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EDITORIAL

Hi members,

What a fabulous trip Joyce and I had in the Kimberley last month, lots of boat trips, plane rides and even a helicopter flight over the Bungle Bungles! I took lots of photos so could do a presentation if members are interested. Now safely back to earth and back into normality again. Dorothy and Michael are still travelling around the Kimberley, we missed them by about a week! See some of their photos on page 5.

Bulk Neutrog Fertiliser Order. As per last months newsletter, we purchased an extra 7 bags of "Bush Tucker" native fertiliser so as to get the freight for free. This means we got a great price, \$30 for 20 kilos = \$1.50 per kilo. Try getting that at Bunnings! Bags are now available from me for \$30 each at 35 Swan Street, Warrnambool, please contact me on 55626217 if you would like one. First in best dressed.

Greenhood Orchids: I have some excess tubers of *Pterostylis curta* Greenhood orchids for sale and will bring them to the Members Night on Friday 23rd. They are starting to flower now and multiply like crazy.

Don't forget, if you have not already paid, your **memberships are now due**. Please pay both your APS Vic and APS Warrnambool subs to Treasurer, John Sherwood and the Victorian part will be transferred for you. Membership form is on Page 9.

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 23rd, 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: Reto Zollinger Speaking on his work last year in the Kimberley

<i>Group Diary Of Activities</i>	<i>Group Diary Of Activities</i>
<p>Aug 23rd: Reto & Yvonne speaking on their time in the Kimberley.</p> <p>Aug 27th: Committee Meeting at Andrew Gray's, 158 Skene St.</p> <p>Sept 21/22nd - Angair Wildflower and Art Weekend. 10am - 4pm.</p> <p>Sept 27th: Members Night - Dave Williams, Maremma Dogs and Bandicoots.</p> <p>Sept 30 - Oct 4th: ANPSA National Conference in Albany WA.</p> <p>Oct 1st: Committee Meeting at Joan Krygger's.</p> <p>Oct 5th & 6th: Pomonal Native Flower Show</p> <p>Oct 25th: Members Night - Adam Miller - Friends of the Forgotten Woodlands</p> <p>Oct 26th: Visit to Cobra Killuc Reserve, to view wildflowers.</p>	<p>Oct 29th: Committee Meeting at Halls</p> <p>Nov 16/17th: Replenish our Planet Festival at Koroit BG.</p> <p>Nov 22nd: Members Night - Gary Barclay - Cave Diving</p> <p>Nov 26th: Committee Meeting TBC</p> <p>Dec 7th: Xmas Breakup and BBQ. Rail Trail site in Koroit suggested.</p> <p>Feb 28th: Chris Clarke - Alpine Flora</p> <p>Mar 27th: Royce Raleigh</p> <p>Spring 2020: Proposed APS Vic. Quarterly Meeting in Warrnambool.</p>
<p>Please submit your articles for the newsletter by the end of the second week of the month</p>	
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<p>The APS Warrnambool & District holds meetings on the 4th Friday of each month at the Mozart Hall Warrnambool at 8pm.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
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June Display Table Report by Kerry Artis

Mike Halls started our showing with *Grevillea magnifica* which grows very well in sandy soils and the birds just love it, *Banksia baueri* Possum Banksia (Photo right) is about 4 m wide and has lots of brown-grey, woolly flower spikes and likes a well-drained, sunny position. *Philotheca myoporoides* Painted Lady is just coming into flower and is covered in buds, it is a variable plant that can grow to 2m by 2m, is quite hardy and does well in any well-drained soil, accepting a sunny position or part shade. Other plants Mike brought along were *Grevillea victoriae* Royal Grevillea, *Grevillea* 'Robyn Gordon' and some *Thryptomene*.

John Berry showed *Hardenbergia violacea*, a lovely pink- mauve colour, being a self seeded plant with the seed originally coming from Jack Ipsen, and the Berrys growing from these previously. *Correas* do very well at Berry's place. They have a lovely, creamy white one that gets lots of sun and one that is similar to *Correa* 'Firebird' is about 2 feet high.

The lovely *Hakea laurina* was shown by Lou Hollis. The pincushion Hakea can be a spreading bush or a tree, growing up to 6m high. It is a popular, hardy plant from Western Australia which has globular, red flower heads with protruding white styles.

Kerry Artis brought along *Grevillea* 'Pink Gem', a plant that is suitable for rockeries and containers, a low, mounding shrub only growing to 50cm high by 1m wide, it bears clusters of pink flowers and has bronze tips on the foliage, likes a sunny position and responds well to light pruning. *Templetonia retusa* Cockies

Tongue in the prostrate form, is flowering nicely with red, pea flowers among the grey green foliage, making a good ground cover. It grows to 30cm high by 1.2m wide and likes a free draining soil in full sun. *Grevillea* 'Soopa Doopa' has a big, red-orange flower, grows to 1m by 1m, likes full sun with good drainage and can be pruned 2 or 3 times a year.

