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On Eastern Maar Country

EDITORIAL

Hello members,

Be very careful if you get a call supposedly from the 'NBN' We did last week and almost fell for their scam! They were very believable and we only woke up when they said it would cost us nothing except for a small management fee!! Which we could not pay in cash or add it to our Telstra bill but it had to be using a bank card. They even knew which bank we use and the first 4 numbers on it! Bit scary!

NOTE: There will not be a Members Night this month. See page 3 for a message from our President, Dave.

Membership renewal time is nearly here! Renewals will fall due July 1st. So, do please remember to note your APS Victoria member number, which, you will find printed on the envelope your copy of the Growing Australian magazine arrives in, as you will need it to log into the Renewals section of the APS Victoria website. If you can't find it, let me know, I can look it up for you.

If you are a member, search: <https://apsvic.org.au/login/> You need to be logged in to renew your membership. Use the email address you used last year. If that's not possible, contact me to update your email address. The password is your membership number, click "I am not a robot" and you will be taken to the membership renewal area. Tick on the appropriate APS Vic fee and then our Local Group fee to work out how much to pay and then fill in your credit card details and click 'contribute' at the bottom. Easy as. Please let me know if you have any problems.

For Non-Members wishing to join: <https://apsvic.org.au/membership/> and follow instructions. 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.

Next Members Activity: Saturday 27th July 10.00am (NO JUNE MEETING) at Mozart Hall - GIANT PLANT TABLE.

Members Activities

June 28th: No Members Night planned.

July 20th: Volunteer Expo at Emmanuelle College 10.00-2.00pm
Setup Friday 19th 4.00pm

July 27th - Saturday 10.30am - 4.00pm Mozart Hall: Giant Plant Table. Lunch, discussion and plant sales

July 29th 2.00pm: Committee Meeting John Sherwood

August 23rd 8.00pm: Members Night - Mozart Hall Chris Clarke - Alpine Flora

August 26th 2.00pm: Committee Meeting: Ross Dawson

September 7th and 8th: Trip to South Aust, visiting Currency Creek Arboretum and local S.A. APS Member gardens.

September 30th to October 4th: – ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference in Melbourne. Pre Conference Tour to Warrnambool.

Members Activities



October 25th 8.00pm: Members Night - Greg Lemmens

October 28th 2.00pm: Committee Meeting Mike Halls TBC

October 29th 2.00-4.00pm: U3A Propagation Day at Handscombe's

November 17th Sunday in Portland: Members activity - Ian Chivers
- Grasses

November 25th 2.00pm: Committee Meeting - Sparrows

December Christmas Breakup: Anita Hay.

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

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Other Committee Members: Linda Handscombe, Ross Dawson, Peter Robertson, Brian Waters.

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.

From Our President - Dave

Hi everyone, just a quick reminder that there we don't have a scheduled meeting for June, essentially a winter break. Our July meeting will be on Saturday the 27th at the Mozart Hall. The meeting will be our annual 'Giant Plant Table'. I encourage all club members and others you know who may be interested, to come along to the hall and bring plant specimens from your gardens, plant related items, eg tools or craft, or plants with problems that you want answers to. You will also need to bring food to share, it can be either a savoury dish or a sweet or cake, so we can share in a meal while we talk about our plants. The meeting will start at 10:30 am (committee members please arrive at 10:00 am to set up the hall) and finish at 3:30 pm, leaving us half an hour to pack and tidy up. If you are a propagator then bring along some plants to sell. See you all in July.

For those of you that are going on the joint Warrnambool, Grampians and Wimmera APS trip to South Australia to look at Dean Nicolle's Eucalypt arboretum at Currency Creek and some of the Fleurieu APS group members gardens over the weekend of the 7th & 8th of September here is the itinerary. If you haven't organised your accommodation then I suggest you do so soon. If you weren't planning on going but would now like to come along it's not too late, just contact me (0429866862) so I can include you in the numbers. Between the three APS groups we currently have 43 going. We will have a joint dinner on the Saturday night with some of the Fleurieu group at the Port Elliot hotel. If you have specific dietary requirements then call the hotel direct to let them know. You can look at the menu on their website. If you don't intend to come to the Saturday night dinner then let me know ASAP so I can make the final booking.

At our Last Committee meeting Ross and David showed new badges being organised by APS (Vic). They were given theirs as volunteers at the recent Melbourne International Flower Show. APS are offering to have them made for individual Group members. The Committee felt they would make good replacements for our current "in-house" badges and feel they add a bit more professionalism to our community activities. APS are charging \$18 each but it was decided that the group will pay \$8, meaning members will be charged \$10. If you would like one of the new badges bring money to our next meeting, we will record your name and put in a bulk order!

