



KUNZEA

Australian Plants Society Maroondah
Preservation by Cultivation



August 2019

Friday Meeting

16th August at 8.00 pm

Habitat Gardens

AB Bishop

AB Bishop is a horticulturist, writer and conservationist. She lives in an environmental living zone where native fauna and flora is protected, works part-time at Kurunga Native Nursery, is a regular freelance writer for *Gardening Australia* magazine and is a frequent guest (and occasional host) on Melbourne's 3CR Community gardening program.

AB co-authored "*The Australian Native Garden*" with Angus Stewart, which won the 2016-17 Horticultural Media Association of Australia book award. "*Habitat*", AB's first solo book, was Australia's best-selling gardening book for 2018.

In a world where suburban nature is declining and diversity is shrinking, AB discusses why we should look at our garden with new eyes. She believes that gardens should be built as much for supporting wildlife as for our own enjoyment. The two are not mutually exclusive! She will explain how to design, plant and maintain critter-friendly landscapes. Learn about what plants suit what creatures and why, and how to factor in the shelter, nesting, food and water requirements of different types of wildlife.

Note: AB will have copies of her books available for sale at the meeting. She will be selling her latest book "*Habitat*" for \$35 (RRP \$40) and "*The Australian Native Garden*" for \$40 (RRP \$50), or a copy of each for a total of \$65.

**Friday meetings are held at the
Australian Unity Hall
8 Main St, Blackburn**

near the Blackburn train station

August Specimen Table

There will be lots in flower by late August so we hope to see a great variety of plant material brought along to our August member meeting. It would be particularly good to have some of our local plants which form the habitat for our local wildlife.

Garden Visit

Sunday 25th August at 2 pm

Note: one week later than our usual date

Pam Yarra Garden, Heathmont

65A Dickasons Road, Heathmont
(Melway map 64 A1)

Pam has provided the following notes for our visit:

"Just over 40 years ago my late husband Jim and I purchased a "quarter acre " block with remnant bush in Heathmont. The house was sited on the block to minimise tree removal and enable garden views from all of the windows. The trees formed the framework of the garden, determining the location of winding paths. While the garden has evolved, changing to meet family needs, the focus has always been about habitat. Addition of more indigenous plants, plus other native plants, has sustained an environment for much wildlife.

The garden has a compound slope and is basically dry and shady. Sustainable planting is a major consideration, especially with the effects of climate change. For example, the indigenous *Prostanthera lasianthos* no longer survives in the warmer, drier weather.

For visitors who may find the steps difficult, the lower area of the garden can be accessed by a gentle sloping path, starting near the sheds. The path is suitable for both walking sticks and frames. There are also seats in the garden to relax and enjoy the tranquility of the "bush in suburbia" and I look forward to sharing my special space with those who visit."

Maroondah Garden Visits

Each month your committee organises a visit to a native (or mainly native) garden for our members. We hope that you are aware that everyone is very welcome to come along to these visits, which are usually held on the Sunday afternoon following our Friday night member meetings.

The format is that we have a walk around the garden, usually with the garden owner pointing out things like their favourite plants or newly developed areas. Then we have a cuppa (provided) and a chat.

These visits are a great opportunity to see how particular plants grow in different conditions and different approaches to garden design, as well as getting to know other members better. We hope to see more of you at future garden visits, particularly our newer members.

Visiting the top of Australia

Peter and Alison Rogers travelled to Cape York in mid-August 2018. They drove to Cairns where they left their car and travelled north with Close-up Birding Adventure tours. Their aim was to get up close to Cape York birds and also to research plants of the region, especially Peter's passion for mistletoes.

Written up by Diane Hedin



Cape York is 65% Eucalyptus woodland, 15% Melaleuca woodland, 6% grassland, a surprising 5% rainforest, 3% heathland and the remaining 6% being mangroves, scrubland etc. The roads comprise short sections of bitumen punctuating stretches of red dirt roads where driving was at times hazardous with billowing, blinding dust from passing trucks.

At the Artemis cattle station, the owners were working with the Golden-Shouldered Parrot, having been given a licence to feed them during winter months and during dry periods. These birds breed in termite mounds. They were once widespread in Cape York but with habitat destruction, there are now only approximately 2000 left in a restricted area.