Kevin Sparrow displayed a variety of plants including *Acianthus fornicatus* Mosquito Orchid, a beautiful, small, dainty flower and *Dendrobium tetragonum* x *speciosum* 'Hilda Poxon' (Photo Left), which has a larger flower and has six to eight spikes flowering at the moment. It has been a slow grower and is in a hanging basket and looking great. *Eremophila foliosissima* is looking spectacular at the moment and is a grafted plant, *Correa reflexa* 'Portland Split Belle' is a lovely *Correa* and *Diplolaena angustifolium* is looking very nice. Other *Eremophilas* that Kevin brought along were *E. splendens*, *E. glabra* 'Murchison Gold', *E. mackinlayi*, *E. 'Fairy Floss'*, *E. glabra* and *E. cuneifolia* x *tietkensii* along with *Templetonia retusa*, *Chamelaucium uncinatum*, *Prostanthera calycina*, *Scaevola porocarya*, *Dryandra praemorsa*, *Correa reflexa* 'Granny's Grave' and a *Correa* hybrid.



An APS Expedition To The Mt. Napier Lava Flow by John Sherwood

On Saturday 27 July a hardy group of 8 APS members were joined by 4 members of the Hughson family (Warrnambool Coastcare/Landcare members) for a trip to this spectacular volcanic feature. Mt Napier erupted around 45,000 years ago and its most visible lava flow travelled 12 km along an ancient valley. The geologically young age of eruption has seen the preservation still of some remarkable volcanic features.

First stop was for lunch at Byaduk's delightful cricket ground. The picnic area had free electric barbecues in a pretty treed setting. Now well fed we headed for the Byaduk lava caves. A few ventured with torches into one of them – beautiful ferns at the entrance gave way to roof fall boulders further in. A lot of the volcanic features have been lost due to the rock falls but it is still a pleasing walk/scramble underground. There are three caves in the reserve. Lookouts above them are linked by an easy flat trail. We drove to two separate locations along the flow to view very unusual and geologically significant “lava blisters” correctly called tumuli



(Photo Left). These are thought to form as steam bubbles pushed up through a cooling lava sheet which ran over swampy ground. Some of the “bubbles” have burst and others are still complete. There are dozens of them dotted along the flow yet they are an internationally rare feature. At one point a public reserve gives direct access to some for close up inspection/climbing.

On the Hamilton Port Fairy Road a lookout gives a wonderful view of the Mt Napier volcano (Photo Above) with its flow in the foreground. Part of the flow here was rock crushed which led to a recent VCAT hearing and a Special Protection Overlay to ensure such activity can not occur again. While there were some native plants to be seen the combination of thin soils over the young flow, agricultural activity (grazing) and season (winter) meant these were not aspects of special note on the day.

Brief Report From Dorothy & Michael Travelling Around North WA.



Dorothy and Michael have sent through some photos taken in the Kimberley recently. They have travelled through central Australia to Broome and on to Kununurra where they met up with son, Adam and his wife, Melissa. Last report this week was they were in Derby ready to head down the Western Australian coast towards Perth. Planning to be home again in October. What a great trip!



FUNGUS DISCOVERY WORKSHOP for PORT FAIRY U3A Autumn/winter 2020

Advanced notice and bookings

Advance planning for this workshop is under way. Numbers are required as soon as possible (well before 30th August if possible) to allow the program to be scheduled by Alison in September. The cost per participant will be \$120 if the strict limit of 20 participants is filled. The proposed program is shown in the following excerpt:

Thankyou for your interest in hosting a fungus workshop with Port Fairy U3A. I've outlined a proposal below with a suggested format and theme as well as a budget, for your consideration. Any of this can be tailored more specifically to your interests and needs. Please let me know if you have any queries at all.

Fungus Discovery Workshop (suggested title only)
What are all those fungi doing there in the landscape?

How do they help ecosystems function?

Why do fungi provoke both intrigue and disdain?



This workshop introduces participants to the diversity, ecology and curiosities of the Kingdom Fungi, specific to fungi found in the region but also within wider Australian and global contexts.

This foray includes an interactive session on the basics of fungus identification, where participants will get to handle, examine and identify various fungi. Participants will also learn to recognise the various diagnostic characteristics used to identify fungi in the field. Fungi will be discussed in regard to their ecological roles and also cultural aspects such as edibility and toxicity.

We will then partake in an exciting two hour foray through various local ecosystems to search for species of interest. Supplementary notes are also provided. Participants are encouraged to bring along their own specimens for identification at the workshop.