UPDATE:

You can still put in an order for a name tag, we wont be putting in the order until after our July meeting. Please let me know if you want one or bring along some money in July.





Gardens for Life

ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference Melbourne

The Round, 399 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading Victoria 3131

For more information <https://www.anpsa2024conference.com>

Some of the lectures during the conference will cover *Gardens for Wildlife and Habitat, Restoration and Revegetation of Wetlands, Grasslands and Verges, Creating Care for the Rare, Insects and Biodiversity, Garden Design, Indigenous Food Plants*, and many, many more.

A choice of excursions to *Melton Botanic Gardens, Dandenong Ranges National Park - Sherbrooke Forest, Karwarra Botanic Gardens and the Chelsea Australian Garden at Olinda, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria Cranbourne (RBGVC), the Australian Garden, Grasslands tour in the suburbs of Melbourne, Anglesea Heathland, and Gardens for Wildlife - three private gardens.*

Conference Registration

Early Bird Rate

- \$585 AUD (ends 30 June 2024)

Full Conference Rate

- \$650 AUD

Registration includes access to all five days including any day excursions and conference catering.

Day Only Registration

- 1 Day Rate: \$160 AUD
- 2 Day Rate: \$290 AUD
- 3 Day Rate \$420 AUD

Registration includes access to all Conference Sessions on your nominated day of attendance including conference catering.

Limited Student Discounts Now Available

Book for Conference

<https://www.anpsa2024conference.com/registration>

Pre and Post Conference Tours

Pre - 23 to 28 September 2024

Post - 5 to 10 October 2024

- **Grampians Wimmera Tour**
\$1800 AUD
(Pre Conference tour booked out)
- **Great Ocean Road Otways Tour**
\$2380 AUD
- **Gippsland Wilsons Promontory Tour**
\$2080 AUD
Single person supplement not included. Additional costs are required at registration.

Book your tour

<https://www.anpsa2024conference.com/registration>



AJ Swaby Address “Connected through nature”

Presenter: Phillip Johnson

Open to the public, free of charge

3:30pm, Wednesday 2 October 2024

The Round, 379-399 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading, Victoria

Some of Our Correas Out At The Moment - By Kevin Sparrow



May Display Table by Linda Handscombe

There were a few new members/visitors at the May meeting which was great to see on a cold wintery night. And because it's winter I'm featuring lots of the beautiful bird attracting correas that were brought in to show. Correas are a member of the Rutaceae family and that puts them in the same family as citrus fruit! There are 43 other genera in Australia including 486 species. Genera include Boronia, Crowea, Diplolaena, Phebalium, Philotheca and Zieria.

Ross kicked off with a number of specimens. His gorgeous bright orange *Correa pulchella* (photo above right) has a family connection. Sue's and my father Doug planted it in his garden in Werribee and he got it originally from Phillip Vaughan. It was always a beauty and we propagated it after dad died and Sue planted it outside their kitchen dining area so that dad could always keep an eye on Ross. It flowers nearly all year and is a favourite with the birds. We were never sure of our dad's correa's cultivar name. Possibly *Correa pulchella* 'Autumn Blaze'. *Correa pulchella* is endemic to South Australia. It occurs in remnant populations along coastlines of the Eyre, Yorke and Fleurieu peninsulas and on Kangaroo Island. They enjoy very well drained soils and don't thrive in clay soils. They tolerate lime well.



Kevin brought lots of correa specimens. He started off with *Correa reflexa* var. *reflexa* 'John Amor' (photo left) found originally in Portland and named after a local conservationist. Kevin also brought a different form of *Correa reflexa* var. *reflexa* from the Granny's Grave area. Our APS group is involved in propagating these remnant correas to save them from dying out. Another very beautiful correa is *Correa* 'Tickled Pink' (photo lower right) that Kevin believes is a seedling from an past member June Preece. It's a beautiful very low and reasonably wide shrub with quite large dusky pink flowers edged exquisitely with white. Members who came to our propagating session earlier in the year took cuttings of this one and they've all struck so they'll be getting plants in spring. Kevin also brought one of my favourites, *Correa reflexa* var. *reflexa* x 'Raelene Goldie'. A seedling in Naracoorte in the 80's it's named Raelene after the grower's friend and Goldie after Raelene's mother. It can grow 1.2 x 3m so give it some room. It's a favourite with the birds too. Kevin's *C. alba* x *C. 'Federation Belle'* x *C. pulchella* 'Catie Bec' is gorgeous. It's the result of a controlled pollination which is why they know the parentage so exactly. 1m x 1.5m it needs to be tip pruned regularly or else it gets very untidy.



