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EDITORIAL

Hi members,

Thank you to all who attended last months meeting and for heading my request to bring something from their gardens. (Everyone did!) But don't stop now, keep it up, we are all interested in what you are growing.

At our last meeting, Dorothy Mattner was elected President of APS Warrnambool & District, please give her all your support by coming along to our meeting this month for her first meeting as President. For those of you who don't know her, she has written a brief bio on her achievements.

My love for nature was forged as a child member of the Warrnambool Field Naturalist Club. My Father was an avid bird watcher and my Mother, an all round naturalist. Most weekends and holidays were spent in the bush or on long beach walks. Whereas my back ground involved native plants, this was not the case for Michael, in our first home garden he had planned to create a Cactus garden! Thank goodness his mind was changed after we visited our first SGAP Flower Show, this resulted in us joining the Warrnambool SGAP back in the early 80's and as they say "the rest is history" We are now continuing to enjoy our large native plant garden and involvement with APS.

I look forward to leading APS Warrnambool & District group for the next term and sharing with you the exciting calendar of interesting guest speakers and activities that our hard working committee has put together. When possible please join in with these, as we share our love for Australian Native Plants and all they have to offer.

Our speaker this month is **Lauren Hoffman** who will be speaking to us on the Critically Endangered, Golden Sun-moth—*Synemon plana*, a subject she is somewhat an expert on. See page 4 for a description of the moth.

Hope to see you at the RSL for dinner at 6.30 pm with our guest speaker. 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 Night: Friday 22nd June 8.00pm - Speaker Lauren Hoffman - Golden Sun Moth.

Group Diary Of Activities

22nd June - Lauren Hoffman - Golden Sun-moth

26th June - Committee Meeting—Artis' 9 Gavin Street, Warrnambool from 5.00pm

27th July - No Meeting planned.

28th July - Trip to Codrington Nursery. Meet at Swan Reserve at 1.00 pm.

31st July - No Committee Meeting

24th Aug- Bob Artis speaking on his recent trip to the Pilbara/ Kimberley region.

25th Aug - Day trip to Points Reserve at Coleraine.

28th September - Kevin - Growing Orchids in Warrnambool

29th September - Visit to Rail Reserve at Woolsthorpe. Meet at Woolsthorpe General Store (To be confirmed)

20th & 21st October 2018 FJC Rogers Seminar – Goodeniaceae
Co-ordinated by Wimmera Growers of Australian Plants and APS Grampians.

This will be our annual weekend away trip this year, please book your own accommodation and book into the seminar. Then please let us know you are coming so we can all get together when we arrive.

Monthly newsletters have begun, contact Maree Goods to get on their mailing list at fjcrogersseminar2018@gmail.com

26th October - Member's Night. TBD

23rd November - Anne Langmaid - Report on her 2017 WA Trip

December - Christmas Function - TBD

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

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Other Committee Members: Kerry Artis, Michael Mattner. Bob Artis, 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.

FJC Rogers Seminar

20/21st October 2018 FJC Rogers Seminar – Goodeniaceae -
Hosted by Wimmera Growers of Australian Plants and APS Grampians.

Saturday 20 October, 2018 - Presentations, Plant Sales & Dinner
Sunday 21 October, 2018 - Coach Tour - Garden Visits

Seminar address: Holy Trinity Lutheran School, Trinity Drive, Horsham, Victoria

We have decided to make this our weekend away this year in Horsham. Members will need to book into the seminar themselves and book their own accommodation for Friday 19th and Saturday 20th (suggested).

NOTE: Early Bird rate closes at the end of June so get your bookings in before then.

Monthly newsletters have begun, contact Maree Goods to get on their mailing list or for more information at fjcrogersseminar2018@gmail.com



Report on AGM held on Friday 25th May.

At our last members night, we held our Annual General Meeting as we are required to do and all positions were declared vacant by President Kevin Sparrow. As Kevin's 3 years as president had elapsed, a new president was required. John Sherwood took the chair and asked for nominations for the new committee. Following this the following members were elected to the committee for the next twelve months.

President: Dorothy Mattner

Vice President: Kevin Sparrow

Secretary: Mike Halls

Treasurer: John Sherwood

Newsletter Editor: Kevin Sparrow

Other Committee Members: Kerry Artis, Bob Artis, Joan Krygger, Andrew Gray. (Michael Mattner was subsequently appointed to the committee). Group Historian: Joyce Sparrow Supper Organiser: Liz Halls. Public Officer: John Sherwood

It was decided that Membership Fees would remain the same at \$15—Single \$20—Family. Fees are now due. See Presidents Report on page 5.



