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Correa reflexa 'Grannys Grave'

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book on plants of South West Victoria



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EDITORIAL

Hi members,

Did you lose anything from your garden last week with the wild winds that raced across the south west? We did, our *Banksia prionotes* is no more! See page 5 for a report.

I was really disappointed in our **Display Table** last month, I was the only member who brought in something from our garden! Our Display Table has been getting smaller and smaller for some time now which is a real shame. Growing **Australian Native Plants** is a huge part of our group and the reason we exist. Are we losing our 'growing' members and what will be left if we are? Please make an effort this month, doesn't matter what it is.

A big thank you to **Bev Bell** for doing a display for us at the Port Fairy Anglican Church this weekend. Also to Friends of Swan Reserve for supplying the plant material. If you get the chance, make sure you check it out.

This month it is time for our **Annual General Meeting** again, We will get this out of the way quickly as usual, all positions have nominations so don't be afraid to come along, although we can always find another spot on the committee if you would like to nominate. A Nomination Form is on page 3.

This month, John Sherwood will be talking to us on his **Kangaroo Island Wilderness** trip last year. See below:

"Islands seem to have special interest for us humans and KI is no exception. It has a very interesting and ancient geology as well as being a wildlife refuge. Its isolation has resulted in development of some unique species of plants and animals. John recently walked the 5 -day Wilderness Trail at the west end of the island and got to observe some of these species first hand. He plans to take us on the walk and will show some of the island's beautiful landscapes, plants and animals"

Please come along and **don't forget to bring something from your garden.** 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 25th April 8.00 pm: AGM & John Sherwood - Kangaroo Island Wilderness

Group Diary Of Activities

25th May - AGM - John Sherwood speaking on Kangaroo Island & Wilderness Walk.

29th May - Committee Meeting - Mattners at 5.00pm.

2nd June - Visit to Mepunga Water Reserve & Fenwick Reserve. Meet at Cheeseworld at Allansford at 1.00pm.

22nd June - Lauren Hoffman - Golden Sun-moth

26th June - Committee Meeting—TBD

27th July - No Meeting planned.

31st July - No Committee Meeting

24th Aug- Bob Artis speaking on his recent trip to The Kimberley.

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.

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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Public Officer: John Sherwood. **APS Reps:** vacant, **Group Historian:** Joyce Sparrow. **Supper Organiser:** Liz Halls.

Other Committee Members: Kerry Artis, Michael Mattner. Sue Sherwood, Dorothy Mattner

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).

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Annual General Meeting May 2018

Nomination Form for the Position of President/Leader, Vice President/Leader, Secretary, Treasurer or General Committee Member



Member Nominated..... For Position Of.....

Nominated By.....Seconded By.....

Signed By Nominee.....

Nominees and Nominators must be paid up members of APS Warrnambool & District & APS (Vic)
Please fill in and deliver to secretary or take to the AGM on Friday 25th May.

NOTE: Contact a current committee member if you are in need of a Nominator or Seconder

Display Table - April 2018 by Joyce Sparrow

There was only one person who brought flowers in for the display table this month. It was **Kevin Sparrow** and he had picked a lot of different kinds of correas, Eremophilas and a few other things that were flowering. I will start with *Correa* "Marian's Marvel", the flower is a pink and green bell and the shrub can grow very large if left unpruned. *Correa* 'Ivory Bells', the flower evenly ivory coloured with tan coloured hairs on the recurved tips. It does best in well drained soil in full sun. *Correa* 'White Tips', the flower is a narrow bell-flower with masses of pink at the top and white tips at the bottom. It grows into a small decorative shrub.

Correa 'Pink Pixie', the short tubular flowers are uniformly bright pink with strongly recurved tips. It is a small open shrub. *Correa* 'Granny's Grave', Found at the Coastal Reserve at Warrnambool. The application for registration with ACRA was made by Cherree Densley for the Correa Study Group and APS and Warrnambool District. The tubular flowers to 30mm x 10mm are lime green fading to tan at the tips. Suited to full sun or part shade positions in the garden as a ground cover. *Correa* 'Lemon and Lime' The slightly swollen, tubular flowers are a pale lemon colour grading to lime green at the slightly rusty tips and are enclosed in a pair of leaf-like bracts which hide the buds. It is a low growing dense shrub.

Correa reflexa Mt Richmond form, near Portland is mostly red but there are several colour forms. *Correa* 'Raelene Goldie', the long narrow tubular flowers, are a rich red for most of their length fading to pale yellow-green at the tips. The other Correas brought in were *Correa pulchella*, *Correa reflexa*, *Correa decumbens*, *Correa pulchella* hybrid and *Correa* 'Candy Pink'

Reference: Correas by Maria Hitchcock

Swainsona canescens ?? (photo-right) Kevin grew this from seed and when it flowered, the pea flower did not look like *S. canescens* at all. He does not know which one it is.



