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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:** Members garden plants. Please bring a selection of cuttings to show off.
- **Where:** Botanica Springs Community Centre
249 Clarkes Rd, Brookfield
- **When:** Thursday, 24th October from 7.30pm onwards
- **New venue for Dinner**
Ruby's 11-17 Station Road, Melton South @6:00pm (located in the Coles shopping centre)



Monthly Meeting Recap – AGM & Photo Comp

We started this meeting a little differently with everyone wandering around the room and choosing their favourite photos from each category. My thanks to everyone who submitted photos and I hope this has inspired you to take the camera out more often.

AGM Thursday 26/9/19

Meeting opened at 2018hrs

Present: Christine Huf, Cathy Powers, Ron Powers, David Pye, Barb Pye, Norris McCarthy, Lucille McCarthy, David Johnstone, Jean Partridge, Alan Partridge, Ken Ehrenberg, Susan Ehrenberg, David Peters, (others as per sign in sheet, total 15 present)

Apologies: Ash Lane, Russell Wait, (as per sign in sheet)

Last year's AGM minutes read by Christine Huf

Moved: Ken Ehrenberg

Seconded: Jean Partridge, carried

President's Report - Christine Huf

- Last year we held the AGM in September in conjunction with the photo competition. Voting was fierce but fun and there were some clear winners that produced a fantastic calendar.
- In October we took a drive up to Bullengarook to wander through the garden created by Norris and Lucille who kept an eye on all of us and stopped us (or, at least, me) from sneaking into their berry patch
- November was our end of year member presentation night with trips around the world and through many gardens. We also had a monster raffle with excellent prizes and heaps of food.
- January saw us on our annual pilgrimage to Bullengarook to pot up Hakeas ready for our sale in May. Our thanks to Barb and David for hosting, germinating the seeds and putting in many hours of attention in maintaining their health.
- February meeting was an education in collecting scents to make oils by Neil Humphreys.
- March meeting was a very interesting look at climate change and ways to protect our garden futures by Peter Symes.
- April meeting was a mint-inspired look at the Prostanthera genera with Miriam Ford.
- May saw us host a profitable plant sale and by June, all Hakeas had been sold.
- Our meeting took a spin with a rushed location but then a fabulous presentation by Jenny West on plant pollination.
- June meeting was an education by Chris Lindorff on the Fabaceae family.

- August meeting was hosted by David (thank you) while Russell, Cathy and I headed north. Chris Long gave a presentation on garden diversity with a lasting thought to continue gardening, no matter what.
- I thank the committee for their support while I have been President. Russell, David, Barb, Norris, Lucille and Cathy. For the past 12 months, I have to single out Cathy, who has assisted me no end this year, even with so many other things taking up her precious time.
- Thank you also to the group. Your support has meant so much.

Accepted by Cathy Powers, Seconded by Barb Pye, carried

Financial Report

Cathy reported on our finances (*see page 5*)

Available funds are \$12,837.43

Moved: Cathy Powers

Seconded: Susan Ehrenberg, carried

Election of Office-bearers:

President Christine Huf declared all positions vacant. Christine and Russell have completed 3 years in position and cannot be nominated for the positions they vacated.

Christine Huf chaired the elections

President Nominations: David Johnstone, by Christine Huf. David accepted the nomination

Moved: Barb Pye

Seconded: Susan Ehrenberg, carried

Vice President nominations: David Pye

Moved: Christine Huf

Seconded: Jean Partridge, carried

Secretary nominations: Cathy Powers, by Barb Pye. Cathy declined the nomination

Discussion around position/Public Officer. Decision to leave the position vacant and to be discussed at the Committee Meeting. The resultant position to be presented at the next meeting and ratified.