Next stop at the Musgrave Roadhouse and surrounds, interesting plants included the Northern Forest Grasstree (*Xanthorrhoea johnsonii*) which were prolific in the bush, occurring in Cape York to the east coast of Queensland; *Viscum articulatum*, a mistletoe occurring from the top end to the coast of NSW; and the Cooktown Ironwood (*Erythrophleum chlorostachys*), a hardwood which is termite resistant. A Yellow-tinted Honeyeater was spotted in a *Grevillea parallela*, a bird that is found from Cape York to Rockhampton.



Lotus Bird Lodge, 480kms north of Cairns, is on the western boundary of Lakefield National Park and ideally situated for bird-watching. There are beautiful stands of melaleuca surrounding lagoons which are covered in

water lilies and large flocks of Wandering Whistling Ducks which don't seem to be perturbed by the lurking huge salt water crocs. Two mistletoes spotted were the *Dendrophthoe curvata* and *Decaisnina brittenii* ssp *brittenii*. There were beautiful orchids growing on tea trees, the Antelope Orchid being widespread from Cape York to Cairns.



Heading north to Nifold Plain, a habitat for the following beautiful plants and birds. The Forest Kingfisher is found from Darwin to the coast of NSW. The Black-throated Finch is extinct in NSW and endangered in Cape York. Its habitat is threatened by development including the Adani mine project. Kennedy Palm (*Corypha utan*) and *Hakea pedunculata* are also in this area.

On to Lama Lama National Park - the name comes from the traditional owners of the land. The beautiful Yellow-billed Kingfisher is only found in Cape York. The Black Orchid is popular in cultivation and in the wild grows high up in trees.

In Port Stewart were River Mangroves, and small Red-headed Honeyeaters that are found across the Top end. Some plants such as the Silk cotton tree (*Bombax ceiba*) are found throughout Asia and northern Australia. This is a deciduous tree with large red flowers that last only a day. Also seen, Lovely Fairy Wrens - endemic to northeastern Australia and Frilled-necked Monarch - found across the Top End and PNG. More special birds that Peter was able to spot and photograph!

Mt Tozer, in the Iron Range NP, an extinct volcano, has



Cymbidium canaliculatum
Black Orchid

interesting plants and birds found in this area, including the Fawn-breasted bowerbird which is only found in the Top End. There is a northern form of Australian Brush Turkey with a purple-blue wattle compared to the southern form with a yellow wattle. The striking Palm Cockatoos (which are classified threatened or vulnerable) were seen feeding on the Nonda Plum. The Burdekin ducks mate for life. They are known as the \$1500 duck, being the penalty for shooting one, which guarantees the death of its mate.



Myrmecodia platyneura
Rigid Ant Plant



Bombax ceiba
Silk Cotton Tree

The Red Beech, *Dillenia alata*, is a widespread plant with beautiful flowers that last only one day. Some plants restricted to Cape York and found in the Iron Range National Park include *Anthobolus filifolius*, *Asteromyrtus brassii*, *Thryptomene oligandra* and *Boronia alulata*.

On to the famous Lockerbie scrub, an area recognised by Birdlife International as an important bird area. There were particularly interesting plants, such as Ant Plants which live symbiotically with ants and *Buchner urticifolia*, a hemi-parasite which gets its nutrients from a host plant while photosynthesising itself. The Yellow Tea-tree is endemic to Cape York while the Indian Beech grows in India, Asia and Australia.

good heathland surrounding it. Here were found *Grevillea pteridifolia* which grow in the Top End to WA and the mistletoe *Amyema conspicuum ssp conspicuum* which is found only in Cape York and Far North Queensland. Pitcher plants were seen everywhere and these too occur throughout Asia. The Olive-backed Sunbird is found from Cape York to Rockhampton. Our Black She-oak appears here also.

From Bronte Lagoon beach were seen *Pandanus cookii* and Bat's Wing Coral Trees that are common in the Top End. Dollar birds which winter in PNG and spend spring and summer in Australia and Grey-tailed Tattler that breed in Siberia and spend spring and summer in Australia.

