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EDITORIAL

Hi members,

Welcome to the first newsletter for the year, hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We begin the new year with a lunch time (12.00) social activity next Saturday 20th at Dorothy and Michael Mattner's home at **1 Hervious Lane, Cudgee**, second street on the left after the railway crossing. Michael is keen to fire up his wood-fired pizza oven, our group will supply the pizza bases, so just bring along your choice of toppings and any drinks. This will be followed by the obligatory walk around their wonderful garden. All members are invited to come along and enjoy. You are welcome to BYO lunch if pizza is not to your liking. If you missed out on Dorothy's magical Christmas cake at our pre-Christmas BBQ, there is plenty left and it will be available next Saturday for you to sample. Please come along and join in.



What a great result we had with our **Bunnings BBQ** last month just before Christmas. We had an extremely busy day, so much so, that John Sherwood had to return to Midfields Meats twice for extra bulk packs of sausages. All up we used 60 kilo of sausages and ran right out at one stage. A big thank you to all members who assisted on the day, we couldn't have done it without you. At the end of the day, we made a profit of \$1700 which is about twice what we would normally expect to make.

That's about it for the first newsletter for the year, we will get right back into it next month with our regular Members Night on Friday 23rd February. Hope to see you on Saturday, if not then, perhaps at our February meeting. Cheers, Kevin



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 Members Activity: Pizza Lunch Saturday 20th 12.00 noon at Mattners Garden at Cudgee

<i>Group Diary Of Activities</i>	<i>APS Vic Diary Of Activities</i>
<p>20th January -“Pizza Lunch” at Mattners, Cudgee. From 12.00 noon. Michael will be showing off his new pizza oven. Bring own toppings, group will supply bases. Followed by a garden walk.</p> <p>1st February - “Girls Day Out” at Mattners at Cudgee. From 12.00noon.</p> <p>23rd February - Members Night TBD</p> <p>27th February - Committee Meeting at Sparrows</p> <p>23rd March - Members Night TBD</p> <p>27th March - Committee Meeting</p> <p>27th April - Lisette Mill speaking on Woolsthorpe Project</p> <p>1st May - Committee Meeting</p>	<p>JANUARY 2018 Hobart Tas ANPSA Biennial Conference Conference Theme: “Grass Roots to Mountain Tops”. Dates:12-20 January 2018 Venue: Hobart – Wrest Point Pre-post conference Tours: A selection of tours are being planned to King Island and to alpine and rainforest areas of the Tasmanian mainland. Information: http://www.apstas.org.au/conference.html To receive updates email asgapjan18@gmail.com.</p> <p>For more information: See page 13</p> <p>OCTOBER 20th & 21st 2018 FJC Rogers Seminar – Goodeniaceae Co-ordinated by Wimmera Growers of Australian Plants and APS Grampians.</p> <p>Monthly newsletters begin in the new year, contact Maree Goods to get on their mailing list at fjcrogersseminar2018@gmail.com</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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November Display Table Report by Kerry Artis

Marilyn Berry started our showing with *Eucalyptus sideroxylon* which is an Iron Bark that has done very well, coping with very strong winds. It has deep pink flowers and dark, furrowed bark. This makes a good shade tree for parks or larger gardens. *Veronica perfoliata* is a perennial growing to 60cm high with arching stems of grey-green leaves, and purple-blue sprays of flowers. Marilyn's is growing in full sun but it can be grown in part shade. It is best to remove old flower stems and it can be grown from cutting or division. *Grevillea stenomera* is from Western Australia, grows quite tall, and has been in cultivation since 1987. It has soft, blue-green leaves with pendent, orange-pink flowers but it doesn't have masses of flowers. It is planted on lots of bricks and sand, so it has good drainage and has proved to be a hardy plant.

Bob Artis showed *Anigozanthos* 'KP02' a hybrid, Everlasting Gold. This Kangaroo Paw is 50-60cm high with lots of golden flowers, a repeat flowering variety. Three are planted together in full sun and they are making a lovely splash of gold.

A very pretty *Kunzea* with white flowers was shown by **Lou Hollis**.



Kevin Sparrow brought along *Olearia ramulosa* that grows around the Portland area and in the Otways. It can be grown from cutting, is hardy in most situations and has very pretty, daisy-like flowers. *Derwentia derwentiana* is a tall perennial with sprays of white or pale blue flowers during summer. It can be grown from cutting or division and needs a well watered situation, preferably with some shade. Remove old flower stems. Kevin has his growing in a pot and it didn't flower for years but is flowering well now, a very pretty South West Victoria plant. *Grevillea leucopteris* Smelly Socks (lower photo) is from W. A. and has a very strong smell at night time, just like its common name. It has silvery grey leaves and long, cylindrical, cream coloured flowers, being the only *Grevillea* that has survived in Sparrow's garden. *Banksia laevigata* Tennis Ball Banksia has round, ball shaped flowers, *Eremophila* 'Yanna Road', and *Eremophila labrobei*, has pink flowers and is very easy to grow from cutting, *Scaevola albida* is mostly a prostrate, spreading plant with fan shaped, white flowers and grows near the Flume in Warrnambool. Can be grown from cutting or division. *Sarcochilus hartmannii*, (upper photo) is an Epiphytic orchid that has done very well growing in a pot, and looks absolutely beautiful..

