



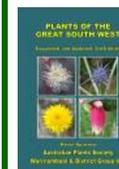
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EDITORIAL

Hello members,

Message from President, Dorothy Mattner:

Hi everyone, welcome to the APS New Year. It is looking like we will have our first, face to face meeting in March, given the room in the hall we can spread the chairs to a safe distance. As you will see in this newsletter we will host the Quarterly Meeting on the weekend of the 13th and 14th of March, combined with the Plants of the Great South West book launch. This is a chance to catch up and also enjoy some garden visits. Unfortunately our January gathering at Swan Reserve was abandoned due to bad weather. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us for our next outing, this is on Saturday the 27th February, a day trip to visit Walker Swamp and other wetlands in the Dunkeld area. More details in this newsletter. Looking forward to seeing you in the near future, Kind regards Dorothy

As you would be aware by now, we have committed to holding the planned APS (Vic) **Quarterly Meeting** on Sat 13th/Sun 14th March. Details are on the Registration Form which was sent out last week which includes Book Launch of "Plants of Great South West", visit to three local gardens, dinner at Flying Horse Inn and tour of Swan Reserve Garden. Members will need to book in as per the Registration Form by Friday 19th February. (Optional - Dinner Sat night and Sunday)

NOTE: We will be needing some **volunteer assistance from members** to hold this event, some of these roles will be:
Check In at 9.00am Sat, Lunch distribution 11.30am and Sign In at Book Launch from 12.00noon, Book sales.
Parking assistance at all gardens especially at Illowa and plant sales at Handscombe garden from 2.00pm.
Contact me (Kevin) if you would like to help us out over the weekend.

That's about all for now, see you on Saturday 27th 10.00am in Dunkeld. 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 Activity: This will be a day trip to Dunkeld and surrounds on Sat 27th February from 10.00am See page 2.

<i>Next Members Activity on Saturday 27th February</i>	<i>Walker Swamp</i>
<p>February 27th: Greg Kerr from Nature Glenelg Trust will be giving us a tour and talk on Walker Swamp near Dunkeld. This property was purchased by NGT a few years ago following a public appeal for donations. Our group was one of many that made a donation to allow the purchase to go ahead. Following a wet year last year, the swamp is now full and overflowing.</p> <p>Meet at Dunkeld Visitors Centre at 10.00am, we will have to rationalise cars here, and then travel in convoy to Walkers Swamp. Plenty of birds and vegetation to see and we will visit some other reserves that have been restored by NGT. We should finish about 1.00pm and then travel back to Dunkeld for lunch (BYO everything or purchase in Dunkeld). Perhaps a visit to the arboretum and Mt Sturgeon in the afternoon. Its worth having a look around the native garden at the Visitor Centre also.</p> <p>March 2nd at 1.30pm: Committee Meeting at Mattners at Cudgee.</p>	<p>Photo below of Walker Swamp in 2018 back before it started to fill up with water.</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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Christmas Breakup at Mattners



Just in time, the relaxation of the Covid regulations allowed us to hold our usual Christmas Breakup at Mattner's Garden at Cudgee. 18 members attended and enjoyed what was our first face to face get-together for some 9 months since the advent of Coronavirus. Dorothy did not let us down and was quickly able to produce and ice a Christmas Cake despite the late notice, this time decorated by Christmas Trees, her secret, ice cream cones iced and decorated and turned up side down.



Christmas Breakup at Mattners



Members relaxing around the fire pit following a hearty lunch

Show and Tell November - On Zoom by David & Linda Handscombe



Linda Handscombe's *Ixodia achillaeoides* (above left) is a member of the daisy family and has masses of flowers. It makes an excellent cut flower and can be dried and enjoyed all year. Linda has some hanging in a wardrobe now.

David Handscombe's exhibit was *Regelia velutina* (above middle and right) which comes from the Fitzgerald National Park area and is very wind tolerant. It has soft, greyish foliage and beautiful, bright red flowers that turn into a maroon colour as they age.



Cathy Powers plant was *Hakea mitchellii*, (photos above) from the mallee region in South Australia, bears white/cream flowers and has needle like leaves with soft leaf growth on the ends. This is a fantastic hakea which isn't found very often in cultivation, but should be.

Andrew Gray purchased *Bracteantha bracteata* from a nursery in Queensland and it has been in flower since winter. It is in a sunny position, likes full sun or semi shade and is a fast growing plant with long, narrow, silvery leaves and golden flower centres.