The Lockhardt River settlement and surrounding area were decimated by Cyclone Trevor last March and it is believed that the rainforest and bush will take a couple of hundred years to recover. Following are some of the

Finally, Frangipani Beach where at low tide one can walk around the headland to the tip of Australia, where Alison led Peter, clinging on and ever vigilant for crocodiles.

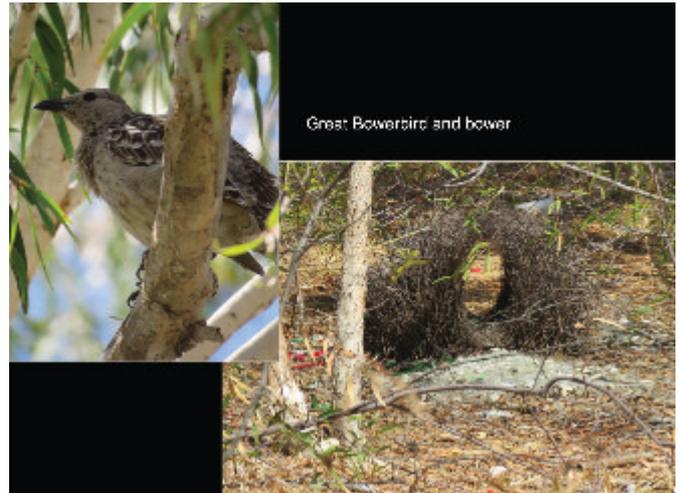


Olive-backed Sunbird



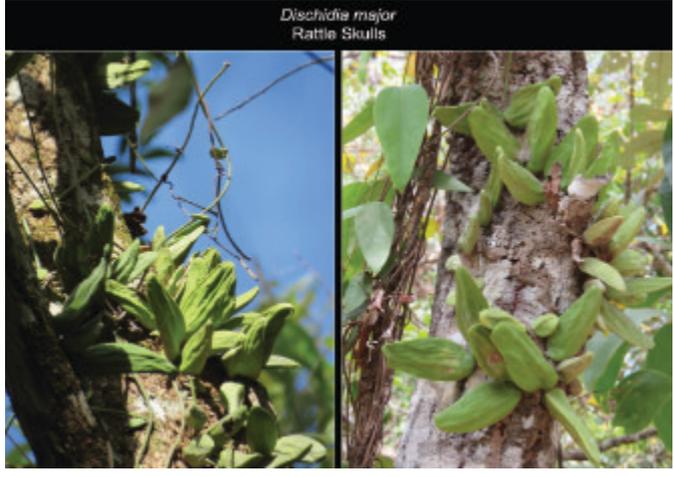
Peter and Allison were very fortunate to spot this pair of Red goshawk, Australia's rarest bird of prey.

Here are more stunning pictures from Peter and Alison.





Star Finches and Black-throated Finch



Dischidia major
Rattle Skulls



Golden-shouldered Parrot



Decaisnina brittenii ssp *brittenii*



Yellow-billed Kingfisher



Marion King and Alison Rogers by Kath's corymbias.

July Garden Visit

Cameron Garden, Ringwood East

Joanna Cameron moved to the garden at the end of 2008. It had previously belonged to her mother, Kath Deery, who was a highly-regarded garden designer.

The garden has had a long association with Maroondah group and it has also been open to the public a number of times over the years.

Sue Guymer

Jo and Richard found this garden to be quite different from their previous one in the sands of Camberwell. Jo's aim has been to maintain it as Kath had intended, and has generally replaced dead plants with the same, or similar, species. Joe Wilson helped them to maintain the garden for some years.

The garden has lost a considerable amount of cover in recent years as trees have died from the dry and also from possum damage. Hence, there has been quite a lot of planting recently. Also, Jo has seen some natural regrowth. She has been particularly delighted to find seedlings of Kath's purple-flowering *Olearia tomentosa* which had died, and similarly seedlings of a diplolaena which had been gone for a long time.

