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Australian Plants Society - Melton & Bacchus Marsh Inc



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Upcoming Meetings:

November – End of Year
Breakup,

Botanica Springs, details on
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Save the Date...

- Next meeting: Garden Visit
- Norris & Lucille's place
- 92 Carrolls Lane, Bullengarook
- **Thursday, 25 October, 5.30pm onwards**
- BYO picnic, drinks, chairs, camera
- BBQ available
- See page 8 for more details and a map



Monthly Meeting Recap – AGM & Photo Comp

We started this meeting a little differently with everyone wandering around the room and choosing their favourite two photos of the six groups in the categories in the photo competition. My thanks to everyone who submitted photos and I hope this has inspired you to take the camera out more often.

Then we jumped into the AGM which went as follows:

The meeting opened at 8.25 pm

Present: Ash Lane, Christine Huf, David Pye, Joan Carr, Russell Wait, Jean Partridge,

Alan Partridge, Norris McCarthy, Lucille McCarthy, Jen Eldridge, Cathy Powers, Ron

Powers, Susan Ehrenberg, Ken Ehrenberg, Jenny West, John Smith, David Johnstone

Apologies: Barb Pye, John Bentley, Jill Bentley, Dave Peters, Jenny Payne

President's Report - Christine Huf

Last year we held the AGM in October with a very lively and productive plant table. We welcomed Cathy to the committee as Treasurer and kept Russell, David, Norris, Lucille and me as the rest.

For the end of year breakup in November, we had fabulous weather for a BBQ starter then had some fun with the photo competition. The winning photos were then made into a calendar for which the club purchased one for each household membership.

January was the annual trek to Bullengarook for a potting up session of 400 Hakea seedlings. Once again, a huge thanks to David and Barb for looking after them.

We also had to say a sad goodbye to John Bradley during January.

Ash gave us a demonstration in grafting for the February meeting and showed why he gets great results, and why I have such fabulous scenery outside my windows.

Chris Lindorff showed us how to attract more birds to our gardens in March

In April, we saw how to set up and attract moths.

May was busy as always with our annual plant sale in a combination of weather including sun, rain, cloud and wind, but we sold close to 90% of our Hakeas. The last of the Hakeas were sold in October at the APS Yarra Yarra Plant Expo.

Then we took a tour into my world of forensics and how the garden with all its entities can help solve crimes.

We then had our heads in the clouds in June, with Marilyn showing some fabulous photos of different cloud formations and their meanings for the weather.

August saw us move locations and try out a new restaurant, with Geoff Lay then taking us on a photographic tour of his hikes across the country.

Once again, I say a huge thank you to David and Cathy especially, for the work that they have done as well as the rest of the committee for their support for the past 12 months, and thanks also to Ron for his running of the raffle.

Thank you to everyone helping with the plant sale, both potting up and on the day itself.

And of course, thank you to everyone for your involvement and attendance throughout the year.

Financial report

Cathy reported on another successful year. See page 5 for the report.

Available funds are \$13,123.07

Election of Office-bearers

President Christine Huf declared all positions vacant.

John Smith chaired the election of President.

Christine Huf was nominated. Moved Jenny West, Seconded Jean Partridge. There were no other candidates and Christine was elected.

Christine then chaired the election of the other office-bearers and committee members.

There were no prior nominations and accordingly, nominations were accepted at the meeting. There was one nomination for each position, and each was elected. All elected positions were filled.

Vice President: Russell Wait. Moved Jenny West, Seconded Jean Partridge

Secretary: David Pye Moved Norris McCarthy, Seconded Russell Wait

Treasurer: Cathy Powers. Moved Jenny West, Seconded Jean Partridge

Committee: Lucille McCarthy Moved Jenny West, Seconded Jean Partridge

Norris McCarthy. Moved Jenny West, Seconded Jean Partridge

Barb Pye. Moved Cathy Powers, Seconded Joan Carr

APS Victoria COM Delegate: There were no candidates. However, the committee can

appoint a person for each COM meeting, and will do so where possible.

The Public Officer role is filled by the secretary as per the Incorporation Act

While David did not wish to continue with the role of secretary, there were no other candidates. Because of the public officer situation, he agreed to accept the position.

However, the work will be shared among committee members, and this will be resolved at the first committee meeting.

Banking:

It was proposed that there would be four signatories again, as of last year. They would be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. This was moved by Christine Huf and seconded by Russell Wait. The motion was passed unanimously.

Other business.