Proposed Program

- 10:00 Exploring the fungus display and participants' specimens
- 10:30 Introduction to the natural and cultural histories of fungi – Illustrated and interactive session around the display table.
- 11:30 Morning Tea
- 12:00 Hands-on fungus identification session with specimens and fungus resources
- 13:00 Lunch
- 13:45 Fungus foray in local environments
- 16:00 Close

Please contact John Miller on 0427 871 714 well before 30th August 2019 if you are a firm starter for a date to be set in autumn/winter of 2020. He will organise any deposit, etc.



FRIENDS OF THE FORGOTTEN WOODLAND 2019-20 AGM

WHEN: THURSDAY AUGUST 29TH

WHERE: CAMPERDOWN

PROGRAM DETAILS:

- Mt Leura & Mt Sugarloaf Reserves Walking Tour
 - Banksia plantings, revegetation plantings, Volcanic Education Centre, Volcanology Trail and more.
 - 4.00 - 5.30pm
 - Meet at Lower car park at base of Mt Leura
 - Tea, coffee and biscuits on arrival
- Evening Meal - at 2nd Bistro Room, Commercial Hotel, Manifold Street, Camperdown.
 - 6.00-7.00pm
- AGM - 7.00- 8.00pm. You are most welcome to attend just the AGM.



RSVP please (especially for tour and meals) to Graham
at either grahamarkinstall@gmail.com OR 0418 377 293.

ANGAIR WILDFLOWER & ART WEEKEND



Celebrating 50 years of caring for
the environment

21 & 22 September 2019

10am – 4pm
Anglesea Memorial Hall
McMillan Street, Anglesea

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5 native & indigenous plant stalls
Giftware & decorative garden pots
Native flower & other displays
Books on related subjects
Children's activities
Lots of prizes to win
Refreshments available
Ample parking • Wheelchair friendly

SPEAKERS - WORKSHOPS - DEMONSTRATIONS

SATURDAY 14th September

11am: Kevin Ritchie: Creating hanging
baskets with a difference

2pm: Ron Litjens - Fauna-scaping your
garden

SUNDAY 15th September

11am: Propagation from seeds & cuttings

2pm: Emmaline Bowman - Garden design
with Australian plants

Participants

Birdlife Australia
Helene Wild giftware
Display by APS Maroondah
La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary nursery
APS Yarra Yarra growers' stall
Goldfields Revegetation nursery
Vaughan's Australian Plants
SunValley Plants nursery
Crow's Foot Pottery
1st Eltham Scouts
APS Vic books

(Program correct at time of printing)

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What's On?

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!
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2019-2020 APS Vic and APS Warrnambool Membership Form.

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY (Victoria)

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APS Warrnambool & District Group

Joint Annual Membership Application / Renewal

1st July 2019—30 June 2020

Membership Fees are now due

- To be covered for Public Liability Insurance it is compulsory for members to also be members of our parent body, APS Vic.
- APS Vic membership includes a subscription to their excellent newsletter "Growing Australian".
- Please pay both fees direct to Treasurer, John Sherwood and he will forward on the APS Vic fees for you.
- New members who join between March 1st and June 30th will be financial until June 30th the following year.
- Non-financial members will be ineligible to vote at the AGM.
- Payment must be accompanied by a fully completed form, please tick where appropriate.
- Fees can be paid at meetings by cash or cheque to APS Warrnambool or posted to John Sherwood, 26 McConnell Street, Warrnambool. 3280 or paid by Electronic Funds Transfer
- Subscribe to APS NSW "Australian Plants" Magazine.



Australian Plant Society Vic. Inc.

Membership Application For Australian Plants Society Warrnambool & District Group.



1 July 2019—30 June 2020

Name/s:

Postal Address:.....

.....Postcode:.....

Telephone:.....Membership Number if known.....

Email:So we can email you our local newsletter

New member: I/we agree to be bound by the rules and bylaws of the Association. Copy available at www.apsvic.org.au

For Public Liability Insurance cover, members of Warrnambool & District SGAP are required to be a member of the Australian Plants Society – Vic.

Membership Single: \$35 Family: \$40.00 Student: \$26.00

Subscription to Australian Plants Magazine: \$15.00 Total APS Vic.....

Warrnambool & District membership fee Single: \$15 & Family: \$20 \$ _____

Total amount paid \$ _____

I have paid the Victorian membership directly to APS Victoria and wish to join/ pay membership to APS Warrnambool & District

Electronic funds transfer to Australian Plants Society
Bendigo Bank. BSB 633 000 Account No 122242597
Date Paid.....

If paying by EFT, please make sure Name & Membership No if known appears in transaction details and forward completed form to Treasurer: John Sherwood, 26 McConnell Street, Warrnambool. 3280 so that payment can be credited to you. The APS Vic. fees will then be forwarded on for you.