

Newsletter

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Goodenia porphyrea. Girraween, NT. Photo: A & W Bedggood.

Editorial

The early bird discount has now closed, but for those who missed out there is still ample time to register – until October 1st. The Committee is delighted with numbers so far, but of course, we would like to see as many as possible take advantage of the expertise that we have available for the October weekend.

The Photo Guides are now complete and are currently being transferred to your USB stick. We believe these will be the most comprehensive publication on Goodeniaceae to date.

All those who have registered for the Saturday program will get a copy of the Photo Guides, plus copies of all the Presentations and extra material on each of the Gardens that we visit on the Sunday. The Committee may add extra material to help make the experience a memorable one.

We have had reasonable rains for the gardens, and the plant propagation continues to progress.

We are all working hard to make the Seminar a great success, if you have not yet registered, please do so, as we would love to have you on board.

Royce Raleigh
Chairperson

12th FJC Rogers Seminar 2018 - Goodeniaceae



If you cannot find any of our previous newsletters or want to know more about the 12th FJC Rogers Seminar 2018 - Goodeniaceae, use our QR Code Reader. QR Code Reader app is available either for IPhone or Android. Or go to our website:

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Speakers

To refresh your memory our speakers for the 12th FJC Rogers Seminar 2018 - Goodeniaceae are:

- Keynote Speaker: Dr Kelly Shepherd Molecules, Morphology and Classification: understanding old and new relationships within the family Goodeniaceae
- Neville Walsh Goodenia and its kin, a local perspective
- Hazel Dempster Unearthing the Horticultural Treasures within Goodeniaceae
- Rodger & Gwen Elliot Goodeniaceae for the Garden, Pots and Containers
- Brendan Lepschi *Your time would be better spent digging holes* taxonomy, plant names, and why nothing ever stays the same
- After Dinner Speaker, Dr Kelly Shepherd From the farmyard to fan-flowers and forensics?

Panrock Ridge

Panrock Reservoir Road, Stawell

Garden of Neil and Wendy Marriott

Initially 'Panrock Ridge' was a typical grazing block, with cropped grass and bare granite boulders. There were some big, old scattered *Eucalyptus aromaphloia* (Scent-bark), *E. melliodora* (Yellow Box) and *Acacia implexa* (Lightwood). Down in the valley conditions were swampy and wet, with *E. camaldulensis* (River Red Gum) growing there. Rabbit warrens and exotic weeds were a widespread problem, including one hillside covered with St Johns Wort.

There were numerous major stages in the development of the Marriott's garden. The very first planting was along the drive, of trees and shrubs indigenous to the area. This was carried out in 1992-3 by staff from Whitegums Nursery owned by Neil. All the plants used were propagated at the



nursery. The next planting was on the embankment on the north side of the house in 1994, and followed by annual creation of new gardens.

'Panrock Ridge' has been designed for wildlife, with large areas of native grasses, thickets of Grevilleas and many flowering trees and shrubs attractive to a large range of birds and animals. It is home to the official Grevillea Collection of the Garden Plant Conservation Association of Australia as well as the Living Collection of the Grevillea Study Group.

Down in the valley in deep sand, 40 waratahs and 250 *Banksia coccinea* plants were planted in 1996 and were thriving. As these matured Neil was selling hundreds of bunches of cut flowers per week. Sadly, most of the gardens were burnt out in 2006, although today it is hard to see the signs. As they have lignotubers, all the waratahs survived the fire. Six banksias survived the fire but the other 244 did not. Extensive re-planting since then has now resulted in an interesting collection of Banksias. The Banksia garden has been replanted, the collection now having about 60 of the original 70 species, including *B. rosserae*.

In 2009 a Verticordia garden was created south of the house. This garden is planted with drought-tolerance in mind. Viewed from the house it is designed more to enhance the beautiful Grampians views.



2011 saw a major undertaking. A vermin-proof fence was installed around an area of 30-40 acres. Although the whole property of 200 acres has a rabbit-proof fence, dramatic differences are visible inside and outside the protection offered by the vermin-proof fence, which excludes foxes and cats in addition to rabbits. It also keeps out kangaroos and wallabies.

In 2012, Wendy created an acacia walk beside a track through the indigenous area further north from the house. This has about 150 species of wattle with three of each species, and different forms of some. Two years later, not far away, Neil planted a hakea walk with about 130 different species, again with three plants of each.



More recently, the area of the cut flower production was set up with a dripper system and replanted.

The gardens display Neil's specialisation in rare, unusual and dwarf varieties of trees and shrubs, interspersed with herbaceous species, particularly extensive use of Dampiera, Lechenaultia and Scaevola.

Photos: Neil Marriott.

Peter Hilbig - Master of Ceremonies



Peter Hilbig.

Master of Ceremonies for Saturday Day Session

Peter Hilbig has been Chair of the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority since October 2017. He has lived at Halls Gap for most of the past 32 years working as a teacher, education consultant and principal. Additionally he spent six years as Manager of Project Platypus, a consortium of Landcare Groups in the Upper Wimmera working to improve sustainability and enhance biodiversity. In this role he was inspired by the commitment of landholders and stakeholders to work together towards a healthy catchment and community.