There was discussion on the use of funds, in that it would be desirable to expend money on projects of relevance to the group's interests. Suggestions included plant signage in the Melton Botanic Garden (Jean Partridge), and purchase of Hakea myrtoides plants for MBG to use for propagation purposes (Susan Ehrenberg).

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Financial Report:

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 17/18

	<i>Available Funds</i>			\$ 13,123.07
	Statement Account		\$ 6,119.16	
	Cheque Account		\$ 499.25	
	UCA Fund		\$ 6,399.86	
	Petty Cash		\$ 104.80	
	<i>Expenditure 1 July, 2017 - 30 Jun, 2018</i>			
	Bendigo Bank Fees	\$ 5.60		
	Forward APS Vic. Memberships	\$ 780.00		
	Expenditure reimbursements	\$ 2,006.20		
	Consumer Affairs Annual Fee	\$ 56.90		
	RHSV Membership	\$ 40.00		
	Venue Hire	\$ 161.50		
	Speaker Fee	\$ 400.00		
	Study Groups' Membership	\$ 42.00		
	Australia Post - PO Box Hire	\$ 127.00		
	Donation - Trust for Nature	\$ 100.00		
	Promotion - Sign & Banner	\$ 605.00		
			TOTAL:	\$ 4,324.20
	<i>Income 1 July, 2017 - 30 Jun, 2018</i>			
	UCA Fund Reinvest	\$ 71.78		
	Bendigo Bank Interest	\$ 63.46		
	Membership	\$ 1,238.00		
	Hakea Sales (other than plant sale)	\$ 233.00		
	Transfer Funds from Commonwealth Bank	\$ 1,298.70		
	Petty Cash	\$ 124.80		
	Plant Sale	\$ 1,424.00		
	Raffle Income	\$ 20.00		
			TOTAL:	\$ 4,473.74
	<i>Balance at 1 July, 2017</i>		\$12,973.53	
	Income	\$ 4,473.74		
	Expenditure	\$ 4,324.20		
	Balance at 30 June, 2018	\$13,123.07		

Then, as we had a cuppa, the votes for the photo comp were tallied by Russell and Ash and the winners were announced. These photos will be turned into a calendar which will be available for purchase and will look like this:

Cover



January



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Anyone wishing to purchase a calendar, they will be **\$15** each.

Please place your order with Christine either by email, in person at the next meeting or phone by **Monday 5th of November**. If I get a large number of orders, this price may reduce and you will be refunded the difference. With Christmas just around the corner, this will make a fabulous gift. No late orders will be accepted and they will be brought to our November End of Year breakup.

Speaking of which, this year will be held at the Botanica Springs Community Centre, where we are now meeting.

Date: Thursday 22 November, from 6.30pm onwards

Bring: A plate of finger food to share. This could include party pies, sausage rolls, mini quiches, sandwiches, cakes, anything you choose. There is an oven and microwave available.

Entertainment: Each member is asked to bring along a story with a slide show or pictures. It does not have to be garden related, it can be something funny, something in the garden, something during travels, something at work or whatever tweaks the members' fancy. The slide show can be on a memory stick - the photos (if not digital) can be their own printed memories, just something that can be shown in around 5 minutes.

Raffle: This year will be a bit special. No hints will be given out, tickets will be at the usual price but anticipate purchasing more...

Feel free to dress in something festive and Christmassy, it will be a party, after all!

