



*Arthropodium strictum*

# Australian Plants Society Waverley

October / November 2019

Australian Plants Society Waverley Inc. Reg. No. A13116G  
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**Meetings** Third Thursday of month, Ground floor, Wadham House, 52 Wadham Parade, Mt Waverley (Melways Map 61 E12) Commencing 8pm

## APS Waverley Group Events

### NOVEMBER – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

*Geoff Lay – ‘50 years of wandering’*

### DECEMBER – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

*Christmas Break-up at restaurant*

## **Banks and Solander Exhibition 2020**

*In April 2020 it will be 250 years since the east coast of Australia was first sighted from the Endeavour when Lieutenant Cook, his crew and passengers saw Point Hicks in East Gippsland.*

*Joseph Banks and Daniel Solander collected many specimens from the east coast for scientific study.*

### 2020 FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup> - APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>

*Banks & Solander Exhibition*

*‘Revealing the Floral Treasures of Australia’*

An exhibition highlighting Banksias and our unique Australian flora.

### 2020 MARCH Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

*Keynote address by Professor Tim Entwisle 2020*

*THE SIR JOSEPH BANKS CABINET, Botanical Bounty of the Endeavour’s voyage to New Zealand and Australia*

### **Venue for both events**

Maroondah Federation Estate, 32 Greenwood Ave, Ringwood

## Other Events

### OCTOBER 26<sup>h</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> – 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

*Cranbourne Friends Spring Plant Sale (Mel 133 K10)*

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*APS Ballarat Spring Flower Show*

Robert Clark Centre, Ballarat Botanical Gardens

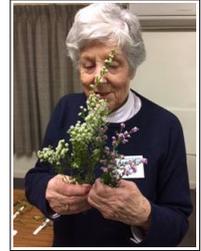
## August – Grand Plant Table

August would not normally be considered the best month for this kind of activity, but we took our chances. As it happened, two tables were laden with flora from a collection of gardens.



Graeme Stone's *Eucalyptus caesia* is into its fifth year, and has reached a good height. His all-time favourite, *Correa reflexa*, was in full bloom, along with *Hardenbergia violacea*, white form.

Anne Kerr's selection included the dwarf form of *Banksia ericifolia*, eye-catching and easy to grow. Her *Thryptomene baeckiaea*, growing in full sun, has a long flowering period and does very well indoors: however, it is prone to caterpillars. Another plant which copes well in a vase is *Micromyrtus ciliatus* (Fringed Heath-myrtle), and has very delicate flowering sprays. Anne's *Westringia longifolia* has compact dark green leaves and white flowers and has a thick floral appearance; this satisfies Anne's liking of white blooms in the garden.



Virginia Barnett's specimen of *Acacia aphylla* would do very well in an ikebana display, especially as a contrast to something less austere, like maybe her other plant, *Eremophila mackinlayi*. This plant was purchased from Melton Botanic Gardens, is into its third year, and is spreading out, rather than growing tall. The azure flowers against grey foliage, are beautiful.



John Watson's very dark purple *Hardenbergia violacea* 'Regent' has a rambling habit and is an easy plant to have in the garden. His *Guichenotia macranthe*, which is closely related to *Thomasia*, was newly bought, but John was so pleased with it that he sacrificed half of the plant for the meeting! Hopefully the early pruning will do no harm.



Margaret Duncan's *Grevillea* 'Mount Tamboritha' had thick orange/red/gold flowers and thick foliage; an ideal filler for small gardens. From Asteraceae, Margaret had a *Coronidium*, '*Brachycome angustifolia*', with lush velvety leaves; it is a small bush and grows well. Also a *Micromyrtus ciliatus* 'Wartook Wonder', pink form, very pleasing. There were two *Philothecas* as well, pink and white. Margaret also produced two quite different forms of *Hypocalymma angustifolia*, and rounded off her offerings with a beautiful *Thryptomene* Supernova.



Marlee Petrie's form of *Epacris impressa* was a tall, thin spike, a sharp contrast with *Correa pulchella*, everybody's favourite. There was also a *Zieria*, and a good specimen of *Phebalium squamulosum*, a sharp contrast with *Kennedia rubicunda*, which Marlee says is wandering everywhere. Not to be overlooked, an *Acacia pycnantha*, our national emblem.



Mirini Lang's *Hardenbergia* 'Mini Ha Ha' had dainty deep purple blooms nestled in thick leaves.



Jenny Kelso's *Grevillea flexuosa* never fails to entice; it does require pruning twice a year and is high up on the prickly scale. Jenny also had a specimen of a South Australian variety of *Senna*, with its attractive yellow flowers; can't get more yellow. The *Dodonaea boroniifolia* comes from a very large bush which grows extremely well in full sun. And *Leionema coxii* is a firm favourite and grows to a nicely shaped shrub of up to two metres.



**Thanks to Virginia Barnett for this article.**

## September Garden Visit to KARWARRA GARDENS

Not the best of weather for visiting a garden, but the charm of Karwarra was worth the effort. Lindy, one of the gardeners, was able to lead us round the freshly mulched paths, and gave a brief

history of the place. Back in the 1960's, the land was managed by the Mt Dandenong Horticultural Society; not entirely native plants in those days. But May Moon and Maurie Seymour influenced the style of garden and plantings; their ideas of garden design were more suited to native plants. Council eventually bought the land and turned it over to the public; it was staffed by volunteers. Then along came Kath Deery, with her own ideas of raised beds and meandering paths, the forerunner of what it is today. The total effect is harmonious and restful.



In 1989, the Horticultural Society asked Council to take over the running of the property. Gardener, John Knight, was employed, and a 'Friends' group was formed. Liaisons and networks have been formed with other botanical bodies and a substantial propagating nursery was developed. Council manages expenses and salaries of two permanent workers, Lindy and Shelley. We had the firm impression that Karwarra is running well, and is a delightful garden, open every day in the week, in Kalorama. There are plants for sale for the general public.

There were several highlights; purple-foliaged *Boronia gracilipes*, *Grevillea williamsonii* (threatened species), a huge *Ceratopetalum gummiferum* (NSW Christmas Bush), brightest yellow *Hibbertia serrata*, and pink-spiked *Dracophyllum secundum*.

Telopeas grow very well in the Dandenongs, and there were plenty of those in flower today. Masses of Epacris, Boronia, Zieria, a huge *Doryanthes palmeri*.

Along with the plants, there are many birds and insects, several frogs in the ponds dotted here and there, and even a resident echidna, which seems unaffected by human visitors. No doubt there are snakes and many smaller reptiles as well, all part of the ecology and healthy environment.

We are grateful to workers like Lindy and Shelley, and so many others who have contributed to the Gardens over the years, so that we can all appreciate nature and just enjoy.

**Thank you to Gavin, for organizing the outing.**

**Thank you Virginia Barnett for these notes.**

Committee			Supper Roster	
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