalyptus providing the cover story. The abundance of the various forms and colours of the Micromyrtus did not distract from the small but equally as brilliant small orchids and peas.

There was an abundance of spreading *Brachycome multifida* - a carpet once we entered the Yellow box forest section of Deep Lead.

Lunch was among the splendid Iron Bark Eucalyptus The under rated member of the Eucalyptus species with its strong rough bark formation giving it a presence among the smaller flowering shrubs



This environment combined with a change in soil type, clay and more moisture was reflected in the plant growth when compared to 3 Jacks

## Pomonal Trip Report by Ross Dawson Part 2 Continued

In addition to the floral display, we were joined at lunch time by a small stumpy tailed lizard which Linda relocated away from the danger of the road. Time was spent looking for *Caladenia fulva* (Tawny Spider-orchid) which had been in abundance on a previous visit by David, but we were not successful. Other orchid species below were found in the area. To finish the day we explored the grassed woodlands of the Fynes Forest with its abundance of young She-oaks.

Then, onward to day three and the excitement of visiting Wartook Gardens



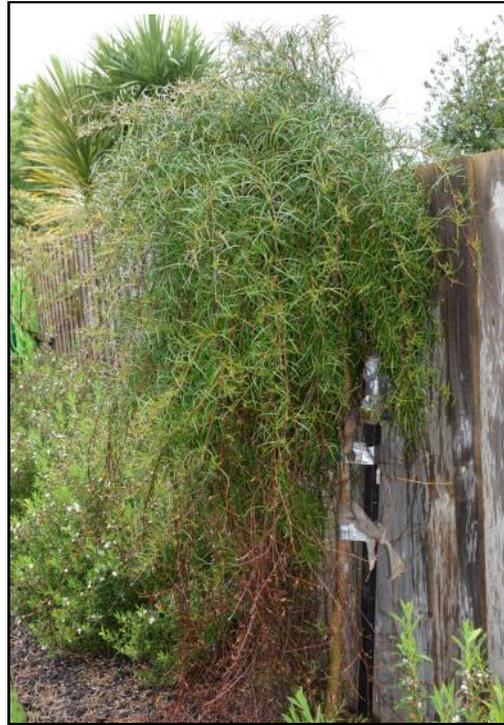
## *Visit to Rob Beulke's Garden and Nursery at Hamilton*

Last month, 8 members travelled to Hamilton to visit 3 gardens of SGAP Hamilton Group members. This long planned trip had already been cancelled twice due to Covid restrictions so while the going was good and despite the inclement weather, we decided to go for it. First up we visited the garden and nursery of Rob Beulke. Rob grows lots of amazing and unusual plants and has the ability to seemingly graft anything onto anything! He specializes in grafting grevilleas onto different root stocks to create a more reliable plant including grafting prostrate species onto tall rootstocks to create a standard. His operation is self sufficient with water runoff being collected in a dam to be reused.



## *Visit to Liz and Leo Cummin's Garden*

The second garden was to the new home of Liz and Leo Cummins, many of the plants have been supplied by Rob Beulke including a number of grafted standard Grevilleas. Here we had a quick picnic lunch to avoid the rain that had set in.



## Visit to Betty Lacy's Garden

The last garden was to the home of Betty and the late Brian Lacy. Brian sadly passed away last year so the garden is maintained in his memory. Betty uses scoria as a mulch on the garden beds and the plants obviously like it as many of them self germinate their seeds in it. Betty simply has to pot up the excess plants and hand them out to friends as she did with us each getting a free Chocolate Lily.

When our group visited their garden 5 years ago, I took a group photo under the Silver Princess, so of course I did again. On the way home, Liz and Leo showed us their new farm and the revegetation they have begun there.



## Plant Profile by Dave Handscombe



Information on this plant was obtained from various reference books, the internet and from personal experience

**Species:** *Micromyrtus ciliata*

**Micromyrtus** - from the Greek micros meaning small and myrtle a member of the Myrtaceae family and ciliata – fringed, referring to the fringe of minute stiff hairs around the leaves

**Common Name:** Fringed Heath Myrtle.



**Dimensions:** Height: variable from prostrate up to 1m,  
Width: up to 3m

**Cultivar Name:** There are no registered cultivars listed on the ACRA site.

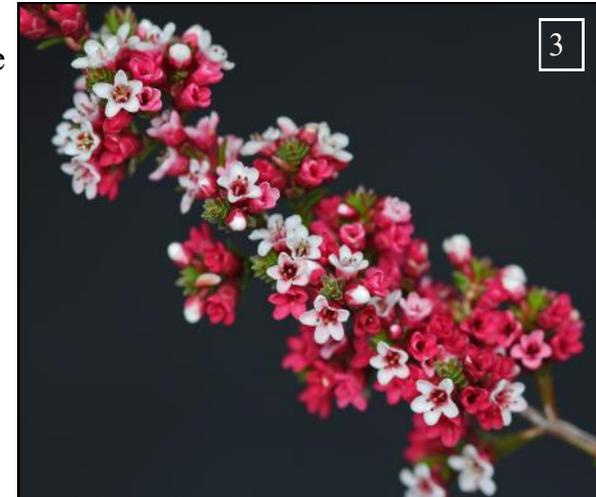
*Micromyrtus ciliata* grows in open woodlands and heaths from central eastern NSW through northern and western Victoria and into eastern SA.

## Plant Profile by Dave Handscombe

Preferring well drained acid soils in full sun to partial shade and tolerant of frosts, *Micromyrtus ciliata* is a well worth addition to a native garden. Provenance will play a part in whether it can be grown successfully though, as plants from dry areas will resent being grown in humid areas and vice versa. Depending on the form, plants put on a spectacular display over several months. Forms that start out pink or red in bud, open to white then age back to pink or red are particularly attractive and can be put to great effect when planted on mass. Plants do not need to be pruned but will benefit in the long term as they do tend to get open and woody with age. Like other members of the Myrtaceae family the foliage is aromatic when crushed. Propagation is easiest from cuttings of half ripened new seasons growth as good viable seed is hard to collect. If conditions are right they may self seed in the garden.



Photo Captions:  
Photos 1-2: *Micromyrtus ciliata* in a garden setting  
Photos 3: Colour variation in the flowers  
Photos 4: The flowers up close  
Photo 5-6: *Micromyrtus ciliata* on mass in Deep Lead Nature Conservation Reserve



*Scaevola nitida* Feature Plant By Joan Krygger

Hi Kevin hope you and Joyce are well. I was admiring this *Scaevola* not sure which one, *nitida* maybe?? you gave me probably 2years ago. Just thought you might enjoy seeing how much it has grown and how much I am enjoying it. Thank you very much - Joan.

ED: Thanks Joan - love it.