The Critically Endangered, Golden Sun Moth - *Synemon plana*

Taken from the Australian Museum Web site at: <https://australianmuseum.net.au/golden-sun-moth-synemon-plana>

Identification

Females: Forewings are dark grey with lighter grey patterning; hind wings are reduced and are bright orange with black spots along the edges.
Males: Forewings are dark brown with lighter grey patterning, hind wings bronze to brown with dark brown patches. Both males and females have clubbed antennae.

Size range

Wing span up to 3.4 cm

Distribution

Found in Victoria, ACT and a small area in NSW.

Habitat

Native temperate grasslands and open grassy woodlands

Feeding and Diet

Larva feeds on the roots of native grasses. The adults have no functional mouthparts so they do not feed.

Mating and reproduction

Breeding occurs between mid-October and January. Once the moths have mated, females spend their adult life laying eggs within clumps of Wallaby Grass. Females are estimated to lay from 100 to 150 eggs. The eggs hatch after about 21 days and the larvae (caterpillars) then tunnel into the ground, where they live for one to three years. Adult moths live for only one to four days.

The females rarely fly, males can be seen flying in a zig-zag pattern in the warmest part of the day looking for the females



Photo: Golden Sun Moth, *Synemon plana*

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Presidents Report by Kevin Sparrow

Today marks 3 years since I became president of APS Warrnambool & District, therefore according to our rules, it is time for me to stand down and make way for a new president. Once again our group has had a very successful year with lots of activities and great speakers.

Our year began in May last year with a visit by David and Barbara Pye speaking on the Melton Botanic Gardens and following their invitation to visit, we decided to do just that in October. 10 members enjoyed a guided tour of the gardens, a visit to the Pye Garden and on the following day, a visit to the Brisbane Ranges. One of our best weekend trips away and really enjoyed by all.

Other speakers for the year were: *David Pitts*-Orchids of SW Vic (June), *Jenny Emeny*-Warrnambool's Coastal Vegetation Plan (August), *Geoff Lay*-Fungi (September), *John Sherwood*-Tasmania's 3 Capes Walk (October), *Michelle Casanova*-Wetland Plants (November), *Graham Dixon*-Wildlife Photography (February), *Doug Phillips*-Greening Australia (March) and *Lisette Mill*-Heritage Trees in the Landscape (April). We also trialled a day visit to Dunkeld in July instead of our usual members night and this was well attended.

Other day visits were to Jenny Emeny's property at Wangoom, a coastal walk at Grannys Grave and a visit to some of our local reserves at Naringal in October. Our Christmas Breakup BBQ was held at Halls in December followed by a Pizza Lunch at Mattners in January. All were well attended by members. In another initiative, both Dorothy Mattner and Joyce Sparrow hosted 'Girls Day Out' lunches at their homes and these were enjoyed by all who attended. The last of the signs funded by our GHCMA grant were erected in Lake Pertobe in July by WCC. These signs are a great initiative begun by the late Louise Sheba and fit in with council's Lake Pertobe Management Plan.

Bev Bell again lead the way with floral displays at the Warrnambool Agricultural Show and Port Fairy and Warrnambool Anglican Church's 'Festival of Flowers'. I would particularly like to thank Bev for her efforts.

Thank you to all members who assisted with our Bunnings BBQ just before Christmas last year. We managed to 'snag' probably the best and busiest day possible, a lot of work for those involved but the payoff was that we raised a huge amount of money to support our groups activities.

Thank you to Kerry, Marilyn and Joyce for doing the Display Table write up at various times during the year and to everyone else who contributed to the newsletter.

An important part of our group since its inception has always been the display table at our members nights. Being able to share our knowledge and show what plants we are able to grow in our gardens introduces new plants and ideas to new and old members and is the main reason we exist as a group. However, recently there has been a noticeable drop off in members bringing in specimens from their gardens. Are we losing our growing members? We must all make an effort to contribute something to the table.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow committee members for all their support, especially John and Mike for fulfilling the roles of Secretary and Treasurer. Also a big thank you to those often unseen members who are there when needed and jump in to make sure things happen when they are supposed to.