Hibbertia scandens, *Scaevola crassifolia*, *Banksia serrata* Saw Banksia, (the May Gibbs Big Bad Banksia Man), *Chamelaucium uncinatum* and *Banksia burdettii* were also displayed.

Visit To Jenny Emeny's Property at Cudjee

In November, Dorothy, Michael and I joined with Jenny Emeny and her two children on a drive and walk around her property on the Hopkins River to survey the plants that are growing there. Jenny has a number of remnant River Red Gums (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) growing along the banks of the river. Red Gums are not known to have existed at Warrnambool, only extending as far south as the Framlingham Forest and the Cudjee area. Jenny's land itself is mainly farmland so there are lots of exotic species to be found but I still managed to record 35 native species including 3 species I had not recorded anywhere before. These were, *Centipedia cunninghamii* (Sneezeweed) [top left], *Carex gaudichaudiana* (Fen Sedge) [Bottom left] and *Rorippa laciniata* (Bitter Cress) [Bottom right]. All were found within a rocky area along the river bank which must give them good protection from livestock. Also present is a very old specimen of *Notelaea ligustrina* (Privet Mock Olive) which could pre-date European arrival.



Another Rare Plant at WAMA—(Wildlife Art Museum of Australia) by Neil Marriott

At the August working bee at WAMA, we were thrilled to find seedlings of the nationally rare and endangered *Grevillea gariwerdensis* coming up close to plants we had propagated and planted near the creek in the bushland covenant area of the property. This grevillea is now only found in several very small areas in the Grampians; the major population occurs along the Halls Gap-Roses Gap Road just north of Plantation Picnic Ground, while another small population occurs along Serra Road in the Victoria Valley.

There used to be a local population occurring naturally not far from WAMA, down the Pomonal-Halls Gap Road, just opposite the old CFA shed. Sadly, this population was badly reduced by roadwork, and then it seems to have been completely wiped out by the 2006 bushfires that swept through this part of the Grampians. Because of this, I felt it would be good to establish a population of *Grevillea gariwerdensis* on the WAMA site as it is so close to where the species originally grew. It may have even occurred here naturally before white man came and cleared large tracts and introduced rabbits, deer and hares!!



These young grevilleas were grown from both cuttings and seedlings and were planted on the WAMA site in suitable, similar soils and communities in sandy swampy sites just like it used to grow in up the road. And as if to prove that we got it right, we have now discovered natural recruitment of seedlings around the original plants, which have thrived and flowered strongly for the last two years. This is extremely exciting as the species is now so rare in the wild. If this recruitment continues at the same rate, we may soon have a large and healthy population occurring naturally on the property. There is funding available for conservation of endangered plants and animals and it may be that we become eligible for funding to protect and enhance this beautiful Grampians endemic species.

Grevillea gariwerdensis is a small shrub to around 1m high and around 1-1.5m wide, with simple narrow linear leaves and massed white, cream or pale to bright pink flowers from winter through to early summer. It attracts lots of native bees, wasps and other insects to its sweetly perfumed flowers, with many of these insects being parasitic on pests such as aphids and thrips. As a result of its showy flowering and lovely soft foliage it also makes a lovely garden plant, and is becoming more widely known in the nursery trade.

Neil Marriott, Site Development Team Leader

For more Information on WAMA see: <http://www.wama.net.au/>

Flora of Australia Now Available On-Line

The much anticipated new digital platform *Flora of Australia* was launched today by project partners the Department of the Environment and Energy (specifically the Australian Biological Resources Study, ABRS), the Council of Heads of Australasian Herbaria (CHAH) and the ALA as part of the Systematics 2017 conference at The University of Adelaide.

Flora of Australia is a synthesis of taxonomic knowledge of the country's flora and represents a momentous collaborative effort among taxonomists in Australia and New Zealand. It is designed for anyone wanting authoritative information on the names, characteristics, distribution and habitat of Australian plants.