Eremophila calorhabdos, the meaning of name is beautiful wand. This is an upright, spindly shrub that can grow 1 to 4 m high by 1.5 m or less in width. The green or gray leaves are evenly spaced along the branches. This Eremophila has bright pink flowers up the waving branches and is a good perching place for honey eaters. *Eremophila lucida*, This is an upright shrub to 3.5 m high by 2 m wide. The large flowers are cream to pale yellow, pink or red in colour. *Eremophila glabra* 'Kalbarri Carpet', has silver-gray to grey leaves and does not mind severe pruning. This is an excellent shrub for a large rockery, retaining wall or near a walkway. The other Eremophilas are *Eremophila scoparia*, *Eremophila glabra* grey leaf and *Eremophila maculata*.

Reference: Eremophilas by Norma Boschen, Maree Goods, Russell Wait

Hakea 'Burrendong Beauty' The flowers occur in virtually every leaf axel in showy clusters, the perianths are carmine red and the long styles cream and this is a beautiful flowering shrub. This plant is good for our bees when in flower. It is an easily grown shrub for most soil types. *Hakea clavata*, Coastal Hakea, The flowers are deep pinkish red to pale pink or white and appear in many-flowered clusters. This Hakea's leaves are narrowly club-shaped, fleshy and thick, with a sharp pointed tip. *Hakeas cycloptera*, the leaves are about 5-15 cm long and sharply pointed. This Hakea has white or pale pink flowers in axillary racemes which is quite attractive.

Reference: Hakeas by Ivan Holliday

Pterostylis laxa: This Greenhood orchid grows to 40cm tall, and the flowers are dark green and white. This orchid is common and found in moist grassy areas, near streams and swamp margins in montane forests and subalpine woodland. Kevin is growing this green hood orchid in a pot.

Reference: by DL Jones

Acianthus pusilla – Mosquito orchid: (photo-right) this is a common orchid and it is very small, the flower stem is just over 10cm tall, and it may have over 10 flowers on a stem. Kevin is growing the green form.

Reference: Orchid Notes by Helen Lawrence



OH NO!!!! by Kevin Sparrow



I planted my *Banksia prionotes* some 27 years ago and it has been my pride and joy for all that time. Not any more! Those terrible winds that hit the south west last wreaked havoc at our place. My favourite banksia is no more, it split right down the middle and the biggest part landed out on the road. The remaining bit was unstable so it also had to be removed. What can you do?

See photos: Left and centre as it was a couple of weeks ago. Below right as it is now.



Coastal Connections by Jarred Obst

Hello and welcome to the March/April edition of Glenelg Hopkins CMA's '*Coastal Connections*' email.

Finally some fantastic rain last week and a very promising system on our doorstep – a changing season feels upon us!

Seasonal Weather

After a very dry start to the year, our coastal region finally received much needed rain last week, with some parts recording above 30mm. As I write this instalment, a very strong storm system is also approaching which may bring several days of rain to the region, potentially consolidating a late but welcomed autumn break. Looking ahead, the forecast remains uncertain with Western Victoria predicted to receive below average winter rainfall; lets hope our coastal region can attract some of those low moving ocean fronts to ensure a productive winter and spring period ahead. *For a full breakdown of recent and upcoming conditions, please refer to this link.* <http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks/#/overview/video>

Estuary Update

With estuary inflows remaining low over recent months, the conditions within our estuaries have been influenced predominately by autumn tides and large swell events. Record breaking warm temperatures in autumn have contributed to low levels of soil moisture across our catchment, however the changing season and predicted rainfall will hopefully begin to increase soil moisture, promote catchment run-off and replenish flows into our estuaries.

Clean Oceans Collective

Are you concerned about the amount of plastic in our environment and would like to take a positive step towards reducing it? Several local government agencies and community volunteers have recently developed a program to help address this issue, known as the 'Clean Oceans Collective'. *You can become involved; please follow these links for more information if interested:*

Project Launch, Friday 18th May <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/clean-oceans-collective-project-launch-tickets-45504542311>

Public Workshop, Sunday 20th May <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/marine-plastic-debris-workshop-series-warrnambool-tickets-45507468062>

Victorian Landcare Grants – OPEN

The Victorian Landcare Grants are now open. Applications need to address catchment protection works, plus can include administration or start-up support.

Applications close 12 June; please follow this link: <https://www.ghcma.vic.gov.au/event/victorian-landcare-grants-available/>

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CMA Projects & Activities

Autumn has been an extremely busy time on the CMA front with several projects kicking off across our region. *Please refer to the following on-line clips to learn more:*

[Budj Bim Connections Project; Fitzroy River & Darlot Creek](#) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V4I2uZLIPnY>

[Long Swamp Restoration Project](#) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hsW8CPLM3kQ>

[Glenelg River; Victorian Environmental Flow Monitoring and Assessment Program](#) <https://youtu.be/V03dgurVVmw>

Ramsar Nomination!!