There are areas featuring prostantheras, thomasias, lasiopetalums, croweas and grevilleas in the top garden. Some of the plants we noticed here were *Acacia fimbriata* dwarf (grew a bit bigger than expected!), *Zieria prostrata*, *Grevillea drummondii* with intense deep yellow flowers, *Persoonia pinifolia* (which produces lots of babies every few years), patches of *Pterostylis nutans*, *Acacia cognata* 'Fettucine' (one of Jo's favourites), *Grevillea lanigera*, *Alyogyne pinoniona*, *Senna artemisioides*, *Epacris longiflora*, *Grevillea nudiflora*, *Phebalium woombye* (two different forms), *Diplolaena grandiflora* (grafted), *Banksia blechnifolia*, *Siegfriedia darwinoides*, *Correa pulchella*, *Spyridium coactilifolium*, *Grevillea dimorpha* (three different forms), *Pomaderris obcordatus* 'Mallee Princess', *Verticordia staminosa*, *Pseudanthos pimelioides*, *Grevillea* 'Bonfire', *Grevillea* 'Lady O' and *Conostylis* 'Lemon Lights'.

A stand of *Corymbia maculata*, featuring their glorious trunks, and a coppiced *Allocasuarina torulosa* along the side boundary are reminders of Kath's touch. Maiden-hair fern is growing wild as a groundcover here around clumps of *Dianella tasmaniensis*. Jo has many orchids in pots close to the house including *Dendrobium speciosum* and *D. kingianum* forms, as well as hoyas.

There is a large lake behind the house and we were treated to seeing a few Pacific Black Ducks there. Jo said that the level has dropped with the drier weather.

We were also invited across the street to see the garden of Anne and Graham. This is a more formal style of garden with intensive pruning. Hedged *Lasiopetalum baueri* and *Acacia baileyana* prostrate form the entry to the driveway. The garden was dominated by lawn and weeds when they arrived – now almost all has gone. They have created swales to slow the flow of water through the garden, and keep the rainwater around the plants.

They had some trees removed a couple of years' ago and Anne has done considerable replanting since, using indigenous plants and others which blend in. These plants will eventually provide screening from the street.

We saw *Acacia leprosa* 'Scarlet Blaze' surrounded by self-seeded croweas in a very dry garden bed, as well as *Xanthorrhoea* 'Super Grass', *Correa pulchella* forms, low form of *Templetonia retusa*, a shapely white-flowered thryptomene with arching branches, various forms of *Philothea myoporoides*, *Darwinia citriodora*, *Chorizema cordatum*, *Homoranthus papillatus*, *Correa*



Patch of greenhoods at Jo's garden.



Diplolaena grandiflora



Anne's garden.



Anne's Supergrass.

bauerlenii, and *C. 'Marian's Marvel'*. A small patch of lawn remains where terrestrial orchids pop up in spring.

Our thanks to Jo and Richard, and Anne and Graham, for inviting us into their gardens. It was very interesting

to see the differences in the two gardens, despite similar conditions. It shows how our gardens reflect our personalities. We had a great visit to wonderful gardens.

Subscriptions are now due

Renewal forms were distributed with the June edition of *Kunzea*. If you have not already paid, please do so.

Make sure that your current email address is included so that membership records are kept up-to-date and to ensure that you continue to receive your emailed newsletters.

Payments can be made by cash or cheque to Jan at the August meeting, or by Electronic Funds Transfer at any time. EFT details are on the membership renewal form. If you need another renewal form, it can be downloaded from the website, or ask Jan for another one.

** SITUATIONS VACANT **

Specimen Table

We are still asking for someone to take on the task of writing up the Specimen Table from our Friday night meetings for inclusion in this newsletter. This is not a difficult task, and it is a great way to learn more about the plants our members are growing.

Maroondah Website

Graeme Nicholls is relinquishing the task of maintaining APS Maroondah's website. This job involves regularly updating the information, and keeping the website fresh by adding new items such as photos or short articles on a regular basis. Please contact a committee member if you think you might be able to take this on. Help is available.

Specimen Table

Our thanks to Trevor Blake for leading the Specimen Table at our July meeting.

Bill Aitchison

Grevillea dimorpha – our specimen was a very fine leaf form, a beautiful little plant (there are large leaf ones in the Grampians that look very different, you would almost think they are different species). They do very well in our yellow clay.

