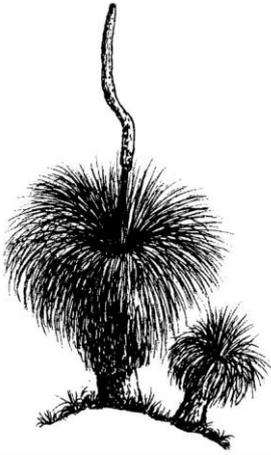


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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Please arrive at 7.30 for meetings

Saturday 10th November: Special event - Wangaratta Urban Landcare Group Nature Day. Apex Park, Wangaratta. Display and information table to publicise the activities of APS Wangaratta. Commencing at 10 am. Coordinators – Alan Gibb & Gillian Anderson.

Thursday 25th November: Meeting - Guest Speaker: Neil Marriott “My Top 20 Grevilleas”

Sunday 25th November: Outing & Christmas Break-up -Joanne Diver’s garden @ 846 Lamport Cres. West Albury. Includes an optional walk ‘up the hill’.

Saturday 8th December: Propagating morning at Park Lane Nursery 8.30 am to 12.00 noon. Early assistants would be greatly appreciated to help set up

Thursday 28th February: Meeting - Report on FCJ Rogers Seminar by Helen van Riet – :See Helen’s article below

Saturday 2nd March – Propagating morning at Park Lane Nursery 8.30 am to 12.00 noon. Early assistants would be greatly appreciated to help set up

Thursday 28th March: Meeting Subject/Speaker to be advised

“What does the raffle money pay for?”

A question some people have asked our treasurer Arthur Meyers

- the supper provided (supper providers can be reimbursed for their costs if they desire)
- the cost of speakers’ travel and meals.
- buying plants or other items from Park Lane Nursery (PLN), which helps maintain positive relationships with the nursery management and staff. Our group relies on the generosity of the PLN which provides our meeting place free of charge, donates raffle prizes and enables our group to use the nursery plant propagation facilities, which helps us raise funds via plant sales and members obtain cheap plants.

Australian Plants Society Wangaratta are pleased to currently have 50 financial members. If you have not yet paid your renewal, Wangaratta Membership needs to be paid to the treasurer; the APS portion of membership is to be paid directly to Australian Plants Society – Victoria.

We are currently updating the Assets register and it would be appreciated if anyone “taking care of items” which belong to APS Wangaratta contact Joan Cochrane to assist her in locating and documenting all such items. email: magicmim@westnet.com.au

Thursday 23rd August: AGM

Our Annual General Meeting was well attended with most committee positions having been decided before the meeting and others finalised afterwards. John van Riet read his report which was printed in our August newsletter. (See Committee list below)

A Silent Lucky Number Auction was held with a fantastic selection of beautiful plants from Park Lane Nursery. Everyone attending pulled out a lucky number and took home a wonderful new plant for their garden – I was lucky to get a pink Chamelaucium which I had been wanting to add to my garden. Thanks to Helen van Riet for organising the raffle, and choosing and purchasing the plants which are appreciated by all members.

Outing on Sunday 26th August to Chiltern National Park



11 people Met at the Chiltern Tourist Information Centre and drove to the Southern side of the Hume Highway to investigate Chiltern Mount Pilot National Park. On the first tracks we visited, the *Acacia pycnantha* was a spectacular sight – with golden yellow as far as we could see. Supported by a bird chorus of thrush's honeyeaters and other small birds – unfortunately no sightings or sounds of Regent Honeyeaters. The acacias were surrounded by burnt Ironbarks from the last bushfires - some trees restored to health and others black standing skeletons.

The roadsides were the highlight of this part of the park with *Hibbertias*, Peas – *Daviesia genistifolia*, Small greenhoods and *Hovea heterophylla*. Our photographers enjoyed snapping them all.

We lunched at the Honey Eater Picnic area which supplied good facilities, with tables, toilet and beautiful surroundings. After lunch we again crossed the highway to Magenta Mine where we walked the soft tracks enjoying the surroundings, but not a lot of flowering plants. Our first snake sighting for the season was a large Red Belly Black sunning itself in the early spring sunshine.