Newsletters and information

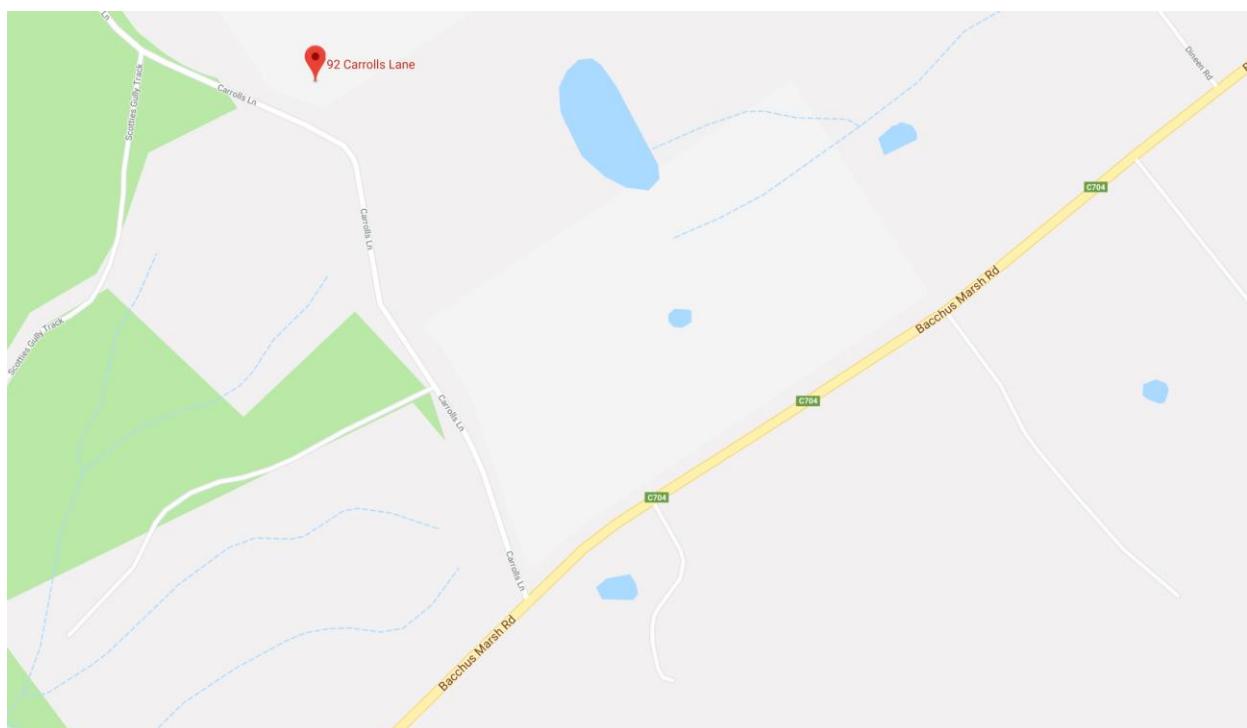
We are trying something new! In the group's email, we get study group newsletters, other APS group's newsletters, local group's newsletters and more. These are usually then forwarded on to all members of our group. I don't know about anyone else, but I like to keep my personal email account as cleaned out as I can. Instead of receiving heaps of emails, the committee will now be posting these other newsletters to a dropbox account. You may have to 'sign up' to it which is super quick and easy. Copy the link below, follow the directions for the first time and you will now see a list of available newsletters from everyone that you can read at your leisure. Save this link as the newsletters will be updated and changed out periodically.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/o4khgv1wrjfme3/AABZ9PD-6KLgoLnz75N3MOM0a?dl=0>

Next Meeting – Garden Visit

If you have been at the meetings last month and last year when we held the photo competition, you may have noticed that Lucille and Norris submit many photos of Banksias, Waratahs, Grevilleas and so, so many more! We are in luck as this month we get to wander around this paradise and spot those specimens that they tease us with. Cross your fingers for dry weather, but bring boots or similar just in case! You'll find their place at 92 Carrolls Lane, Bullengarook. 22kms from Bacchus Marsh or 11kms from the centre of Gisborne, turn west onto Carrolls Lane and there's 850m of sealed road. Just after it turns to gravel and opposite the Lerderderg State Park sign is their mailbox.

They have a bbq, tea and coffee facilities but please bring your own dinner supplies and chairs. Any time after 5.30pm! Please don't pick any flowers or sprigs without their prior approval.



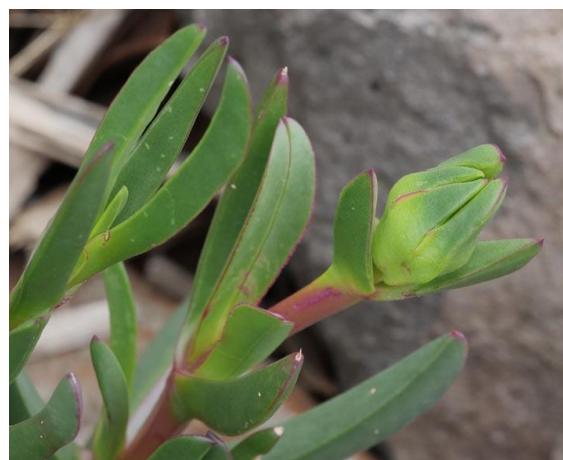
Plant Profile - *Carpobrotus glaucescens*

Even when I look at the definition of the name, ***Carpobrotus*** - comes from the Greek 'karplos' (fruit) and 'brota' (edible thing) and refers to the edible fruits and ***glaucescens*** - refers to the blue green bloom, which lightly covers the leaves, I can't figure out how it got it's common name, Pigface, yet everyone should know exactly the plant I am writing about.