Moved: David Pye

Seconded: Cathy Powers, carried

Treasurer nominations: Norris McCarthy, by Barb Pye. Norris accepted the nomination

Moved: Barb Pye

Seconded: David Peters, carried

Committee nominations: Christine & Cathy, both declined. Barb Pye, Lucille, Russell, Susan

Moved: Alan Partridge

Seconded: Cathy Powers, carried

APS Victoria COM Delegate: David Pye. 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. This role is current Vacant. The work will be shared among committee members, and this will be resolved at the first committee meeting.

Banking:

4 signatures as standard, names to be changed within 30 days

Other business: Newsletter editor to be discussed at the Committee Meeting. UCA signatories to be changed.

Meeting closed: 2053hrs



Gratuitous photo opportunity, Dryandra Nivea in full flower. A wonderful plant that grows to about a metre high and wide in ideal conditions. Can tolerate heavier soils as long as they drain well. If you have any photos you would like featured send them to apsmeltonbacchus@gmail.com and a spot will be found.

Financial Report:**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT**

Available Funds		\$ 12,837.43
Statement Account	\$ 5,680.42	
Cheque Account	\$ 499.25	
UCA Fund	\$ 6,544.66	
Petty Cash	\$ 113.10	
Expenditure 1 July, 2018 - 30 Jun, 2019		
Bendigo Bank Fees	\$ 4.20	
Forward APS Vic. Memberships	\$ 1,468.00	
Expenditure reimbursements	\$ 1,026.39	
Consumer Affairs Annual Fee	\$ 57.80	
RHSV Membership	\$ 80.00	
Venue Hire	\$ 162.50	
Speaker Fee	\$ 320.00	
Speaker Meal/Beverage	\$ 235.70	
Australia Post - PO Box Hire	\$ 130.00	
	TOTAL:	\$ 3,484.59
Income 1 July, 2017 - 30 Jun, 2018		
UCA Fund Reinvest	\$ 144.80	
Bendigo Bank Interest	\$ 46.76	
Membership	\$ 1,344.00	
Hakea Sales (other than plant sale)	\$ 699.00	
Plant Sale	\$ 495.65	
Raffle Income	\$ 424.00	
Donation	\$ 5.00	
	TOTAL:	\$ 3,159.21
Balance at 1 July, 2018		\$ 13,123.07
Income	\$ 3,159.21	
Expenditure	\$ 3,444.59	
PPA	(\$0.26)	
Balance at 30 June, 2019		\$ 12,837.43

During the break, the votes for the photo comp were tallied by Christine and the winners were announced. These photos will be turned into a calendar which will be provided to members as they were last year.

Next Meeting – Members Gardens

For this meeting we are inviting all members to bring a selection of cuttings from their gardens to show off and talk about. It doesn't have to be an awe-inspiring flower, but also foliage, fruit and seed pods. The more the merrier because this month it's all about us, there is no speaker scheduled, so get snipping!

For the November meeting we will have the calendars available A total of 45 calendars have been produced and will be available by the November meeting. Any additional calendars can be purchased for \$15 each. Further details to come...

Neutrog

The Neutrog order went quite smoothly and everyone who ordered items seemed to be very happy with their products. There were 8 bags purchased by the group, but subsequent sales have left only 3 bags left. The last 3 bags are: **Bush Tucker** 20kg, *Gyganic* 20kg and *Sudden Impact for Roses* 20kg. Each bag is a mere \$30. First in best fed, well your garden anyway.

Upcoming Events

Flower Shows and Plant Sales

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. [Website](#)

27 & 28 October *Cranbourne Friends Royal Botanic Gardens Spring Plant Sale*

Choose from a variety of plants including Australian natives, herbs, succulents and shrubs sourced from Melbourne Gardens. All proceeds support the work of Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria.

Cranbourne Gardens, Enter via cnr Ballarto Road and Botanic Drive Cranbourne , Victoria 3977

[Google Map](#) 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. (Mel 133 K10) [Website](#)

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/o4khqv1wrjfmeg3/AABZ9PD-6KLgoLnz75N3MOM0a?dl=0>

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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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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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