Show and Tell November - On Zoom by Sue Blood/Ross Dawson & Lou Hollis



Ammobium alatum (above left) was shown by Sue and Ross. A stunning daisy with a 10cm diameter, grey foliage and angular stems, it has grown beautifully. Sue has planted a sucker and at this point it is still alive.

Lou Hollis has a plant with the leaves of a *Doryanthes excelsa* Gynea Lily (above middle and right), and the flower of a *Doryanthes palmeri* Spear Lily. Very unusual. The leaves are 3m long and the flower is bigger than a 3 inch pot. Lou rang Burnley for clarification of this plant and they have requested some seed from it.

Show and Tell November - On Zoom by Joan Krygger & Bob Artis



Joan Krygger showed *Darwinia citriodora* (above left) that is .5m x .5m, a low spreading shrub with lemon scented leaves that have red tints in autumn and winter, and a very pretty flower.

Bob Artis keeps *Eremophila glabra* 'Kalbarri Carpet' (above right) pruned so it is quite bushy, about .5 m square. It's a mass of orangy-yellow flowers at the moment and was one of the plants given to us when the group visited the Multi Flora Nursery at Colac.

Show and Tell - On Zoom by Kevin Sparrow



Kevin Sparrow's *Coopernookia georgei* (above left) is easy to grow by cutting and will need pruning after it has finished flowering, *Goodenia macmillanii* (above right) is a Gippsland plant which grows easily and has a pink flower and *Eremophila* 'Fairy Floss' (above middle) is a hybrid that has furry hairs in the mouth of the flower which starts off yellow, changes to orange and ends up pink. Also easy to grow by cutting.

John Sherwood showed a photo of a Blue Banded Bee which he found buzzing around his lavender bush.

The Halls have an *Alyogyne huegelii* covering a fence, it has hundreds of flowers on it, a very vibrant purple. *Hibbertia scandens* is also covering a fence, is thirty years old and has to be pruned back from the neighbours garden. It is a fast-growing twiner with large, bright green leaves and large yellow flowers.

New Book For Great South West Walk by Kevin Sparrow

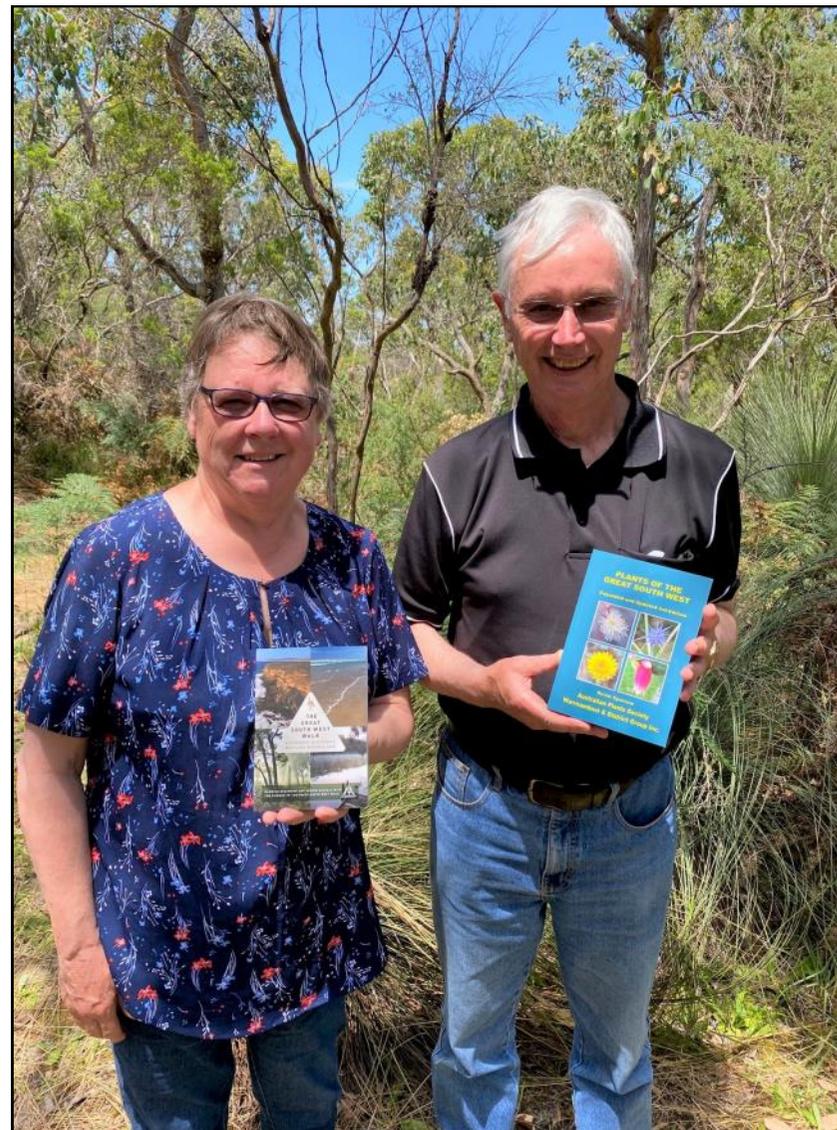
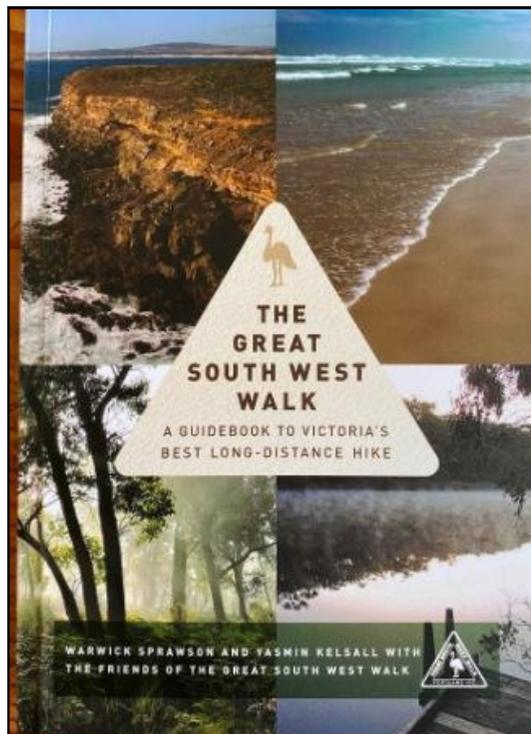
In November, Joyce and I were invited to attend the launch of the new guidebook for the Great South West Walk near Portland. The book contains some of my plant photos which I had donated to the publishers.