May Display Table - Linda Handscombe - Page 2

Mike and Liz brought some lovely specimens including a very nice *Correa pulchella* 'Orange Glow' (photo above right). According to Correa guru Maria Hitchcock, this plant is probably synonymous with *Correa pulchella* 'Wreck of the Ethel'. If she's correct, it was originally collected on the tip of the Yorke peninsula in South Australia near the wreck of 'The Ethel'. It does well on Mike and Liz's lime soil and the red wattlebirds love it. They also brought a white *Correa alba* var. *alba*. This is a super hardy plant and it featured heavily in display gardens at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show this year. Landscapers are loving its lovely round silver foliage and its ability to be shaped and hedged. It's very promiscuous and is the parent of many gorgeous correa cultivars. It occurs from mid NSW around to the Otways and then in Tasmania while *Correa alba* var. *pannosa* occurs locally and then west to South Australia.

David brought lots of lovely specimens too including this beauty, *Correa reflexa* var. *speciosa* 'Carmen' (photo centre). This plant was registered by Phil Hempel of the Yarra Yarra APS group. It is a beacon in the garden with very large red flowers. The honeyeaters adore it. It needs tip pruning to stop it from falling over.



Dean made his first contributions to the display table. No correas but a Prostanthera, an Acacia that flummoxed us all and a beautiful yellow *Xerochrysum bracteatum* (photo lower left) that he grew from seed. As his everlasting daisies self seed in his garden, they'll bring in a huge number of pollinating insects that will in turn bring in insectivorous birds.

John brought a *Callistemon viminalis* in a pot that when mature could reach 3-5m. With red stamens it does really well in John's alkaline soil in a sunny spot and he donated the plant to anyone who would like it and Peter and Kerrie graciously gave it a home.

Presidents Report 2023/24 - Dave Handscombe

Once again I present to you our year in review.

Another year has passed us by and I hope the committee has been able to provide a varied range of speakers and activities to satisfy your love of our native flora.

May – We quickly dealt with the formalities of the AGM and saw a change in the committee make up with Michael and Dorothy Mattner stepping down after many years of making our group a successful organisation. We welcomed Peter Robertson and Brian Waters to the committee and I encourage any of the group to consider joining the committee to help make our group a success. With the formalities of the AGM over we trialed our new bit of tech, the mobile wireless hotspot so we can connect to the Internet and conduct Zoom meetings. Hopefully this should increase the range of potential speakers we can have. Despite some minor teething problems we were able to connect with Ross Shepherd who presented a talk on the wonderful work their group has been doing to establish a Banksia arboretum at Seaford.

June – A small group of hardy plant enthusiasts ventured down to Colac for the covid delayed trip to visit Paul and Barbara Kennedy's garden, followed by a tour of the Special Effects nursery at Barongarook. Despite being bitterly cold we were lucky the rain held off enough to have a good look at Paul's Hakea collection as well as look at some lovely plants at the nursery. Needless to say we all come home with some plant purchases.

July – We all headed to Greg and Gail Lemmen's in Warrnambool to wander around and see the changes to the garden. For those of us that hadn't seen this garden it was great to see what they have achieved over the last thirty years or so. A wonderful morning tea was had by all.

Aug – We had two activities this month with David Brennan and Anna Sanderson from Wannon Water giving us an interesting talk on the work being done at Wannon Water sites near Dunkeld, where they have been experimenting with using fire to try and improve the western plains grasslands at the site. The other activity was a visit to Mike and Liz Hall's garden in Warrnambool. Their mature garden has a mixed bag of natives ranging from well established plants to new plantings.

Sept – 14 members of our group headed to Bendigo to have a look at the APS Bendigo group flower show. The large Hall at Victory College was filled with an impressive display of flowers from member's gardens as well as several specialist native plant sellers. Leaving the show we went to look at the Honeyeater Reserve, an old quarry that is being revegetated. We had lunch at the reserve and a quick look at the remnant vegetation areas. After lunch we visited Marilyn Sprague's fabulous garden at Mandurang. After several hours at the garden we retreated to the Old Boundary Hotel for a lovely meal. The following morning we ventured into the Whipstick to look at some of the local flora. Several of us dropped into the Goldfields Revegetation Nursery at Mandurang to buy a few more plants before making the long journey back home.

