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EDITORIAL

Hi members,

Spring is in the air, with lots of our native plants coming into flower now. How is your garden going? Why don't you tell us about your successes and failures too. Bring something along for the display table. (Not the dead ones!)

Bulk Neutrog Fertiliser Order. Of the 7 extra bags of Neutrog Bush Tucker plant food that we purchased, I still have 2 left. Please let me know if you would like one 20 kilo @ \$30 each. For those people who have purchased products, Neutrog would like to **hear feedback** about your experience, See page 9 for information. Remember, APS Vic receive a commission from all products sold.

The next **Warrnambool Field Nats** meeting has Tom Kindred speaking on "Conserving Biodiversity on Wannon Water Land". It's at the CWA Hall, 30 Kepler St with meeting starting at 7.30 pm on Wed 25th September. All welcome.

Our speaker this month is Dave Williams who will be speaking on his work with Maremma dogs at Werribee Zoo in protecting bandicoots. Dave was involved in getting the dogs onto Middle Island to protect the penguins. This will be an interesting presentation, so please come along and bring your friends.

I will be booking a table for **dinner with our speaker** at the RSL before our next meeting. Meet at the RSL at 6.30pm. That's about all for this month, hope you can make it to the next Members Night on Friday 27th, please bring something from your garden for the Display Table. Cheers, Kevin

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We wish to acknowledge the Maar people as the traditional owners of the land on which we live and pay our respects to their elders past and present.

Next Meeting: Dave Williams speaking on his work with Maremma Dogs

Group Diary Of Activities

Sept 27th: Members Night - Dave Williams, Maremma Dogs and Bandicoots.

Sept 30 - Oct 4th: ANPSA National Conference in Albany WA.

Oct 1st: Committee Meeting at Hall's.

Oct 5th & 6th: Pomonal Native Flower Show

Oct 19th: "Spring Into Nature" Presentations by the Friends of Ralph Illidge Sanctuary. From 12.00 noon. See page 6 for more.

Oct 25th: Members Night - Adam Miller - Friends of the Forgotten Woodlands

Oct 26th: Visit to Cobra Killuc Reserve, to view wildflowers.

Oct 29th: Committee Meeting at Joan Krygger's

Nov 16/17th: Replenish our Planet Festival at Koroit BG.

Group Diary Of Activities

Nov 22nd: Members Night - Gary Barclay - Cave Diving

Nov 26th: Committee Meeting TBC

Dec 7th: Xmas Breakup and BBQ. Rail Trail site in Koroit suggested.

Feb 28th: Chris Clarke - Alpine Flora

Mar 27th: Royce Raleigh

Spring 2020: Proposed APS Vic. Quarterly Meeting in Warrnambool.



Photo: Snow on Mount William by John Sherwood

Please submit your articles for the newsletter by the end of the second week of the month

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Other Committee Members: Michael Mattner, Andrew Gray, Joan Krygger

The APS Warrnambool & District holds meetings on the 4th Friday of each month at the Mozart Hall Warrnambool at 8pm.

APS Warrnambool & District is a District Group of the Australian Plants Society (Vic)

All members are required to also be a member of APS Vic.

August Display Table Report by Kerry Artis

Spring is fast approaching with many pretty plants displayed. Mike Halls started our showing with *Grevillea magnifica* which is growing in sand, has done very well, and is looking magnificent. *Hypocalymma angustifolium* starts off with white balls of fluff that turn pink and is a very pretty shrub, *Acacia acinacea* Gold Dust Wattle is looking striking with yellow balls all along its stems, is tolerant of drought and frost and responds to light pruning. Mike also brought along *Grevillea thelemanniana* in the green form, *Philotheca myoporoides* and *Eucalyptus caesia*.

Kerry Artis showed *Rhodanthe chlorocephala* ssp. *rosea* Paper Daisy, a pink, erect annual from W.A. grown from the Great Plant Out seeds. They have been flowering for about a month and are looking beautiful growing in a black pot. *Leucopogon microphyllis* var. *pilibundus* is 30cm high and covered in small, white flowers. This genus has proved difficult in cultivation but so far this plant is doing very well. *Tetratechea thymifolia* is 40cm high and covered in mauve-pink buds, just coming into flower. It also comes in white and will grow to about 60cm high. Also suitable for growing in pots and as a child I used to gather it for cut flowers out of the bush on our farm.

