

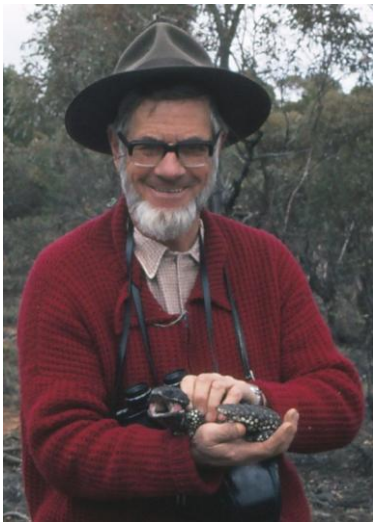


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Fred Rogers

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Hovea elliptica

Introduction

Welcome to our second newsletter for the 2022 FJC Rogers seminar to be held on the weekend 15th & 16th October.

The programs for both Saturday and Sunday have almost been finalised. Registrations are NOW OPEN. (See details for registering Page 2).

We are now working on all those necessary details that go into making these events successful, enjoyable and a chance to learn something new.

The propagation of plants for sale at the seminar is progressing. We hope to have a number of different species available.

We have had a good response to the first Newsletter with many extra expressions of interest. If you know of someone who is not already on our email list and would like to be, they can contact us on:

email: fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com

Dates

Saturday 15th October 2022
Presentations, Plant Sales & Dinner

Sunday 16th October 2022
Coach Tour - Garden Visits

REGISTRATIONS

Registrations are now open

Early Bird Discount: to 30th June, 2022

Registrations close: 23rd September, 2022

Participants will be able to register for any or all components listed below:

Saturday Seminar: includes presentations, morning and afternoon teas and lunch.

Saturday Dinner: includes evening meal, tea & coffee, and after Dinner Speaker. Drinks can be purchased at the bar.

Sunday Garden Visits by coach: includes coach tour to all gardens, morning and afternoon teas, with lunch at either Maranoa Botanic Gardens or Karwarra Australian Native Botanic Garden. Places may be limited and preference will be given to people who also attend the Saturday Seminar.

Registrations will not be accepted until full payment is received. All details and costs are on the registration form.

The Registration form has been attached with this newsletter.

Please complete and return to:

email: fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com

or

PO Box 33, Ringwood Vic, 3134

BOOK SALES

A wide range of books, including some on peas, relating to Australian native plants will be available at below retail prices during the seminar on Saturday.

ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS

There is a range of accommodation within a short drive of our Saturday venue including the following:

Nightcap at York on Lilydale

138 York Rd, Mount Evelyn VIC 3796
(03) 9736 40

NOTE: If booking accommodation at York on Lilydale use the following Promo Code for a discount:

YORKEVENT2022

Book at: yorkonlilydale.com.au

Other Accommodation in the area

Yarra Valley Motel

418-420 Main St, Lilydale VIC 3140
(03) 9735 3000

Lilydale Motor Inn

474 Maroondah Hwy, Lilydale VIC 3140
(03) 9739 3900

The Oaks Lilydale

500 Maroondah Hwy, Lilydale VIC 3140
0418 378 402

Yarra Ranges Country Apartment

7 Aqueduct Ave, Mount Evelyn VIC 3796
0419 582 410

A Twist of Willow Bed and Breakfast

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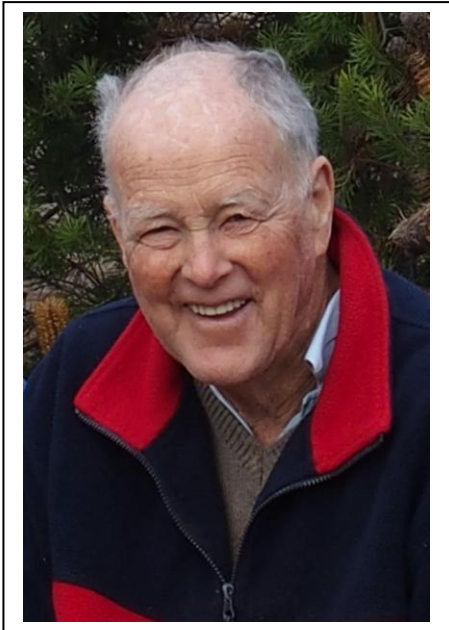
SATURDAY PROGRAM

Registration, sign in and plant and book sales
Welcome
Introduction and identification presented by Marilyn Bull
Morning tea
Keynote address presented by Professor Mike Crisp
Lunch
Research presented by Dr Julie Ardley
Propagation presented by Mandy Thomson
Afternoon tea
Horticulture/Cultivation presented by Royce Raleigh
Peas in Art presented by John Thompson
Close

Pre-dinner
Dinner
Travelogue presented by Chris Clarke
Close



ROYCE RALEIGH



Royce and Jeanne Raleigh first joined the Maroondah Group of the then SGAP in the 1960s and Royce became an active propagator. Jeanne's avid interest in native plants came later and since the late 1970s she has done most of the propagation.