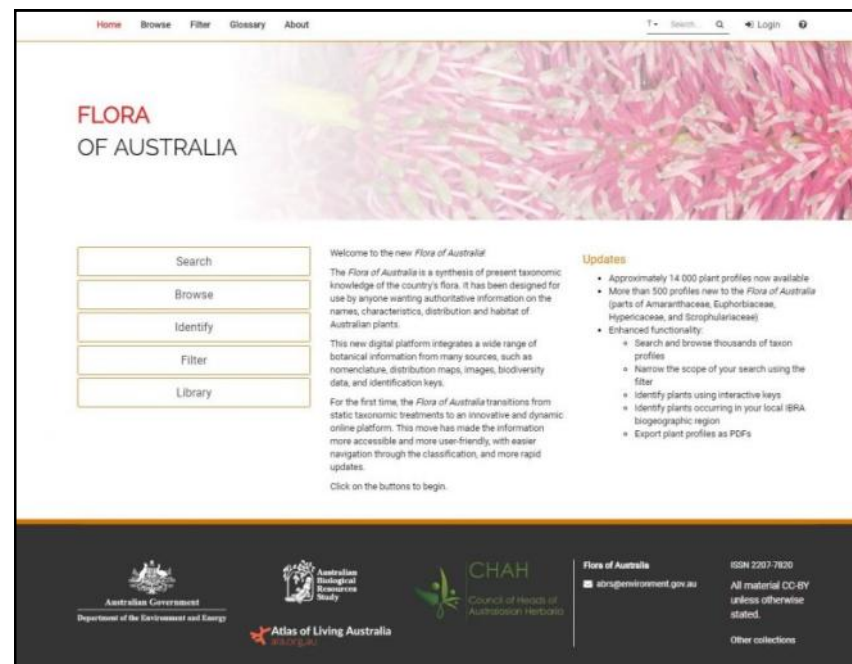
The new digital platform integrates a wide range of botanical information such as nomenclature, distribution maps, images, biodiversity data, and identification keys, sourced from the National Species List, Australia's Virtual Herbarium, Keybase, Australian Plant Image Index, and the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA).

Flora of Australia is the leading authoritative source for Australia's plant biodiversity information. It is an essential resource for plant identification, and provides vital information that underpins decision making for national and international biodiversity conservation, threatened species and biosecurity management activities.

For many decades, *Flora of Australia* was produced as a hard copy book series. It required considerable time and resources to produce and was often out of date by the time it went to print.

ABRS, CHAH and the ALA understood the benefits of moving *Flora of Australia* to a digital platform and the ALA provided the digital infrastructure, hosting requirements and technical expertise necessary to make it happen. The ALA was launched in 2007 as part of the Australian Government's National Collaborative Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) and within 10 years has become a world-leader in digital biodiversity infrastructure.

Flora of Australia can be found here: <https://profiles.ala.org.au/opus/foa>



Shows, Conferences, Plant Sales & Other Items of Interest 2018

15 December 2017 – Registrations close for ANPSA 2018 Conference, Hobart.

17 March 2018 APS Wyndham host APS Victoria Committee of Management Meeting. More details in December issue of Growing Australia.

17 & 18 March Cranbourne Friends Royal Botanic Gardens Spring Plant Sale – 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. (Mel 133 K10)

21 April – APS Geelong Australian Native Plant Sale at ‘Wirrawilla’, 40 Lovely Banks Road, Lovely Banks. (Mel 431 D6). Entry is \$2 per adult or \$5 per car, children free of charge. From 8.30 am to 5.00 pm (sale is one day only). A BBQ, tea, coffee and refreshments, book sales, childrens’ activities and a great selection of native plants.

28 April APS Yarra Yarra Native Plant & Book Sale. At Eltham Senior Citizens Centre, 903 Main Road, Eltham from 10 am to 4 pm.

12 May APS Melton & Bacchus Marsh Plant Sale at St Andrew’s Uniting Church, Gisborne Road, Bacchus Marsh. From 9 am to 1 pm.

16 to 27 June ANPSA 2018 Kimberley Tour – Kununurra to Broome. Details from Nicky Zanen, email nicky.zanen@hotmail.co.uk or phone 0401975191.

30 June & 1 July APS Ballarat District Group Winter Flower Show and Sales. From 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, at the Clark Horticultural Centre, Ballarat Botanic Gardens.

21 & 22 July Cranbourne Friends Royal Botanic Gardens Spring Plant Sale – 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. (Mel 133 K10)

18 & 19 August APS Foothills host APS Victoria Quarterly Gathering and AGM.

1 September APS Wilson Park Australian Native Plant Sale, Venue to be confirmed.

8 & 9 September APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo, Eltham Community & Reception Centre, 801 Main Road, Eltham. 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. To be confirmed.

22 & 23 September Bendigo Native Plants Group Australian Flower Show, Kangaroo Flat Primary School, 60-80 Olympic Parade, Kangaroo Flat Bendigo.

6 and 7 of October APS Grampians Group Pomonal Native Flower Show, Pomonal Hall. 9.30 am to 5.00 pm on Saturday, 10.00 – 4.00 on Sunday.

13 October APS Mitchell Plant Expo and Sale. Kilmore Memorial Hall, 14 Sydney Street, Kilmore. From 9 am to 3 pm.

20 & 21 October FJC Rogers Seminar – Goodeniaceae, co-ordinated by Wimmera Growers of Australian Plants and APS Grampians. Contact email fjcrogersseminar2018@gmail.com or Royce Raleigh, Chairman of FJC Rogers Goodeniaceae Seminar 2018 Committee Phone 5383 6200.

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.