June Preece brought along *Grevillea* 'Winpara Gold', a tree 3m high and 25 years old that bears yellow flowers with red stamens, *Grevillea bipinnatifida* is a sprawling ground cover with a lovely spread, *Eucalyptus caesia* ssp. *magna* is 26 years old, 5m high and has a pendulous habit. The Crimson Rosellas love it. June has a dark blue and a white *Hardenbergia comptoniana* Native Wisteria, a twining climber with trifoliolate leaves and sprays of flowers, excellent for growing on a trellis or pergola. She also has a bush one with blue flowers which is about 1m high. *Diplolaena grandiflora* is an upright shrub to 2m that has large, red flower heads which are very attractive and was shown by Joan Krygger.

David Handscombe displayed *Isopogon* 'Stuckey's Hybrid', a lovely plant that came from the Isopogon Study Group. *Isopogon dawsonii* came from Royce Raleigh's garden and is doing very well, being a hardy, erect shrub and quite easy to grow from cutting. It can grow to 6m in the wild but is usually much less in cultivation. David also brought along *Chamelaucium uncinatum* that he grew from a seedling and it bears pretty, soft pink flowers.

Kevin Sparrow has three different *Hardenbergia violacea* False Sarsaparilla plants, a purple, a white and a pink combination one. It is a variable plant that can trail, climb or have an upright shrubby habit, liking well-drained soil and growing in sunny or semi-shaded areas. *Scaevola porocarya* has a pretty, mauve flower, *Dryandra praemorsa* in the pink form is flowering nicely, *Eremophila santalina* is a large, upright shrub or small tree, with a pendulous habit and white flowers. It can be cut back quite hard and quickly responds, can be grown in sun or part shade and is drought tolerant.

Other plants Kevin had on display included *Hakea coriacea* (Photo above), *Eremophila foliosissima*, *Eremophila subfloccosa* ssp. *lanata*, *Eremophila splendens*, *Chorizema varium*, *Pandorea pandorana* 'Golden Showers' *Conostylis candicans*, *Eremophila mackinlayi*, *Templetonia retusa*, *Lysiosepalum involucreatum*, *Chamelaucium ciliatum*, *Thryptomene calycina* and *Pterostylis curta*.



Report On Meeting Friday 23rd August by Mike Halls

Meeting attended by 16 members and visitors. There were 6 apologies from members. The Guest Speaker was Mr Rito Zollinger who spoke about his and wife, Yvonne Ingeme's trip and volunteer work in the Kimberley, with special focus on Aboriginal rock art, plants, birds and wildlife encountered. Rito illustrated his presentation with extensive high-quality photos, providing detailed insight into their extensive trip into this remote part of northern Australia. Kevin thanked both Rito and Yvonne for their interesting talk, and presented them with two hand-crafted wooden pens.

Photos of Bungle Bungles by Kevin Sparrow



Report On Planting Day At Maam Water Reserve by Kevin Sparrow

On Sunday 8th September in spite of the inclement weather, many hardy landcarers descended on the Maam Reserve to plant out around the boundaries of the reserve to improve its biodiversity. There was a wide variety of plant species ordered and funded through the Landcare Grant that Matt King was able to get when he was the Landcare Facilitator. As usual at this time of the year, the water level has risen and flooded the surrounding area of the lake. This is the signal for all the wetland species to grow and flower before the water recedes again in summer. The Swamp Daisies were already out in flower with the Marsh Lilies soon to follow.



Photos: Matt King.



Banks & Solander Exhibition, Ringwood

17th February 2020 - 17th April 2020

“Australian Plants Revealed: 65,000 years of traditional plant use and 250 years of science”

An exhibition highlighting Banksias and unique Australian flora.

In April 2020 it will be 250 years since the east coast of Australia was first sighted from the Endeavour when Lieutenant Cook, his crew and passengers saw Point Hicks in East Gippsland.

Joseph Banks and Daniel Solander collected many specimens from the east coast for scientific study.

1. Exhibition ‘Revealing the Floral Treasures of Australia’.
2. Keynote address by Professor Tim Entwisle SATURDAY 28th March 2020: THE SIR JOSEPH BANKS CABINET, Botanical Bounty of the Endeavour’s voyage to New Zealand and Australia
3. Keynote address by Bruce Pascoe SATURDAY 28th March 2020: Aboriginal plant uses for sustenance and medicine

Note: the Ringwood gallery will not be open at all on Sundays but 12-4 every Saturday in March

Details

Start:

17th February 2020

End:

17th April 2020

Event Category: Seminar

Venue: Maroondah Federation Estate, 32 Greenwood Ave, Ringwood, 3134



Coastal Connections By Jarred Obst

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the July/August instalment of Glenelg Hopkins CMA's '*Coastal Connections*' email.