Oct – The October meeting saw us hold another Grand Specimen Table with members bringing in plants and other items that were plant related, as well as food to share for a social chat about the all things garden related. Knowledge was shared about the specimens brought in and for those that were having issues with a particular plant, suggestions made about what the problem might be and how to remedy it. At the end of the day this is an important component of our society, sharing knowledge with others.

Nov – We had Jenny Emeny speak to us on the various orchids she has found growing at Tozer Reserve over the many years since the school plantation was removed and native revegetation recommenced. This was followed up the next day by garden visits to Kevin and Joyce's tiny garden with so much packed into it and Anita Hay's garden where she has done a huge amount of work in landscaping a garden, which is a mixture of young and old.

Dec – The end of year breakup was held at the Dawson Blood garden with a leisurely walk around followed by lunch and the end of year plant raffle. Everyone went home with plants and the money raised was once again donated to the Friends of Swan Reserve.

Jan – Saw us do something a bit different with members gathering at the Port Fairy rotunda to enjoy a feed of fish and chips before meeting up with representatives of the Friends of Griffith Island. We crossed the causeway onto Griffith Island where we received an informative talk about what they are doing to improve conservation outcomes. At dusk we enjoyed the fabulous spectacle of the mutton-birds returning to their rookery after feeding out at sea. Hundreds of birds were silhouetted against the dusk twilight as they returned to their nests to feed hungry chicks. It certainly was a sight to behold.

Feb – Linda and I conducted a propagation demonstration at our garden for interested members. The demonstrations covered propagation by seed and by cuttings.

At the February meeting I presented on the botanic garden crawl Linda and I undertook to Canberra and the Blue Mountains with the National Botanic Garden and National Arboretum in Canberra and the Mt Tomah Botanic Garden in the Blue Mountains, the Australian Botanic Garden Mt Annan in Sydney followed by the Illawarra Grevillea Park at Bulli.

Mar – Lindsey Poore spoke to us about the Chelsea Flower Show. Although not renowned for displays of Australian native plants none the less her informative presentation highlighted the amount of work in setting up the gardens and the precision needed to get so many plants to produce perfect blooms at the right time to be on display.

Apr – Our own John Sherwood presented on his recent trip to Exmouth in WA. His presentation not only covered the dry country flora of the area but also the aquatic life around Ningaloo reef and the close encounters he had with whale sharks and humpback whales.

What have been the achievements of the year?

We again set up a display at the Warrnambool City Council Volunteer Expo to raise our profile within the community and hopefully get some new members. A colourful display of flowers from member's gardens was set up and Linda again provided a large eye catching posy which created a lot of interest. Thank you to all members who helped set the display up, especially Ross who manned the display for the duration of the expo.

Warrnambool City Council asked us to once more provide large display posies and smaller gift posies at the Senior Citizen of the Year awards. Joyce Sparrow and Linda Handscombe assembled the posies from flowers from member's gardens.

Correa 'Granny's Grave' – Having finally obtained permits to collect propagation material Linda, Kevin and I went to the Grannys Grave site with Warrnambool City Council Environmental Officer and tagged and collected cuttings from 18 of the plants that were big enough to collect material off. The cuttings were duly processed and plants produced will go to create an ex-situ population at the Warrnambool Botanic Gardens.

The group participated in running a Bunnings BBQ as a fundraiser after an absence of many years. The day proved to be quite successful and I would like to thank everyone who helped organise, cook, serve and clean up on the day.

Kevin completed the fourth addition of Plants of the Great South West, which was launched successfully at the Library with a good crowd and many books sold.

The committee have worked tirelessly to try and develop a program that you would all find interesting and I thank them for their contributions to making our club successful. It was good to see some new members of the committee with Peter Robinson and Brian Waters coming on board bringing with them new ideas on how the group operates. I would encourage all of you to consider stepping up and having a go on the committee or as an office bearer so that long standing members can have a break but also that more fresh ideas are put forward so our group remains interesting to all members. I would also encourage you to let one of the committee know if you have ideas for speakers or different activities the group can be involved in.

Plant Profile By Dave Handscombe

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

Species: *Grevillea quercifolia*

Family: Proteaceae

Grevillea – named after Charles Greville, an algae expert and a founding member of the London Horticultural Society.

quercifolia – From the Latin, quercus, an oak and folium, a leaf, referring to the likeness of the leaves to some species of oaks.

Common Name: Oak-leaf Grevillea.

Dimensions: Height: low spreading shrub to 0.6 metres high and spreading up to 3 metres.

