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Australian Plants Society Waverley

June 2020

Australian Plants Society (Waverley) Inc. Reg. No. A0013116G
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Meetings Third Thursday of month, Ground floor, Wadham House, 52 Wadham Parade, Mt Waverley (Melways Map 61 E12) Commencing 8pm

APS Waverley Group Events

AUGUST Thursday 13th 10.30 am

Garden Visit to Maranoa Gardens

Parring Road, Balwyn 3103 Melways Map 46 G7
Meet in the car park at the end of Parring Rd at 10.30 am.
BYO lunch and drinks. Seating, tables and toilets are available in Beckett Park which is adjacent to the car park.

Maranoa Gardens is one of Melbourne's premier displays of Australian Native plants with a collection of about 4,000 species.

SEPTEMBER Thursday 17th 10.30 am

Visit to Virginia Barnett's & John Watson's Gardens

Meet at Virginia Barnett's, 2/22 Wingate Ave
Mt Waverley Melways Map 70 J2

OCTOBER

Garden Visit

Details TBA

A date for your diary

DECEMBER Thursday 3rd

End-of-year Breakup dinner

Details TBA

Monthly meetings in Wadham House have been cancelled until permitted by government regulations

Other Events

JULY 25th and 26th – 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Growing Friends Winter Plant Sale

Australian Gardens Cranbourne (near the Kiosk)

13th FJC Rogers Seminar 2020

OCTOBER 24th and 25th

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"Mint Bushes & Allied Genera"

Hosted by APS Yarra Yarra in Eltham

Saturday venue:

Eltham Community & Reception Centre,
801 Main Road, Eltham

Other Events (cont.)

SEPTEMBER 1st - 9.00 am to 3.00 pm

APS Wilson Park Plant Sale

Wilson Botanic Park,
668 Princes Highway, Berwick 3806

SEPTEMBER 5th and 6th

Open Garden Scheme

Bill Aitchison and Sue Guymer
13 Conos Court, Donvale

SEPTEMBER 12th and 13th - 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo

Eltham Community and Reception Centre,
801 Main Road, Eltham

OCTOBER 3rd and 4th

Sat 9.00am to 5.00pm and Sun 9.00am to 4.00pm

APS Grampians – Pomonal Flower Show

Entry: \$5, children free

OCTOBER 10th - 9.00 am to 4.00 pm

APS Echuca Moama Native Flower Showcase

Masonic lodge hall, 426 High Street, Echuca

OCTOBER 17th and 18th - 10.00 am to 4.30 pm

APS Ballarat Spring Flower Show

Robert Clark Centre, Ballarat Botanical Gardens

OCTOBER 17th - 9.00 am to 3.00 pm

APS Mitchell Plant Expo and Sale

Kilmore Memorial Hall, 14 Sydney Street, Kilmore

OCTOBER 17th and 18th - 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Growing Friends Spring Plant Sale

Australian Gardens, Cranbourne near the Kiosk

ANNUAL FEES FOR 2020/21 DUE Renewal form included with this newsletter.

APS Waverley and APS Victoria membership fees for 2020/21 are now due. The fees are unchanged from 2019/2020, however **for members renewing their subscription a 33.3% reduction on the APS Waverley component of the fees** is included. This reduction recognises the adverse effect of the COVID-19 health regulations have had on our group activities from February 2020 to June 2020 inclusive. There is no rebate on APS Victoria fees.

New members joining the Group will pay full fees and are not eligible for the rebate.

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Impact of Government Health & Governance Regulations on Our Activities

COVID-19 Health Regulations (as at 18th June 2020)

Indoor events Wadham House rooms limited to one person per 4 m² of available floor space.

Meetings in private houses to 5 invitees.

Outdoor events Limited to a maximum of 20 attendees.

Impact of These Restrictions on Group Activities

Impractical to hold meetings at Wadham House. Our meeting room is approximately 16 m² so no more than 4 persons are permitted at meetings.

Garden visits – in practice no restrictions as our visits normally less than 20 attendees.

Actions to Minimise the Impact

The committee is planning for outdoor activities instead of meetings at Wadham House.

Group's newsletter now issued monthly instead of every second month.

Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) Governance Rules

CAV rules require our Annual General Meeting to be held by the end of November 2020.

Members can "attend" the AGM in person or by proxy.

Impact of Governance Rules on our Annual General Meeting

We cannot hold our AGM in Wadham House until the spacing rules are removed. This now looks to be increasingly unlikely before the end of the year.