Kevin Sparrow

Display Table - May 2018 by Kerry Artis

John Sherwood started our showing with *Hakea suaveolens* (Ed: Now *H. drupacea*—photo left), Sweet Scented Hakea, which is growing on their nature strip and is 25 years old. This year it is flowering magnificently and the Wattle birds love it and over the years have treated it as their home. *Alyogyne huegelii* is a straggly shrub but has a beautifully shaped, mauve flower and loves lime soils, *Templetonia retusa* is a rounded, spreading shrub to 3m across with large, red, pea flowers that grows well in full sun, withstands windy sites and is excellent for limestone areas.



Lorraine Charles brought along a *Grevillea* that is growing in quite a dry position and has flowered for the first time after a number of years, a small shrub with bunches of red flowers, also a *Correa* species grown from a cutting, that has white flowers and is a medium sized shrub.

Joan Krygger showed us *Diplolaena grandiflora* with its gorgeous, orangey red colored flowers and *Correa nummularia* which is growing in front of the *Diplolaena*, and together they make a beautiful picture.

Andy Gray displayed the beautiful *Hakea laurina* (photo right) which he intends to prune, it can grow to a large tree of 6m, *Acacia baileyana* which can grow to 8m, and two *Grevillea*s. One is a sprawling large shrub and needs a prune and the other is flowering more on the sunny side of the shrub, both bearing lovely, red flowers.

June Preece's *Hakea laurina* is 30 years old and has done extremely well, the black Cockatoos love the nuts and have stayed in the tree for up to 45 minutes at a time. *Grevillea bipinnatifida*, Fuchsia *Grevillea*, is from Western Australia and is a low growing plant that likes acid soil, it has prickly leaves and red, pendulous, toothbrush-like flowers and is 25



years old. *Correa Alba* and *Correa* 'Marion's Marvel' are growing together along the front of June's garden and make a lovely hedge.

Kevin Sparrow has some *Eremophilas* growing very nicely in pots. *Eremophila* 'Meringur Crimson' is a very pretty one and *Eremophila adenotricha* came as a cutting from David Pye and is very easy to grow. Kevin has grafted *Eremophila de-*

cepiens and it is growing very well. A prostrate *Myoporum* species (possibly a prostrate form of *M. insulare*) given to him from the Hamilton area is growing in a pot, it has dark green, glossy leaves, small flowers and tiny, red berries. *Hakea* 'Stockdale Sensation' is a hybrid of *Hakea laurina* and was shown by **Kerry Artis**. It is 1.3m high, has a weeping habit and delightful pin cushion flowers, tolerates most soil types but likes a well drained situation in full sun. *Thryptomene* 'Nadja' is looking beautiful with graceful, arching branchlets covered in mauve-pink flowers that can be grown in tubs or rockeries and will grow to 50cm high and 1m wide. *Correa* 'Isabell' Winter Bells is a small, spreading shrub to 75cm high, being frost hardy and drought tolerant it bears beautiful pink, bell shaped flowers. *Correa* 'Autumn Blaze' is a selected form of *Correa pulchella* from Kangaroo Island. It likes a well drained, sunny or part shaded position, is tolerant of coastal exposure and frost, and responds well to pruning. A very pretty shrub with bright orange flowers.

Numerous other plants were on display including *Alyogyne hakeifolia*, *Correa decumbens*, *Correa alba*, *Correa reflexa*, *C reflexa* 'Lemon and Lime', *C* 'Ivory Bells', *C*. 'Pink Pixie', *C*. Granny's Grave, *C*. 'Raelene Goldie', *Correa reflexa* with cream flowers, *Correa pulchella*. in the pink form. *Stenanthemum scortechinii*, *Hakea* 'Burrendong Beauty', *Hakea scoparia*, *Hakea clavata*, *Calothamnus villosus*, *Prostanthera calycina*, *Xerochrysum bracteatum* and *Eremophila* 'Kalbari Carpet'.

Committee Notes

As **Michael Mattner** was absent from the Annual Meeting and wished to be on the committee, it was decided to appoint him for the year ahead.

There is some interest in a further bulk purchase of **Neutrog or Osmocote fertiliser**, are any other members interested in putting in an order? If so contact John Sherwood.

Cudgee Tree Planting: Andrew reported on the local Progress Association's plan to increase numbers of trees growing in Cudgee. Local residents are generally in support. It was decided to donate 50 tubes of suitable trees/shrubs to the Progress Association for National Tree Day so school students can take a plant home to plant in their home garden.