Longer days and the hint of warmer temperatures; the season has turned and winter appears behind us for another year!

Seasonal Weather

Promising early winter rainfall continued into July and August with the majority of our coastal region experiencing near-average rainfall totals. While this has recharged soil moisture and surface water levels, stream-flows through our regions rivers has however remained relatively consistent this winter, and the degree of large magnitude flows has been below seasonal trends. With spring now upon us, along with an early hint of warming conditions, many eyes are now on the sky for on-going rain as this is the make or break season for the majority of land managers.

For full details on recent and upcoming weather conditions, please refer to the following BoM link. <http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks/#/overview/video>

Estuary Update

Winter is a very exciting time on the estuary front with rainfall, stream-flows, tides and large swells all competing at the lower ends of these dynamic systems. Importantly, all of our regions estuaries are either open or have been recently, resulting in critical seasonal flushing which resets water quality profiles and reduces sediment loads at estuary mouths. This is a critical component in the yearly cycle of our intermittently closed estuaries and is vital in maintaining healthy and diverse aquatic ecosystems.

*For a summary of recent conditions, please refer to the *Estuary Update & Estuary Photo attachments*.*

Upcoming Opportunities & Activities

With warmer temperatures and longer daylight hours, it's a fantastic time to get outdoors again! Here's some potential opportunities; *please follow links or refer to attachments for further details;*

Landholder funding remains available in the Fitzroy River and Darlot Creek area; *please contact me asap if interested or know of someone that may be!*

Learn about our **local Hooded Plovers** at two community sessions in Port Fairy and Warrnambool on 12th and 14th September

The last **Orange-bellied parrot count** weekend will occur on September 14th & 15th; *register your interest with Nicole at nicole.mojonnier@natureglenelg.org.au*

Coastal Connections By Jarred Obst

Portland Coastal Cliffs Inc. are holding their 2nd **Planting day** on October 20th from 2-4pm; all welcome

A **Community Forum** is being held in Nelson on November 22nd and 23rd to showcase activities occurring within the Lower Glenelg Ramsar site (*further details at g.prentice@ghcma.vic.gov.au*)

Have your say on Litter & Illegal dumping

A **Regional Litter and Illegal Dumping Plan** is being developed by BSWWRRG and they are seeking community views, ideas and priorities. Become involved by attending a workshop in Warrnambool, September 17th (*see flyer*), or complete the following on-line survey;

Community groups and organisations survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FF9YFQP>

Community members survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WY5PN5C>

World Heritage Listing

Lastly, on July 6th, the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape received World Heritage Listing...! This is a monumental achievement and a huge congratulations goes out to all those involved. *Please follow this link <https://www.theage.com.au/politics/victoria/budj-bim-aboriginal-site-in-western-victoria-added-to-world-heritage-list-20190706-p524sa.html> for further details.*

To help celebrate and learn about this landscape, I will be hosting two community tours; a *flyer and rsvp will be promoted through my next Coastal Connections instalment.*

All the best until my next instalment!

Regards
Jarred



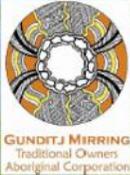
Budj Bim Connections: Community Tours

Glenelg Hopkins CMA and Budj Bim Tours invite you to explore the unique waterways, wetlands, wildlife and rich cultural history of the ancient Budj Bim landscape.

WHEN: Friday 30th November & Saturday 1st December, 10am – 3pm
WHERE: Budj Bim Orientation Centre, 10 Lindsay St Heywood @ 10am
BRING: Sturdy closed footwear, Long pants, Drinking water

FREE event with lunch provided

All welcome, RSVP essential to Jarred Obst on j.obst@ghcma.vic.gov.au or 55712526 by Friday 23rd November.



Feedback Wanted By Neutrog



As a company, Neutrog are very active on social media ([Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)), and publish a monthly newsletter for home gardeners. We use this as a way to communicate to our customers, whilst also educating and inspiring home gardeners around the country.

Years ago, our 'Expert's Choice' branding by-line was introduced to reflect the fact that all of Neutrog's fertiliser products are primarily developed and tested within the commercial market prior to being introduced to the home garden market. This 'commercial market' encompasses experts from groups such as yours, and product endorsements help reinforce this position to give sales staff and home gardeners the confidence to use and recommend Neutrog's products.

As such, we are seeking members of your group who use Neutrog products to write 2 or 3 paragraphs on their use of our products – which ones they use on what plants, what benefits are seen, any tips etc, along with some photos of their plants or garden, and preferably with a photo of them as well, which makes it all the more personable to home gardeners. We find these posts encourage and inspire home gardeners to get the same great results that your members achieve.