Peter has also spent three years teaching in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and two years as a principal in Arnhem Land, Northern Territory. He currently coaches teachers towards school leadership and trains school councillors in governance.

He continues to live in The Grampians with Judy who is a ceramic artist and teacher; their three adult children now on their own adventures. Peter is passionate about applying science to understanding ecology and redressing human impact, and strengthening community insight and action.

Glenda Lewin - Master of Ceremonies



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Master of Ceremonies for Saturday Evening Session.

Glenda Lewin is the Patron of the Wildlife Art Museaum of AustraliaFoundation (WAMA), Chair of Jallukar Landcare and member of APS Grampians.

Glenda grew up in Stawell and spent much of her childhood with her parents and siblings on a journey of discovery exploring the Grampians learning and loving Australia's unique flora and fauna.

She left Stawell for her tertiary Education and to follow a career in Early Childhood Development.

In 1990, Glenda left Australia to live and work in the United Kingdom, Norway and the Netherlands.

After 20 years abroad, she returned to live in the Region where she has focussed on establishing and supporting successful non for profit organisations that are aligned with her values and passion for the Grampians region.

In 2010-2013, Glenda chaired the Grampians Wildlife Art Society, where her involvement in this successful, workshop based, festival on Australian botanic and wildlife Art ignited her commitment and vision to create WAMA – the establishment of a national gallery and wildlife precinct showcasing to the world the unique heritage of our natural world.



Book Stall



Sue Guymer and Bill Aitchison sell books on behalf of APS Victoria at various events, including the FJC Rogers' Seminars. They will be selling at our 12th FJC Rogers Seminar 2018 - Goodeniaceae during Check In and during morning/afternoon tea breaks and lunch, finishing in the afternoon.

There will be a wide range of books on native plants, propagation, native fauna, and related subjects.

If there is a particular book that you want Sue and Bill to bring along for you, please contact them before the seminar at apsvicbooks@gmail.com or phone 03 9872 3583.









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Registrations

Dates for Registration

Registrations close: 1 October 2018

Registration form

is available:

- in this newsletter
- a choice of a pdf file or an Excel file is available online to download from the FJC Rogers Seminar 2018 website: https://apsvic.org.au/fjc-rogers-seminar/

The Excel form will calculate totals automatically for you and once the fields are filled in, the form can be emailed to: ficrogersseminar2018@gmail.com

Instructions to fill out form

All instructions are on the form. Please read carefully and fill out accordingly. If you have any difficulties please email: fjcrogersseminar2018@gmail.com

Accommodation

The following Visitor Information Centres will be able to help you in seeking accommodation.

Horsham, Free call 1800 633 218 http://www.visithorsham.com.au/accommodation/

Stawell & Grampians, Free call 1800 330 080 https://www.visitgrampians.com.au/where-to-stay

Seminar Registration Form

12th FJC Rogers Seminar, 20-21 October 2018

Hosted by Australian Plants Society Grampians Inc. & Wimmera Growers of Australian Plants Inc **Date of Registration** Name of 1st registrant: Name of 2nd registrant: Address: Town: Postcode: State: Email: Telephone (Home): Mobile: Australian Plants Society Group (if an APS member): Dietary requirements - 1st registrant: Dietary requirements - 2nd registrant: **Saturday Program** 8:00am to 4:00pm. Holy Trinity Lutheran College Hall, 25 Trinity Drive, Horsham, Victoria. Includes: ◆Free parking. ◆Lunch, morning and afternoon teas. ◆All day proceedings. Digital Photo-guides Enter number of Early Bird - received and paid by 30 June 2018. Cost: \$95 registrants Enter number of Standard - received and paid by 1 October 2018. Cost: \$115 \$ registrants **Saturday Dinner** 6:00pm Holy Trinity Lutheran College Hall, 25 Trinity Drive, Horsham, Victoria. Free parking Two course meal inc tea/coffee BYO Drinks Enter number of Cost: \$42 registrants Sunday Coach Tour - Garden Visits (all registrants must travel on coach) Free entry to all gardens Lunch, morning and afternoon teas Enter number of \$ Cost: \$52 registrants **TOTAL COST**

PAYMENT DETAILS USING ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER:

Account Name: FJC Rogers Seminar 2018 Bank: Bendigo Bank

Reference: Please use your name BSB: 633 000 **Account No: 159 202 951**

Date Electronic Transfer made:

Please attach a copy of bank receipt with **Seminar Registration Form**

Electronic Registrations:

Save completed form on your computer and then with bank receipt email to: fjcrogersseminar2018@gmail.com

Postal Registrations:

Post completed form with payment (cheque made out to FJC Rogers Seminar 2018) to:

FJC Rogers Seminar, c/o Wimmera Growers of Australian Plants, PO Box 533, Horsham 3402

For further registration information contact Maree 0427 832 249, or Wendy 0429 932 065 Cancellation of a registration must be made in writing to the address above prior to 1 October 2018 for refund.