Royce and Jeanne purchased 70 acres of open farmland in 1973 and built their own home in 1974. They initially rabbit-proofed a 100 metre square to begin a garden. Planting began in 1975 with over 600 plants carted up from Melbourne. Their aim was to create a garden that would show off plants to visitors, using paths and grassed areas between beds. They were foundation members of the Wimmera Growers of Australian Plants in 1976 with Fred Rogers as President and Royce as Secretary. Royce has spent many years as an office

bearer – President, Secretary and Newsletter editor- while Jeanne has been a long time committee member and they have supplied plant material for Wimmera Growers many shows.

In the 1990s Royce spent 3 years as State President of APS Victoria and is now an Honorary Life Member. He is currently leader of the Goodeniaceae Study group and spends time visiting various groups to talk on the many aspects of Australian Plants. Jeanne has been awarded an Imprensa Award for Outstanding Service to Australian Plants by APS Victoria.

In the garden they gradually created areas where they could attempt to grow a wide range of plants, including peas, from all over Australia. It didn't take long before the garden was extended to cover the 5 acres it is today. This area has been rabbit, and kangaroo-proofed with fencing.

Over the years, water-logging, drought, storms, climate change and fires have taken their toll on the garden, but all of these problems have been a tremendous learning experience for them. They now feel that they can successfully grow a much greater range of plant species than they ever dreamed of in the 1970s.

With many trips to parts of both western and eastern Australia, as well as many visits to nurseries, and to APS members gardens, they have sourced a large range of plants. Today they grow many species that are simply not available in most nurseries. The garden has around 2,000 species of Australian plants growing, most of which they have propagated themselves.

Royce and Jeanne started growing Hakeas from seed in the late 1960s, as Fred Rogers assured them that they were a 'reliable' plant'. In 1995, as Fred, Royce and Paul Kennedy all had an interest in Hakeas, they planned a large seminar on the Hakea genus. Royce wrote a booklet on Hakeas for the Seminar. This Seminar was later given the Status by APS Victoria of the first F.J.C. Rogers Seminar, which since then have continued on a regular basis. These Seminars have been responsible for greatly increasing our knowledge of Australian Plants, and the availability of plants for our native gardens.

In his presentation, Royce will talk about the cultivation and horticulture of pea plants, with particular reference to their experiences at Wartook Gardens. He will provide an insight to the trials undertaken to grow many pea species, and the issues involved with keeping them alive in the garden.



Front Page Photo:
Hovea elliptica. Tree Hovea
(photo & article by
Marilyn Bull)

When it comes to favourites in the pea family *Hovea elliptica* is certainly up amongst the top for me. I love its vibrancy suddenly appearing in a shady part of the garden where it has hidden away until near the end of winter. Purple is my favourite colour and this is one of my best purples in the garden.



While the Tree Hovea can grow up to 4.5 m high in its forest home in the south west of WA, I have not had it grow higher than 2-3 m here or at Karwarra Australian Botanic Garden in Kalorama. It is also a narrow plant here although again the largest dimensions suggest up to 3.5 m wide.


H. elliptica has rusty-hairy young growth and dull to dark green elliptic leaves up to 11 cm long but often shorter, paler underneath. It is noted as being spring flowering but I find, in the outer east of Melbourne, that it starts flowering from mid July and is long flowering. It is usually a very intense purple with two white eyes at the base of the standard. There is also a white form and we hope to have some for sale.

This is an excellent shrub to grow under trees as it likes a semi-shaded position in moist but well drained soils. It grows well from seed, germinating slowly and self seeds at Karwarra Garden. A must for any garden with shade.



Need a map? Grab a Vicmap!

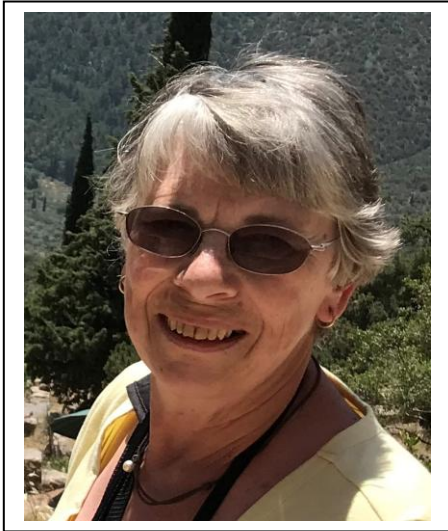
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MARILYN BULL



Marilyn Bull has spent more than half a lifetime learning about Australian plants. She has been a member of the Australian Plants Society (APS) since the late 1970s and is an Honorary Life Member of both APS Maroondah Inc and APS Victoria Inc. Marilyn was on the initial sub-committee which produced the 1st edition of *Flora of Melbourne*, co-ordinating the group towards the end. With John Knight she was co-author of the 2nd and 3rd editions. Marilyn revised and updated the *Flora of Melbourne* with George Stolfo, who completed his illustrations for all species, publishing the 4th edition in 2014.