There are 2 distinct forms of *Grevillea quercifolia*, a broad-leaved form and a narrow-leaved form but they are not considered to be sufficiently different to warrant sub-species or variety status..

Cultivar Name: There are no registered cultivars listed on the ACRA website. There are no PBR (Plant Breeders Rights) listed for the species.

Grevillea quercifolia occurs from just north of Perth, south to Augusta then east to Denmark and as far inland as Mt Barker.

Grevillea quercifolia is a lignotuberous low shrub that grows naturally in gravelly loam, clay or sandy soils. It is hardy to moderate frosts and is tolerant of damp or summer humid conditions but may need some additional watering during long dry spells. The narrow-leaved form prefers a sheltered site with some protection from harsh afternoon sun. The broad-leaf form is more tolerant of the sun and will withstand drier conditions. Regular pruning will promote new growth from the lignotuber leading to a better form although this should be done after flowering, which occurs in spring. Propagate from seed or cuttings of firm young growth. Cutting grown plants may not form a lignotuber.





Photo Captions:
Photo 1: Grevillea quercifolia habit.
Photo 2: A closer look at the inflorescence and the leaf shape.
Photo 3-5: Different views of the flowers

Shows, Conferences, Plant Sales and Other Items of Interest.

IMPORTANT PLEASE CHECK APS VICTORIAN WEBSITE FOR CANCELLATIONS

27 and 28 July 2024 – APS Bendigo host COM and full weekend of activities.
Quarterly Committee of Management Meeting & Bendigo's 50th Birthday Celebration Dinner
Saturday July 27th and Sunday 28th July, 2024, hosted by APS Bendigo.
The meeting is at "Chasers", Bendigo Greyhound Racing Track, Bendigo.
Self-drive tours to local public and private gardens, Bendigo forests and Landcare projects.

5 September 2024 – Wimmera Biodiversity Seminar. Goroke.

7 September 2024 – APS Cardinia Regional Annual Plant Sale, Akoonah Park, Berwick from 8 am to 4 pm.

7 September 2024 – APS Mitchell Expo and Plant Sale, Wallan Multipurpose Centre, Bentinck Street, Wallan.

14 & 15 September 2024 APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo. Eltham Community and Reception Centre, 801 Main Rd, Eltham. 10am - 3pm.

21 & 22 September 2024 – APS Grampians Group Pomonal Native Flower Show, Pomonal Hall.

21 & 22 September 2024 – Angair Wildflower Show & Art Show, Anglesea Memorial Hall, McMillan Street, Anglesea. 10 am to 4 pm. Wildflower display, indigenous plant sales, art show and painting sales.

28 & 29 September 2022 – APS Bendigo Flower Show, Victory Christian College, Kairn Road, Strathdale, Bendigo. 9.30 am to 4.00 pm. \$5 entry, children free. Specialist native plant nurseries, books, garden accessories and more.

30 September to 4 October, 2024 – ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference in Melbourne hosted by APS Victoria. Visit <https://>



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2 October 2024 - 3.30 pm. AJ Swaby Address by Phillip Johnson - "Connected Through Nature". As part of the ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference, this session is open to the public, free of charge, at The Round, Nunawading. Phillip Johnson is a Landscape Designer and 2013 Gold and Best in Show winner at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in London. *"By healing our environment, we heal ourselves at the same time"*.

5 October 2024 – Echuca Moama Native Flower Showcase. Masonic Lodge Hall, 426 High Street, Echuca.

12 & 13 October 2024 - Cranbourne Friends RBGV Spring Plant Sale. 10 am to 4 pm. Wide range of plants, plant list available one week before sale.
Website: rbgfrienscranbourne.org.au

19th October, 2024. – APS Ballarat Spring Flower Show, Robert Clark Horticultural Centre, Ballarat Botanical Gardens, Gillies Street, Ballarat. (Next to the Conservatory). 10am to 4pm. Native Plants for Sale.

November 2024 – APS Wangaratta host APS Victoria Committee of Management meeting and AGM. Details to follow.

To assist in planning for 2025 - these activities are on the cards already.

24 to 30 March 2025 – Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show (MIFGS), Carlton Gardens and Royal Exhibition Building. Website: <https://melbflowershow.com.au>.

16 to 24 August 2025 - A focus on banksias - title to be advised. Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne. Includes plant sales, plant walks, exhibitions and displays in the auditorium.

Date to be confirmed, August 2025 15th FJC Rogers Seminar 2025 on Epacridaceae hosted by APS Mornington Peninsula in the Mornington Secondary College..

2026 ANPSA 2026 Biennial Conference, planned to be held in Alice Springs.