Grevillea jephcottii – you don't see this around very much, but if you want birds in the garden this green flowered plant is a great choice. It likes a fair bit of cutting back. Other green-flowered plants that are good for birds are *G. mucronulata* and *G. shiressii*.

Eucalyptus cinerea – florists love this plant because it stays in good condition for quite a while and because of its blue grey foliage. It is quite a tall tree with white flowers, too large for smaller suburban gardens.

Acacia flexifolia – this is one of the wattles that starts flowering in late autumn/early winter. Its natural distribution extends from north-central Victoria (eg the Whipstick), through NSW and into southern Queensland.

Hardenbergia violacea – this pea plant loves clay, loves growing on a bank or on a fence line.

Eucalyptus preissiana – this yellow flowering plant is magnificent, but Trevor described it as a really crazy plant; it is low-growing with branches all over the place. But Joe Wilson has a very well behaved, non-crazy specimen, growing on the nature strip at the front of his place, currently looking a real delight.

***Thryptomene calycina* 'Coral Lace'** – this is good grown as a cascading plant, 40-100cm in height and 250cm wide. Also on the Table was *Thryptomene saxicola*.

Philotheca myoporoides – this is very hardy, well worth growing in clay, flowers for a long time, and is very showy. This one has pure white flowers. Another philotheca is *P. verrucosa* – a form from the Whipstick has a lovely pink blush. Another spectacular one is a double-flowered form of *P. verrucosa*. It was found on a farm where there were about 4 plants of it, but those plants have now died. It likes really good drainage and can sucker.

Persoonia pinifolia – a couple of members indicated that they have seedlings coming up at the base, but not every year. In his previous garden at Ringwood, Trevor found that seedlings came up once every 6, 7 or 8 years. These were useful because they are difficult to strike from cuttings and seed is impossible. It is a good late summer flowerer.

Olearia astroloba – Joe Wilson brought this along. It is a rare and endangered plant from East Gippsland – see Joe's separate note on this plant in this newsletter.



Hardenbergia violacea colour forms.



Selection of grevilleas.



Persoonia pinifolia



Olearia astroloba

Plant of the Month

Olearia astroloba

Joe Wilson

Commonly called the Marble Daisy-bush, this species was first formally described in 1989 in the journal *Muelleria* based on material collected from Marble Gully near East Gippsland in 1988. Prior to this, it was informally known as *Olearia* sp Nunniong.

This plant is well-known as the plant that stopped a mining operation in the area. It is restricted to Marble Gully, within a 40 hectare area on skeletal soils on the steep north-facing slopes at an altitude of 600 metres above sea level in a rain shadow area. It is a rare species and listed as vulnerable.

Olearia astroloba is a lovely foliage plant with showy small flowers. The foliage is a soft greyish-green to silvery grey. The flowerheads are 15-30mm across, comprise mauve ray florets and yellow disc florets. It is well-adapted to cultivation. It needs good drainage in full sun or part shade and is able to withstand drought and moderate frosts. It generally grows to 0.5 metre tall by 1metre wide. Pruning helps to promote new growth



and increase flowering which is generally from June to August, with intermittent flowering to November.

Seen at a Garden Visit

Nicky Zanen took a photo of this *Grevillea* 'Peaches and Cream' during our May garden visit. It was growing in school grounds across the road from Diane Hedin's garden.



Seen in the Compost

In May, Bill Aitchison found a Pobblebonk Frog when he opened the compost bin!



Flora of Central Australia Brochures

We have received a letter from APS Alice Springs to advise us that 3 brochures (fold up cardboard sheets) have been produced with their help. The brochures are:

- Central Australian Flora – Forbs and Small Shrubs
- Central Australian Flora – Trees, Large Shrubs, Grasses and Sedges
- Flora of the Katherine area

These low-cost brochures are well-worth having if you are travelling in the area. They are available at the Alice Springs Desert Park, Olive Pink Botanic Gardens and other tourist places.

Spring is Coming

It will soon be spring and therefore Plant Sale season! There is a list of sales run by APS District Groups in Upcoming Events at the end of this newsletter.