Lastly, it is with great excitement that the Glenelg Estuary and Discovery Bay was announced as Australia's 66th 'Wetland of International Importance' under the Ramsar Convention. This listing will ensure greater management support of this unique area now and into the future, along with boosting a range of social and economic benefits including tourism, walking, camping and recreational fishing. Congratulations to all people involved in this nomination, especially the countless community volunteers whose passion and knowledge initiated and drove this concept, particularly the late Leila Huebner OAM.

Please follow this [Ramsar Nomination link](#) for a short clip on this amazing area,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qhJGQZioTR8>

along with the [ministerial announcement](#).

<http://www.environment.gov.au/minister/frydenberg/media-releases/mr20180423.html>

All the best until my next instalment,

Regards
Jarred

*Photo right: Glenelg River Estuary
courtesy of The Warrnambool Standard*



Minutes of Warrnambool and District Annual General Meeting 8.00pm 26 May 2017

1. Leader Kevin Sparrow declared the meeting open and welcomed members
2. Present:, Kevin and Joyce Sparrow, Marj Craig, Gerard and Bev Bell, Michael and Dorothy Mattner, June Preece, John and Sue Sherwood, Lorraine Charles, John Minogue, Mike and Liz Halls.
3. Visitors: David and Barbara Pye, Patrick Lahir.
4. Apologies: Bob and Kerry Artis, Laura Prentice, Brian Charles, Greg and Gail Lemmens
5. Minutes of last AGM (27 May 2016) were read.

MOTION: *That the Minutes be accepted*

Moved. John Sherwood.

Seconded. Michael Mattner

CARRIED.

6. Leader's Report read.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

7. Treasurer's Report

A financial statement was presented by the Treasurer. Total Income \$7,339.48; Total Expenses \$10,752.79. Closing Balance in Group Accounts (22 May 2017) \$20,653.86, including \$15,782.55 in the Bendigo Bank Investment Account. The Treasurer noted that some grant monies received last year were expended in the current year accounting for the apparently large expenditure. An indicative budget for the coming year was also presented showing an estimated surplus of \$1692.

MOTION: *That the Financial Report be accepted*

Moved. Mike Halls.

Seconded. Dorothy Mattner

CARRIED.

MOTION: *That the local membership fee remain unchanged in 2017/18 (\$15 for single and \$20 family membership)*

Moved. Mike Halls.

Seconded. Michael Mattner

CARRIED.

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7. Election of Office Bearers.

The Leader declared all positions vacant and invited John Sherwood to act as Returning Officer. On behalf of the Group John thanked Kevin and the outgoing Committee for their service. In the absence of other nominations the following people were elected:

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Secunder
Leader	Kevin Sparrow	Bob	Michael M.
Deputy Leader	Bob Artis	John	Mike
Secretary	John Sherwood	Kevin	Bob
Treasurer	Mike Halls	John	Kerry
Newsletter Editor	Kevin Sparrow	Bob	Michael M.
Committee	Kerry Artis	John	Kevin
Committee	Michael Mattner	Bob	Kerry
Committee	Dorothy Mattner	Bob	Kerry
Committee	Sue Sherwood	Dorothy	Kevin
Supper Organiser	Liz Halls	Michael M.	June
Group Historian	Joyce Sparrow	John	Kevin

Kevin Sparrow took the Chair as Leader and closed the Annual General Meeting at 8.30pm. He immediately opened a General Meeting.

General Meeting

1. 40th Year History Book

Copies available free to members from Mike Halls or Kevin.

2. Committee Meeting 8pm Tuesday 30 May at Sparrows.

3. Warrnambool City Council Strategy Plan W2040

Submissions are due by 23 June. The Group has been encouraged to make a comment. This will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

4. Bunnings BBQ Application

The Secretary has submitted an application for a weekend sausage sizzle in the second half of this year. We will hear of success or otherwise in June.

5. Consumer Affairs Return

Mike will supply a copy of the Financial Report to John. He will submit our Annual Return – he has been sent a reminder already.

6. Bacchus Marsh Trip 7/8 October 2017

Kevin outlined the plan for the weekend and indicated the Bacchus Marsh Caravan Park is already heavily booked and urged those wishing to attend to book ASAP

7. 60th Anniversary of APS(Vic)

This will be held at Melton on 17 June for those members interested in attending.

8. Guest Speaker

David and Barbara Pye gave a joint illustrated presentation on the Melton Botanic Gardens.

The meeting closed with supper and an inspection of the Display Table.