We would sincerely appreciate you raising this at your next meeting, or, alternatively forwarding this email to anyone you think would be happy to send us some feedback and story content. Responses can be sent to Erica at marketing@neutrog.com.au

Thank you for your support.
Kind regards,
Evette Franklin
Advocate & Sponsorship Coordinator
Phone: 08 8538 3502



Time for Pomonal Flower Show Again

Pomonal Native Flower Show is presented by the Australian Plants Society Grampians Group. The show is held over two days, with flowers picked from private local gardens. Many beautiful native flowers will be on display and this year the theme of the show is '**Native Gardens for Wildlife.**' There will also be lots of native plants as well as botany, gardening and natural history books for sale and refreshments available.

Special features will be talks on both days by:

AB Bishop author of 'Habitat: A practical guide to creating a wildlife-friendly Australian garden'. This was 2018's No.1 selling gardening book in Australia.

Denis Crawford author of 'Garden Pests, Diseases and Good Bugs' which is the ultimate illustrated guide for Australian gardeners.

Displays will include:

An art display by the local art group as well as photos of fauna attracted to native flowers.

A people's choice floral arrangement will be ready for your vote.

Local market stalls will be present

Local primary school composting competition

Dates : **Saturday 5th October 9am to 5pm**
 Sunday 6th October 9am to 4pm
 Entry Adults: \$5 Children : Free

POMONAL

Native Flower Show

Special feature this year:

Native Gardens for Wildlife

Pomonal Hall

Sat 5th Oct 9:00 - 5:00 Sun 6th Oct 9:00 - 4:00

Entry \$5, Children free



Flowers Galore!
Plant Sales Book Sales Refreshments
Information Advice

You are invited to **Spring into Nature** with the Friends of Ralph Illidge Sanctuary, a Trust for Nature property at Halfords Rd, Naringal East on **Saturday 19th October 2019**



at 12.00 for a light lunch.

at 12.45 Kerry Vickers will give a presentation with his photos of fauna at Ralph Illidge Sanctuary.

at 1.15 Kevin Sparrow, writer of the authoritative 'Plants of the Great South West' to give a presentation on the flora of Ralph Illidge Sanctuary where



THERE ARE 100 SPECIES OF NATIVE PLANTS

at 2pm a guided tour with Kevin to locate the plants for willing and able walkers, especially those who work along the paths or plan to.

at 3 pm ----- **Afternoon tea**



*Please book by 1st October for catering and seating purposes
Janica 0402152072 or Peter 0413962182
illidgesanctuary@hotmail.com Subject 'Spring into Nature'*

For information on Trust For Nature:

Adam Merrick adam@tfn.org.au

*on 'Plants of the Great Southwest' by Kevin Sparrow
ksparrow93@gmail.com*



CASTERTON GARDEN TALKS PRESENTS

Kevin Sparrow, plant enthusiast and author of 'Plants of the Great South West'



Date: 27th October, 2pm @ Great Escape Garden Centre, Henty St Casterton 0417779641

Tickets: \$5

Limited numbers so book in early at Great Escape Garden Centre, afternoon tea provided!



- *Propogating & grafting demonstrations
- *Growing rare & endangered natives in the home garden
- *Native orchids
- *Author's book available for purchase
- *lucky door prize

Casterton Garden Talks is an initiative developed between Great Escape Garden Centre and Casterton Garden Care, bringing people together who are interested in all things gardening and being part of the local community.

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Koroit
Botanic
Gardens



16th November 2019

Replenish Our Planet Living Festival

is an opportunity to see, feel, hear, taste and touch real positive changes for the planet.

Replenish will educate and demonstrate sustainable farming, renewable energy, natural building, health & wellbeing, community living with an array of market stalls.

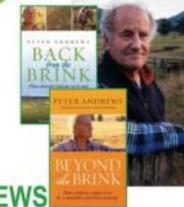
Local musicians, entertainment, workshops, demonstrations, key note speakers and fun for children of all ages.