The ones in September are APS Wilson Park Spring Plant Sale Expo (in conjunction with City of Casey Garden Expo) and APS Yarra Yarra Plant Expo. Also, the Rotary Club of Yea is running a Garden Expo which will include native plants.

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS EXPO
native plant fair Eltham
14 - 15 SEPTEMBER 10am - 4pm

Eltham Community & Reception Centre
801 Main Road, Eltham

Adults \$5, Concessions \$4
Children free

A 'Spring Outdoors' event

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5 native & indigenous plant stalls
Giftware & decorative garden pots
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Books on related subjects
Children's activities
Lots of prizes to win
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Ample parking - Wheelchair friendly

SPEAKERS - WORKSHOPS - DEMONSTRATIONS

SATURDAY 14th September
11am: Kevin Ritchie - Creating hanging baskets with a difference
2pm: Ron Lijtens - Fauna-scaping your garden

SUNDAY 15th September
11am: Propagation from seeds & cuttings
2pm: Emmaline Bowman - Garden design with Australian plants

Participants:
Rindie Australia
Helene Wildflowers
Display by APS Marondah
La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary nursery
APS Yarra Yarra growers' stall
Goldfields Revegetation nursery
Vaughan's Australian Plants
SunValley Plants nursery
Grow's Plant Pottery
1st Eltham Scouts
APS Vic books

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GROWING FRIENDS
SPRING 2019
PLANTSALE
in the gardens
Saturday 26
Sunday 27 October

10.00am - 4.00pm

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

Australian Flower Show
Bendigo 2019

Flower Display
Specialist Native Nurseries,
Books, Garden Accessories
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Saturday 21 September
Sunday 22 September
9.30am - 4pm
Entry \$3 (children free entry)

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Kangaroo Flat, Bendigo
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hendigo@apvic.org.au

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YEA GARDEN EXPO
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POMONAL

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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
Information
Advice
Refreshments

A rich and diverse garden attracts many forms of native wildlife

Presented by Australian Plants Society Grampians Group Inc

Cranbourne Friends

The Cranbourne Friends was formed to support and assist the Royal Botanic Gardens at Cranbourne, and in particular they try to assist with items the Gardens find difficult to fund from their own budget. It is an enthusiastic group of more than 700 members who share a love of Australian plants and nature. There are several sub-groups:

- Basketmakers – novice to experienced weavers using native plants to create items ranging from the useful to the sculptural
- Botanical Fabricators – work with fabric crafts using materials or designs featuring and highlighting the beauty of Australian native plants
- Botanical Illustrators – who share ideas, information, and support whilst working on paintings and drawings
- FiGs (Friends in the Garden) – are all keen to work in, and learn about the Australian Garden

- Friends in Focus – get together to learn about photography, take photos and enhance and practise skills
- Growing Friends – propagate a great variety Australian native plants that have been sourced from the Gardens
- Herbarium Collectors – find, photograph and collect plant specimens at each stage of their development at Cranbourne Gardens.

Since its inception, the Friends group has donated over \$600,000 to the Cranbourne Gardens towards a range of buildings, materials and equipment, including signage, plant labels, entry development and funding for the lease of the *Garden Explorer* people mover for 3 years, as well as possum proofing for the Garden nursery and environmental fencing to deter wallabies.

To find out more about the activities of Cranbourne Friends visit rbfriendscranbourne.org.au/.

Facebook for Maroondah Group

Recently your Committee decided to put up a Facebook page for our group. Although many still haven't ventured into Facebook, it is actually a really good way to promote Australian Native Plants and also a way to promote our Group.

The way for our Facebook to progress is for members and their friends to go into our site and 'like' our page or any of the 'posts' we put up. To find our page please head in to Facebook and type in "Australian Plants Society Maroondah inc". You may be surprised what comes up on this page.

If you would like to contribute to this page with items or photographs, please send the information to Alison Rogers on Maroondah Group's email address at apsmaroondah@gmail.com

Thanks Rob

Rob Dunlop steps in to help with the audio-visual presentations at our member meetings when needed. At our July meeting he went above and beyond the call of duty, using his technical wizardry to show a live presentation of *Gardening Australia* which included an excellent segment featuring the garden of Bill Aitchison and Sue Guymer. Thanks very much Rob.