Meeting on Thursday 27 September by Helen Van Riet

Some 30 members enjoyed the colour and variety of spring in our native gardens, as Jan Hall expertly drew our attention to specimen banksias, grevilleas, hakeas, leptospermums, eremophilas and many others that members had brought. The variety was amazing! If only we had more time to plant them all! Making choices is not easy when there is so much to choose from. Thanks, Jan, for your informative overview.

Before the spring specimen show Jim Blackney talked to us about the Silver Banksia (*Banksia marginata*) project he is coordinating. Its common name refers to the underside of the leaves being silver in colour. Once a common plant in the Eastern states, now becoming sparse. The project intends to plant seedlings on properties from 2 ha upwards. Park Lane nursery has some hundreds of seedlings ready. Contact Jim if you have space. His email address: themeda.rural@bigpond.com

Outing on Sunday 30 September by Helen Van Riet

On a beautiful sunny day some 14 members visited Anne Ford's garden at 267 Warby Range Road, Glenrowan. Designed over many years by several different owners, it had many interesting features. As well as a major gravel driveway with several curves, leading to the garage at the back of the house, it had many small foot tracks enabling one to feel part of the garden. Seats along them invited contemplation. Plants were mostly native but exotics added another interest. Several magnificent tree-size acacias stood out on along the driveway.

Of particular interest was the Black Bean tree, *Castanospermum australe*, which has shiny dark green, pinnate leaves, yellow and red pea-flowers (not yet visible during our visit) and large boat-like pods to 25 cm in autumn. Common along the East coast and into the tropics, it can grow here, probably needing protection against frost in its youth. It grows into a large tree, suitable for large properties. A splendid specimen grows in the King George Gardens in Wangaratta, in the south western corner. Seeds can be found there every late autumn.

A fernery existed at the back of the house, next to a gravelled area, which was next to the only lawn to be mowed. Many thanks, Anne, for opening your garden for us.



We were wondering what this very floriferous grevillea was.



Meeting on Thursday 25th October

Melton Botanic Gardens. Guest Speakers - David & Barbara Pye

Our members were very interested in the presentation by David and Barbara Pye about the Melton Botanic Gardens. It is amazing to see the energy of these Volunteers working on Public Land to bring pleasure to other people. David and Barbara with other volunteers have given years of their time and energy to produce a wonderful display of native trees (especially eucalyptus) and shrubs and flowers, to a previous wasteland, along the way learning much about the plants and their requirements.

At the first opportunity we will be visiting these amazing gardens to see the work done. Congratulations to The Pyes and their fellow workers for this garden, which I have read, is said to be amongst the best botanical gardens in Australia.

Outing on Saturday 18th October to Mt. Buffalo by Jan Hall



It was a perfect day when 12 eager members met at Porepunkah for an early season visit to the mountain. John and Trish Gibbons had come over from Mt. Beauty, and John had noted a late start to flowering this year.

We were not disappointed though, with mountain views and green landscape everywhere. The roadside banks presented patches of pink *Tetratheca*, *Indigofera australis*, and 2m. high white *Olearia phloggapappa* with larger leaves typical of this species at this elevation. Later on the small leaf subspecies will be flowering higher up. You have to be early to see the Wattles. First the Silver Wattle, *Acacia dealbata*, Ovens Wattle, *A. Pravissima*, then the endemic Buffalo Sallow Wattle, *A. Phlebophylla*, Buffalo Wattle, *A. Kettlewelliae*, and the distinctive *A. Obliquinervia* with an oblique main vein on the leaves. Finally the true alpine: *Acacia alpina*, around the rocks There were peas – *Mirbelia*, *Daviesia* and the lovely purple *Hovea* just coming out, *Hovea Montana*, with a few white flowered ones as well. Round leaf Mint Bush, *Prostanthera rotundifolia* was in flower on the roadside. .

Lunch was at Lake Catani. But first a walk, to find lots of *Phebalium*, and Royal *Grevillea*, *G. Victoriae*, which was easy to find once it was decided to not risk a climb down for a closer look. Others with a few flowers were *Euryomyrtus ramosissima* [formerly *Baeckea*], *Goodenia hederacea*, and beard Heath, *Leucopogon* sp. All this delayed lunch which gave the thieving ravens time to investigate and carry off some food from bags. Beware in future!!