It was decided to apply for another **Bunnings BBQ**. Subsequently it was discovered we were too late for this year.

It was decided to offer our old **Flower Show stands** etc. free of charge to anyone or any group interested in taking them. They would have to pick them up from a local members garage. See pages 9 and 10.

Landcare Grant Successful

Warrnambool Coastcare/Landcare Network has just been successful with a grant for work in Maam and Tozer Reserves in the north-east of Warrnambool municipality. Both contain very important remnant vegetation: very rare for our severely over-cleared Warrnambool and district landscape. The funds will include \$ for fauna surveying that may reveal animals that we didn't know were there! Here's hoping... Thanks to Matt King, our very part time Landcare Facilitator for putting together the successful application.

(Thank you to Bruce Campbell for use of text and map - taken from WCLC Facebook page)



Visit To Mepunga Water Reserve By Kevin Sparrow



Alteranthera denticulata
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Lesser Joy-weed
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On Saturday 2nd June, 8 people ventured out to visit two of our local reserves to assess their condition and record as many species as we could identify. The Mepunga Water Reserve is accessed via Childer's Cove Road. The fringe of this small wetland area has been revegetated by volunteers of the Warrnambool Nature Reserves Society over the last 25 years. This important habitat features remnant wetland and grassland plant communities. An open grassy woodland surrounds the large central wetland. The understorey is relatively open and grass (*Lachnogostis filiformis* Blown grass) dominates the dry areas of the wetland. Some 40 native species were recorded including many wetland plants such as *Triglochin procera* (Water Ribbons), *Ranunculus amphitrichus*, *Myriophyllum simulans* (Water-milfoil) and *Alteranthera denticulata* (Lesser Joy-weed) A relatively rare find was *Senecio pinnatifolius* var. *lanceolatus* (Lance-leaf Daisy). A close relative of the yellow flowered Coastal *Senecio* we see around the beach area, this one is taller with 'lance shaped leaves'.
Photos: top L to R: Group assembled outside the reserve, *Eucalyptus ovata* (Swamp Gum) and lake dominated by Water Ribbons after a dry summer.



Visit To Fenwick Reserve By Kevin Sparrow

We continued on to Fenwicks Reserve which is relatively inaccessible except for a rough road around the perimeter. Initially it had walking tracks through it but over the years these have been allowed to grow over, mainly to keep the trail bike riders out of it. This didn't stop our intrepid group leader, John Sherwood however, who decided we should do some "bush bashing". (See photo bottom right), Eventually we found our way out to the other side of the reserve. According to Joyce, it was 'all John's fault'. (See photo above right).



Interestingly, in a few fairly open spots, we found the first signs of orchids with lots of basal leaves visible. Above left is *Acianthus pusillus* (Small Mosquito Orchid) with flower stem starting to emerge.



Bottom left is an interesting shaped tree stump with a goat shaped head. All up we enjoyed a great day out with 27 native species recorded here. Reports have been prepared ready to send off to the property's land managers.

Doug Fenwick Reserve can be accessed via Baileys Road. This reserve features a fine example of remnant Damp Heathy Woodland plant communities close to the coast.



Disposal of Flower Show Display Stands and Pots FREE

Our Group has metal frames, wooden planks, hessian stand covers and PVC painted pots sufficient to make 20 triple tier stands and 4 single tier stands and display up to 400 individual cut flower specimens. The 2.4m long stands would be suitable for displays of flowers, agricultural products, models or other collectables. They are offered as a set or in smaller lots FREE to a good home but any recipient is responsible for collection from a member's home in Warrnambool.



If interested for further information contact:

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Kevin Sparrow (Phone 5562 6217; email: ksparrow93@gmail.com)

Other Details of the Stands

Metal stands in pairs support wooden planks in either single tier or triple tier configuration. These can be covered with fitted hessian covers.
Painted PVC pots (grey) of various sizes are designed to sit on the hessian covered stands.

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8 x single tier stands (800mm high, 600mm wide; legs 600mm)



40 x triple tier stands (1120mm high, 600mm wide; legs 600mm)



96 wooden planks for triple tier stands (2400mm long, 200mm wide, 25mm thick)
8 x chipboard sheets for single tier stands (2400mm long, 900mm wide, 15mm thick)
Hessian covers for each assembled stand (ie a 2.4 m long stand)
Approximately 400 grey PVC pots of assorted sizes in milk crates and cardboard boxes.