O'Neill Garden on TV and in OGV

The garden of Bob and Dot O'Neill will be featured on Gardening Australia on Friday night 23rd August (repeated on Sunday afternoon 25th August). The garden will also be open as part of Open Gardens Victoria (see details under Upcoming Events).

It is great to see good Australian native plant gardens being showcased to wider audiences!

Vale Merv Hodge

Merv Hodge passed away recently. You may not recognise his name, but he was a renowned plant breeder, especially of grevilleas.

He was responsible for many well-known cultivars including *Grevillea* "Superb" (which Jean Galliot used to bring into our Specimen Table in flower month after month).

His contribution to the Australian flora was been recognised in many ways including our National body's Australian Plants Award – Amateur Category in 2009, and having a species names in his honour - *Grevillea hodgei*.

Heating at Australian Unity Hall

If you were at our July meeting, you were probably feeling the cold. The heating wasn't working on that night. This problem has been reported to the Hall management. We hope that it will be fixed before our August meeting.

Knock knock
Who's there?
Annie
Annie who?
Annie Gozanthos

Knock knock
Who's there?
Phil
Phil who?
Phil O'Theca

– Frank O'Dea

Upcoming Events

Friday Meetings

- 16th August**
A B Bishop – *Habitat gardens*
- 20th September**
Sean Spence – *Droseras*
- 18th October**
Auction Night and AGM
- 15th November**
Maree and Graham Goods –
Chasing Goodeniaceae

Plant sales

- 7th September** – APS Wilson Park Spring Plant Sale Expo (in conjunction with City of Casey Garden Expo), Wilson Botanic Park, 668 Princes Hwy, Berwick. 11am-3pm (Melway map 111 B7).
- 14th–15th September** – APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plant Expo, Eltham Community & Reception Centre, 801 Main St, Eltham. 10am-4pm (Melway 21 J6). Check website <https://apsyarrayarra.org.au> for plant lists.
- 21st–22nd September** – APS Bendigo Flower Show, Kangaroo Flat Primary School Gym, Freeman Drive, Kangaroo Flat. 9:30am-4pm (Melway X909 D3).
- 21st–22nd September** – 50th Anniversary of Anglesea Wildflower Weekend & Art Show, Anglesea Memorial Hall, 3 McMillan St, Anglesea. 10am-4pm (Melway map 514 E7).

Open Gardens Victoria (entry \$8 for adults)

- 14th–15th September** – “Yallaroo”, 7 Hillsmeade Drive, Narre Warren South (Bob and Dot O’Neill’s garden). 10am-4:30pm (Melway map 130 D3).

Garden visits and activities

- 25th August** – Pam Yarra garden, Heathmont
- 22nd September** – Wominjeka Reconciliation Garden, Glen Iris
- 20th October** – Marilyn and Geoff Bull Garden, Montrose
- 17th November** – Aitchison/Guymer Garden, Donvale

ANPSA Events

- 30th September – 4th October 2019:**
ANPSA National Conference, Albany WA. Bookings are open until 20th September unless booked out prior. Some tours also have vacancies, and will take people not attending the conference. Refer to the website bloomingbiodiversity.com.au to book and for more details.

Manningham Council Environment Seminars

- First Wednesday of the month – 7:20 pm at River View Room, Grand Hotel, Warrandyte (Melway M23 E12).
- 4th September** – Dr Rob Hale on “*Ecological Costs and Benefits of Stormwater Wetlands*”

FNCV Botany group talks

- Third Thursday of the month – starts at 8 pm at FNCV Hall, 1 Gardenia Street, Blackburn (Melway 47 K10)
- 15th August** – John Arnott on “*An Australian Garden at Cranbourne*”.
- 19th September** – Geoff Carr on “*Native Plants as Weeds*”

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Contributions for the September 2019 Newsletter should be sent to Sue Guymer (aitchguy@gmail.com) no later than **Sunday 1st September 2019**

Check out the Maroondah Group website at australianplantsoc.wix.com/maroondah

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How about making a contribution to the website?



And have a look at the APS Vic website at www.apsvic.org.au

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