The walk to Dicksons Falls, across wet grassland ,over the creek and through rocky woodland, provided more plants and rushing water dropping over the edge of the plateaux .The highlight for me were patches of the splendid Gunn's Buttercup, *Ranunculus gunnianus*.



FJC Rogers Seminar, Horsham, 19-21 October, 2018 by Helen Van Riet

Some 240 APS members from Victoria, S.A. and N.S.W. gathered at Holy Trinity Lutheran College for a weekend of learning, plant buying, visiting gardens, and the joy of meeting up with friends and making new ones. APS Wangaratta was represented by 12 of our members.

Friday night was registration, plant sales and book sales. As the plant family being studied was that of the family Goodeniaceae, all of Saturday was given to lectures on such topics as 'Morphology and Classification', 'A wander around Victorian Goodeniaceae', 'Unearthing the Horticultural Treasures within Goodeniaceae', 'Goodeniaceae for the Garden, Pots and Containers', and 'Your time would be better spent digging holes – on taxonomy, plant names and why nothing ever stays the same'.

After the lectures, enough time was left before dinner to visit Mabel Brouwer's garden in a new part of Horsham. After sitting all day everyone was keen to stretch their legs and admire this very new garden, only a few years old. The after-dinner speaker, Dr Kelly Shepherd from Perth, who had delivered the first lecture that day in a delightful fashion, delivered the heart-warming and courageous story of her life with the title "From the farmyard to fan-flowers and forensics?"

Sunday saw four buses take us to visit three gardens, some distance from Horsham. Jeanne and Royce Raleigh's Wartook Gardens in the Grampians came first, with a riot of colour in the many garden beds; next was Glenda and Greg Lewin's Grannes Garden near Stawell, created on a grand scale with carefully chosen sculptures adding much interest; finally there was Wendy and Neil Marriott's garden at Panrock Ridge near Dadswell Bridge with its many grevilleas and many other beautiful plants, the rocky outcrops adding to the scene, as well as the Grampians escarpment in the distance.

What a weekend, the almost perfect weather adding to the enjoyment of it all. APS Wangaratta members who attended were Jan Hall, Alan Gibb, Barbara Buchanan, Alison Earp, Glenda and Bernard Datson, Linda Huzzey, Neil Blair, Joan and Arthur Meyers, John and Helen van Riet. The next FJC Rogers Seminar will be held at Latrobe University in Melbourne in 2020.

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY WANGARATTA OUTING --- SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25TH 2018

CHRISTMAS AT THE DIVER HOUSE 846 LAMPORT CRESC, WEST ALBURY

10.30am for 11am.

Please bring:

- **Something Christmassy to share..... for morning tea.**

Lunch will be a shared meal. -----Cold meat, crusty bread and T & C will be provided.

Please bring:

- **a salad, or a sweet to share for lunch.**

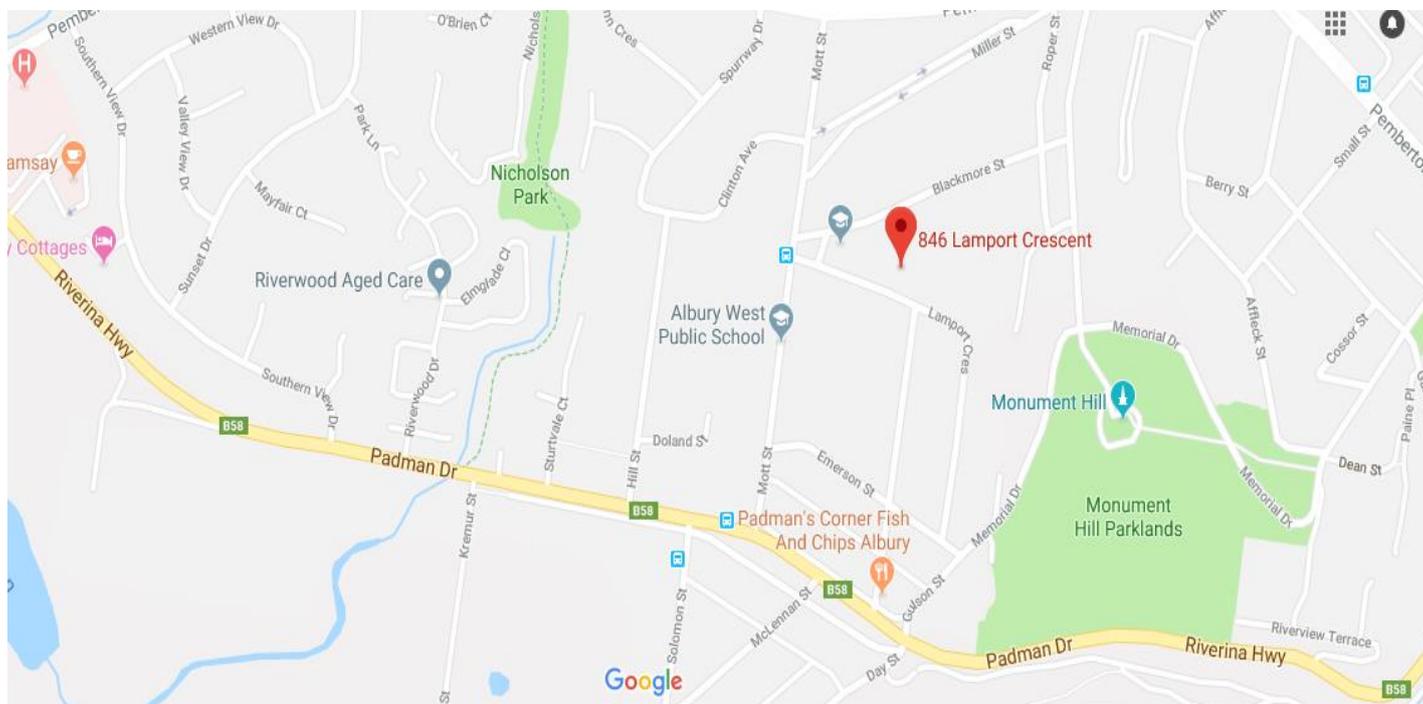
Bring you own:

- Crockery and cutlery
- Folding chair
- Hat & sunscreen
- Drinks, (& optional) alcohol

And there's more

Joanne is planning some special activities and entertainment for our enjoyment!

Locality Map – 846 Lamport Crescent West Albury.



Advance Diary Dates – A rolling 12 month calendar

November	Meeting- 4th Thursday 22 November 2018 <i>Neil Marriott, Top 20 Grevilleas</i>	Outing Sun, 25 November 2018 <i>Christmas at the Diver House at 846 Lamport Cres, West Albury, & optional walk up the hill</i>	Other Events/Meetings Saturday 10 th November 10am - Nature Day, Apex Park Wangaratta
December	No meeting	Outing – Propagating Morning Saturday 8 December 2018 <i>8.30 am - 12noon at Park Lane Nursery</i>	Other Events/Meetings 1 st Dec., APSV Committee meeting, Cranbourne Botanic Gardens
January 2019	No Meeting	No Outing	Other Events/Meetings Possible Trip to the Alps (Wangaratta APS only) TBA The Great Plant Out Seed Processing & Packaging Day TBA
February 2019	Meeting- 4th Thursday 28 February 2019 Goodeniaceae Club Night	No Outing	Other Events/Meetings 13 February Committee meeting
March 2019	Meeting- 4th Thursday 28 March 2019	Outing – Propagating Morning Saturday 2 March 2019 From 8.30 am at Park Lane Nursery Outing 30 March 2019 Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show To be Confirmed	Other Events/Meetings

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the newsletter and shares their photos. It makes my job easier ! And it is more enjoyable for all of our members.

Meetings

Meetings are held at Park Lane Nursery, Park Lane, Wangaratta usually on the 4th Thursday of the month from February to November.

Please arrive at 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start.

It is a good idea to bring a torch with you. **Visitors are always welcome.**

Members are encouraged to bring along exhibits for the specimen table which is a regular feature of each meeting.

Pre-meeting dinner get-together Those that are able share dinner together at Café Martini, 87 Murphy Street, Wangaratta, 6.00 – 7.15pm . All members and friends are most welcome.

It's a chance to relax with a nice meal and a glass of wine

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