Actions to Minimise the Impact

The AGM will be held in August (date TBA) in a private house (5 attendees max. due to the health regulations). The business of the AGM will be limited to election of committee members for 2020/2021 and other formalities. There will be no plant presentations or other events at the meeting.

Attending by proxy would be the best option. Forms for you to nominate a proxy, nomination forms for the election of Committee members, and the annual reports will be sent out with the notice the meeting and meeting agenda in the July newsletter.

The most versatile plant in my garden – by John Watson

What is it?

- It is a climber but not annoyingly vigorous.
Grows to 2 to 5 metres long.
- It makes an excellent screening plant on walls or fences, or growing as a scrambler among more established plants.
Can be used as a ground cover if you can dissuade it from attempts to climb
- It has large yellow 7cm flowers. Individual flowers last a day or two but new flowers are produced over a long period.
"Gardening with Angus" says it flowers in spring and summer - mine are still flowering now.
- Waterwise once established.
- Grows well in sun and shade.
- Easily propagated from cuttings and by layering.



It is *Hibbertia scandens* - Golden guinea vine; Climbing guinea flower; Snake vine

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My Pterostylis are in fine flower – by Geoff Schroder

Pterostylis is a genus of about 300 species of plants in the orchid family, Orchidaceae. Commonly called Greenhood Orchids, they occur mostly in Australia where they are found in all states, but not in the Northern Territory.

They grow in a wide range of habitats, especially in temperate zones and are found in grassland, heath, scrub, woodland and forest. Most species have periods of dormancy which coincide with climatic extremes, surviving as small tubers until favourable conditions return.



Pterostylis are easily grown in pots and usually flower well, filling the pot in a few years. *Pterostylis curta* and *P. nutans* can be grown in commercial orchid potting mix with coarse gravel added. A bushhouse or cool glasshouse are needed for some species. Regular watering is needed in the growing season but they must be kept dry when dormant.

Kings Park (Perth WA) and the Western Australian Botanic Garden – by Graham Oliver

Kings Park and Botanic Garden celebrates the unique and diverse plant life of Western Australia. Located within Kings Park, the Western Australian Botanic Garden is primarily dedicated to the conservation, cultivation, display and interpretation of WA's native flora. Approximately 3,000 taxa of native plants are on display.

Within the Kings Park bushland, there are three major plant communities: limestone heathland; Banksia woodland with *B. attenuata*, *B. grandis*, *B. menziesii* and *B. prionotes*; and low moist areas with *Banksia ilicifolia*.

These photos were taken a few days ago by a friend who lives in Perth.



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Plant Flowering in June *Grevillea 'Ember Glow'*



Grevillea 'Ember Glow' is a cross between *Grevillea rhyolitica* and *Grevillea juniperina*. A low growing and spreading shrub, it flowers for most of the year with red spider flowers which are rich in nectar and loved by a range of wildlife. Suited to small gardens and as a border plant, it is great as a feature plant for rockeries, shrubberies and as a pot plant.

It grows with a dense habit of growth to around a metre high and a couple of metres wide. Can be pruned after flowering to increase the density. Frost

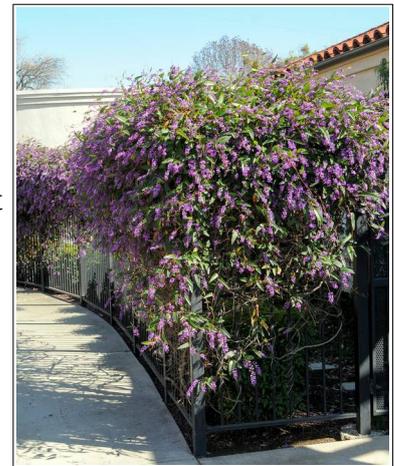
and drought tolerant. Likes the full sun and well-drained soils.

Plant Flowering in July *Hardenbergia violacea* - Native sarsaparilla; Purple coral pea

H.violacea is a popular and generally hardy garden plant which is widely grown. It is adaptable to most soils and aspects although sunnier positions will usually result in better flowering. It is usually a climbing plant whose branches twist around the stems of other plants. Moderately vigorous it rarely covers other plants so extensively as to cause damage. There are also shrubby forms without any climbing tendency.

Flowers appear in winter and spring and are usually violet in colour, but pink, white and other colours are also available.

Propagation is easy from seed following pre-treatment to break the physical dormancy provided by the impervious seed coat. Cuttings strike well using firm, current season's growth.



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