Early Bird Tickets selling online now!

www.replenishourplanet.com.au



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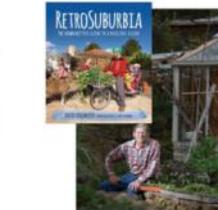


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 - demonstrations
- with an array of market stalls

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APS Mitchell
Annual Spring Plant Expo & Sale

October 19th, 2019

9 am - 3 pm

Kilmore Memorial Hall

14 Sydney St, Kilmore



Native Plant & Flower Displays

Birdlife Australia Display

Gardens for Wildlife

Native Plants, & Book Sales
APS Victoria - Books

Joan & Peter Broughton, Ironstone Park - Unusual Native Plants

La Trobe indigenous plant nursery - Indigenous tube stocks

Goldfields Revegetation indigenous and non - indigenous tubestock

Valley of a Thousand Hills David Laurie indigenous and non -
indigenous tubestock

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10th Anniversary Seminar and Field Walk

Saturday 12th October

PENSHURST HALL

9.30am - 2.30pm

Dr Rod Bird: Overview of District Wetlands

Ben Church, Aboriginal Water Officer, Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners
Aboriginal Corporation: Wetland Restoration of Indigenous Protected Areas

Key Note Speaker Dr Birgita Hansen, Federation University:
Latham's Snipe Project

Field walk at Yatmerone Wildlife Reserve (weather permitting)
led by Dr Lachlan Farrington, Nature Glenelg Trust:
Wetland restoration and the importance of refuges

Morning tea on arrival and Lunch provided
Dress for weather conditions and nature walk

RSVP essential by October 4
Email: brennos3@bigpond.com
Mobile: 0488 924 944

This event is supported by:



13th FJC Rogers Seminar: Mint Bushes and Allied Genera

(Lamiaceae: subfamily
Prostantheroidea)

Venue, Date and Committee: The Seminar will be held at our EXPO venue – the Eltham Community and Reception Centre on October 24 and 25, 2020. The FJC 2020 Committee has met a few times now – membership of the committee has been adjusting all the while and currently we have Miriam Ford (Chair) Jill Lulham, Andrea Himmelspach (Treasurer), Lyhn Barfield, Robert Coombs, Greg Brown (APS Vic), Sandy Birch (APS Bendigo, Secretary) & Nicky Zanen (APS Foothills – the latter two have been part of organising committees for previous FJCs which the committee recognised would be helpful to our process.

Progress report: The committee has made considerable progress in regard to arriving at a budget that brings the registration cost in around the usual level of past FJCs, in determining which gardens are to be visited (Karen Guifre, Lyhn Barfield, Kate Herd and Maranoa), when and how to get the 4 buses required around them, the catering for the Saturday lectures and conference dinner and Sunday Garden visits, the speakers, the program and many other incidentals including the raffle prizes. External to committee we have other helpers who include Sue Guymor for registrations.

Growing the Plants: The APS YY Growers and others including Mike Williams have been working hard to



grow many different mint bushes (Prostanthera species) in addition to Westringia species – we have some 70 or thereabouts underway now including some of the Allied Genera which include such beauties as the native foxglove – Pityrodia now Dasymalla terminalis, Newcastelia, Brachysola, Hemiandra, Hemigenia and others.

Promotion of the event: I have started to do the rounds of various district groups, at their invitation, to speak on the topic of Mint Bushes and Allied Genera. The District Groups have included APS Melton Bacchus Marsh, Foothills (Daytime), Mitcham (Kilmore), Wangaratta and Colac (to come). I have been receiving very positive feedback with many people expressing their enthusiasm in attending and learning more.

We have also designed a banner & a flyer to go out at EXPO and at ANPSA 2019 in Albany and also to various district groups, Botanic Gardens and other venues. A banner for APS YY has also been designed for our Expo and to also accompany the FJC 2020 one at our (& APS Vic) events. The inaugural unveiling of both these banners will occur at the APS YY September (14 & 15) EXPO.

I have written the first of a series of 5 articles that will appear in Growing Australian from the Spring issue and have invited our speakers to contribute to others. There will also be a short article in the Spring issue of Australian Plants.

I will also be writing newsletters to update people who have expressed their interest in attending on progress toward the seminar, starting in February, 2020.

Images: Logo - Prostanthera galbraitthiae (Tamara Leitch), Prostanthera ovalifolia, purpurea (Kevin Stokes)

NATIVE FLOWER SHOWCASE

PRESENTED BY ECHUCA MOAMA GROUP AUSTRALIAN PLANT
SOCIETY

HELD ON OCTOBER 12TH 2019

9:00AM TO 4.00PM

Entry \$5.00

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Huge Native Flower Display

Plants sales by:

Rochester Native Nursery,

Goldfields Revegetation Nursery

Ironstone Park Plant Sales

Russell Wait Eremophila Park

Displays by: Native Bonsai, Floristry with Australian Natives, Floral Art, Basket weaving, and more

Special Features:

Colin Atkinson - Indigenous Cultural Educator, Wolithiga Wares

Bush Tucker and Native Food Plant Display