Did you know: (fun facts):

- member of the Family Aizoaceae
- there are about 30 species in the genus, the majority being native to South Africa
- there are 6 species native to Australia which are chiefly coastal in distribution
- except (there are always exceptions!) *C. modestus* which is an inland growing species
- it is a prostrate, creeping succulent that has long trailing stems to 2 m long
- it has thick, fleshy, smooth leaves 3.5-10 cm x 1-1.5 cm, which are triangular in cross section
- the plant produces large, striking, deep pink-purple daisy-like flowers from October to January, but also can flower sporadically throughout the year
- the plant produces a red-purple berry fruit, which was used by the native aborigines as a food source
- the flesh of the fruit is said to have a taste similar to salty apples
- the roasted leaves have been used as a salt substitute
- early European explorers used the plant as an anti-scurvy treatment
- the juice of the leaves can also be used to relieve pain from insect bites
- it can be grown either from seed or cuttings
- will grow in most relatively well-drained positions in either full sun or partial shade
- can also tolerate extended dry periods
- is relatively pest free but may be attacked by scale insects in summer
- suitable for rockeries, low maintenance gardens or gardens with a sea side frontage

Information from <https://www.anbg.gov.au/gnp/interns-2005/carpobrotus-glaucens.html>



Upcoming Events


CRANBOURNE FRIENDS
ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS VICTORIA

GROWING FRIENDS
SPRING 2018
PLANT SALE
in the gardens
Saturday 27
Sunday 28 October

10.00am – 4.00pm

Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria - Cranbourne
Plant list available one week prior to sale
www.rbgfriendscranbourne.org.au

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27 October APS Echuca Moama hold the Native Flower Showcase at the Echuca Masonic Lodge Hall, 426 High Street, Echuca. From 9.00 am to 4.00 pm and entry is \$2.00.

27 & 28 October APS Ballarat District Group Spring Plant Show and Sales. From 10.00 am to 4.30 pm, at the Robert Clark Horticultural Centre, Ballarat Botanic Gardens. A display of flowers and foliage and a large range of plants for sale. Hand painted floral art, books sales and other stall holders.

27 & 28 October Cranbourne Friends Royal Botanic Gardens Spring Plant Sale – 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. (Mel 133 K10)

OPEN GARDEN WEEKEND

SAT 3RD & SUN 4TH NOVEMBER
2018

10:00AM to Last Entry 4:30PM both days

Follow the signs along the Warburton Highway from Launching Place to East Warburton and start at any of the 6 Gardens.

Entry Passes are available at any Garden (except at Garden 5).

Visit 6 Gardens for \$20 or \$5 per single Garden
Children under 16 Free
PTO for Garden Details Club Website: www.upperyarravalleygardenclub.com



Garden	Address	Melway Ref	Details
1	75 Heath Crescent, East Warburton	291-E/6	Plant Sales Large Garden, gentle slope with steep driveway. Parking on roadside.
2	9 View Street, Warburton	290-G/4	Large Garden with gentle side slope, entrance level. Parking on roadside and on Giffords Rd.
3	24 & 20A Old Warburton Rd, Warburton	290-D/6	Sausage sizzle 11AM to 2PM Two adjacent gardens, major garden areas flat with steep driveway. Parking area on pipe track opposite.
4	19 Marlino Avenue, Warburton	290-A/3	Medium steep sloping new garden. Parking on roadside.
5	12 Valley View Court, Yarra Junction	288-G/9	Small garden, refreshments and plants for sale. Money raised goes to charities. No charge for admission. Parking on roadside.
6	17 Cairncroft Avenue, Launching Place	287-D/6	Large garden generally level. Parking on roadside. Book sales.

Note: There is no entry to toilets at any of the gardens. Public Toilets are available along the main road in Warburton. **No Pets allowed**

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Treasurer *Cathy Powers*

Committee *Lucille McCarthy, Barb Pye, Norris McCarthy*

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All contributions to the newsletter are gratefully received. Please send a word document and photos to the group's email address. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me via email or phone. I am also happy to research a subject for an article if you give me a topic you would like to see explored.

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Bank details: Bendigo Bank, Bacchus Marsh

Acc: Australian Plant Society – Melton & Bacchus Marsh Inc

BSB: 633 000 Acc No: 158993733

MEETINGS: 4th Thursday of the month, Feb – Jun, Aug – Nov (doors open at 7.30pm)

VENUE: Botanica Springs Community Centre, 249 Clarkes Rd, Brookfield

URL for relevant internet websites:

Website: www.runningpostman.org.au

APS Victoria website : <http://www.apsvic.org.au/>

ANPSA website: <http://anpsa.org.au>

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