This superb guide covers Victoria's iconic Great South West Walk and covers detailed trail notes as well as flora, fauna and history.

Warwick Sprawson and Yasmin Kelsall have teamed up with the Friends of the Great South West Walk and produced a 215 page guidebook to the iconic 251km Great South West Walk which is located near Portland in Victoria's South West. This beautifully designed book will be essential reading for all walkers intending to experience this wonderful and sometimes remote area. The book covers detailed descriptions of the trails, flora, fauna and its history, has easy to use maps and details of the 14 well-maintained campsites along the way. RRP \$34.95 + postage

This new book and my new book on the plants of the area, compliment each other perfectly. Great reason for a photo opportunity!

For more information see: <https://greatsouthwestwalk.com/shop/>



Online Ordering System For Neutrog



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Dear Member,

The process of ordering your Neutrog products has now moved to an online platform called 'Shopify'. This is a change from the manual system that has been in place for a long time, but ensures a smoother transaction with the club and at Neutrog. It gives you more control over your order and takes away the need for order forms and money collection. The payment and collating of the orders is now done by Neutrog.

The delivery/collection process will remain the same. Individuals will receive an invoice and you simply bring this to the collection point on the date indicated to collect your order.

To participate, Neutrog has asked that we provide them with your email address. If you do not wish to participate, please let me know by return email and your details won't be passed on to Neutrog. Once set up in their system they will send you a unique activation code which will take you to their member section on their online store. There will be instruction provided with the email. You will then enter a password. This will be your own password which will allow you to access the store at any time. You can then scroll through all products and make your purchase. The store is always open, so you can order whenever you like. You simply select the drop off point and date and you will collect as normal. They are offering on your first order a one off \$20 discount on an order over \$40.

ED: Remember freight will be added unless our group puts in another bulk order.

If you don't have an email address, you won't be left out. We suggest you 'buddy-up' with someone who does have an email address either within the club, or a family member. Alternatively the club can have their own account and orders made on your behalf. In this instance the order and money will need to be collected and paid online by the club.

You are stepped through the process online, but if you are having any difficulty there is a freecall number 1800 656 644 should you need any help or you can contact me direct, and I will pass on your concerns to Neutrog.

Kind Regards
Club Order Co-ordinator