Marilyn began her working life as a Special Education Teacher. She was fortunate to be appointed as horticulturist and Curator of Karwarra Australian Plant Garden in Kalorama where she worked for 14 years. Since leaving the Garden she has written an online plant directory of the Indigenous Plants of the Shire of Yarra Ranges for the Shire. She revised the Directory in 2020.

Marilyn enjoys travelling around Australia, appreciating the spectacular landscapes and the interaction of the plants within them. The Boronia, Thomasia and pea families are among her favourite groups of plants, and she is enthusiastic about the benefits of local

plants in any garden, which includes encouraging wildlife to visit. Her own garden is a collection of all the plants that she loves, and many more.

Marilyn has been involved in the organisation of three FJC Rogers seminars and she is particularly excited to encourage people to grow and enjoy more of Australia's wonderful pea plants.

At this seminar Marilyn will provide an introduction to the sub-family Faboideae. This will include what constitutes a typical pea plant, some features and distribution within Australia. She will also outline how to identify various pea genera based on a chart prepared by herself and illustrated by George Stolfo.

The pea identification chart will be available to attendees after the Saturday seminar.



Page 3 photo:
Jacksonia scoparia.
Dogwood (photo by
Bill Aitchison)

Jacksonia scoparia is a highly ornamental medium to tall upright shrub with a lot going for it. Not only does the shrub become covered in terminal clusters of yellow-orange flowers in spring, but these flowers have a sweet perfume which pervades the area. It is another shrub which quietly blends in when not in flower, its blue-grey stems either erect or pendulous. Leaves are reduced to small scales.

Hailing from Qld and NSW, the Dogwood grows in many conditions from wet to dry soils, tolerating most frosts. It can be grown in full sun or partially shaded sites making it a very useful and attractive garden specimen.

Propagation is from seed or cuttings.

Gompholobium tomentosum
Hairy Yellow Pea - by Marilyn Bull

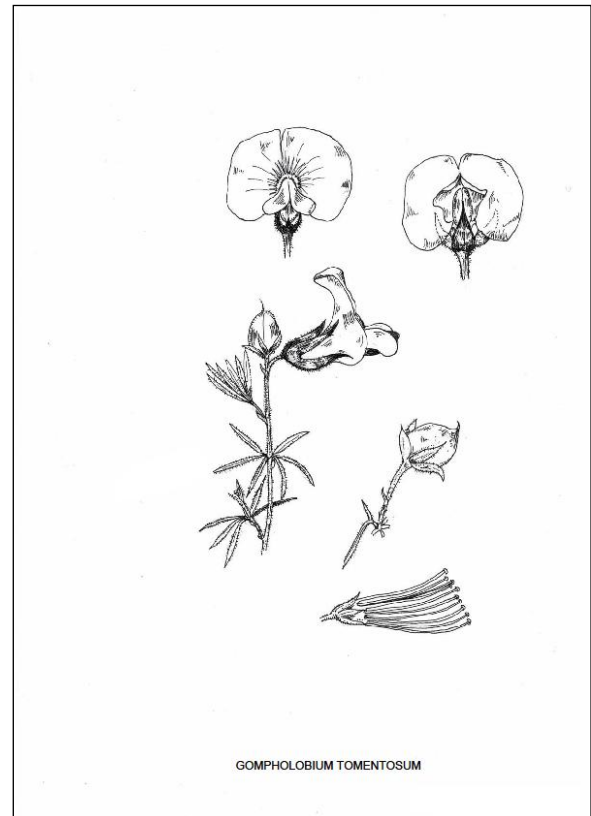
The common name for this *Gompholobium* perfectly describes this small species. Its flowers are pale yellow and its branchlets are covered in soft hairs.

G. tomentosum is a spindly, erect WA endemic shrub which covers a wide coastal area from Northampton to the south west, on limestone and sandy dunes and undulating plains behind the coastal area. It usually grows from 0.6 - 1 m high and may spread to 1 m in ideal conditions.

The hairy leaves of this *gompholobium* are pinnate with usually 5-7 strongly recurved leaflets, the terminal leaflet sessile. Stipules, when present, are narrow, ending in a fine point. The bright green leaves set off the small terminal clusters of pale to bright yellow flowers. Small hairy bracteoles (small bracts) are found in the middle of the flower stalk, as with all *gompholobiums*.

My lecture focuses on helping to identify the different pea genera from each other. This is a little insight into my presentation. The accompanying illustration by George Stolfo provides a visual context for these specific features. One of the key ways that *gompholobiums* stand apart is the formation of the calyx. The tube is very small. The five lobes are much longer and narrow.

Join us at the Fabulous Peas Seminar to learn more about the identification features of this and many other common genera.



PLANT SALES

Members of APS Maroondah Inc are propagating as wide a variety of species of Faboideae as possible with the aim of greatly increasing the range in gardens.

Plant sales will commence around 8.15am on the Saturday morning. Please register before heading to the plant sales.

Reasonable prices means that you can take lots home! Any remaining plants will be on sale at Karwarra Australian Botanic Garden on the Sunday.

There will also be a small supply of grafted Sturt's Desert Peas.

