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April – May – June 2019 Newsletter

Upcoming events for:

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| May 26 th | APS Bendigo visit to Shepparton Botanic Gardens |
| May 29 th | Visit Girgarre Community Cottage |
| June 15 th | Colac outing via Geelong |

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Hello Members,

Thank you for your patience waiting for this newsletter, there were a few things I needed to confirm before sending this out. Autumn is lovely time for gardening or to just enjoy the lovely Correas that are putting on a great display, considering the summer we have just had.

We started our year with a meeting at Vision Centre with eleven members attending. We mapped out ideas for the coming year.

We held a special meeting in March by starting with a light meal before the President of APS Vic Chris Long spoke on "My journey with Boronia Magastigma essential oil," and what a journey it was, taking Chris to Western Australia to source the right species used, then trials with the growing process, with plantings in Victoria and Tasmania, with most success in Tasmania, before the extraction of the oil. The oil was for perfumery purposes only. This process took many years and the Tasmanian farm was eventually sold on.

We were pleased to host guests from APSVic Echuca/Moama, Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton, Glenys Long, and Barbara and Roger Collins. It was great to share a pleasant evening with them all.



Chris, and Glenys Long with members from SGAP Shepparton

The guest speaker for our April Meeting was Marg Clarke, a local bird enthusiast, and spoke on the more unusual birds of the district. Marg's photo's from around the area, which included Victoria Park Lake, Kialla Lakes, Reedy Swamp, Gemmill's Swamp, Greens Lake and Sevens Creek were lovely to see while she spoke of their habits and habitat's. There were also several books that Marg had printed of her own photographs. Marg also has a great love of Native plants.



APSVic has signed a contract with NEUTROG, to endorse the Neutrog Bush Tucker fertiliser. Our APSVIC emblem will be on the packaging in a prominent manner, and also on Neutrog's website, face book and other social media.

What a wonderful way of 'free' advertising.

APSVic has the right to buy Bush Tucker direct from Neutrog at a wholesale price for benefit of APSVic members only.

May Outing

WEDNESDAY May 29th we will visit the Girgarre Community Cottage, and tour their "Green Thumbs" nursery, enjoy morning tea, and a talk on the establishment of the Girgarre Botanic Gardens, named Garagarro Botanic Gardens. I am sure we will find out why this name. This will cost \$5.00 per head, with the money to go towards the community bus that takes residents of Girgarre to appointments etc. BYO lunch. Please meet at the Italian Club, Princess Park Shepparton, 9am, where there should be plenty of parking.

APSVIC Bendigo are visiting The Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton on Sunday May 26th and would like us to join them for a casual get together, APSVic Bendigo plan to bring their own lunch. This day is Botanical Gardens in Australian and New Zealand open day. Any members wishing to join Bendigo, met at the Gardens at 11.30am, and BYO lunch if desired. Plants will be on sale this day.

June Outing

We are planning a weekend visit to Colac. The quarterly Committee of Management Meeting will be held on June 15th at Geelong Botanic Gardens, at 10am, and we will combine this with a visit to Colac and visit Barbara and Paul Kennedy's garden on Sunday 16th. I have spoken to Paul and Paul and Barbara would be very happy to see Shepparton members. This will require Motel accommodation in Colac Saturday night. Those interested please let Jenny or David know, or at our outing to Girgarre in May.

We will have a local outing in July and our AGM in August at Vision Centre Shepparton.

Subscriptions

Subs are due by the 30th June, to be paid to Carolyn Edwards.

APS Victoria subs are as follows:-

Single membership \$35.00

Household membership \$40.00

Organisation membership \$44.00

Overseas membership \$52.00

The APSVic membership fee includes insurance cover for events organised by APS Groups.

The APSVic quarterly magazine "GROWING AUSTRALIAN" is also included in the membership.

If desired 4 issues of Australian Plants, posted with Growing Australian, can be added for \$15.00 extra.

SGAP Shepparton & Districts subs are also due in June and paid to Carolyn. These are \$15.00 per annum.



Margaret's Correa OMG



Eucalypts from Laurie

APSVic Echuca Moama are holding their Native Flower Showcase October 12th 2019 at 426 High Street Echuca from 9am – 4 pm. It would be good to support them.

Articles for our newsletters would be gratefully accepted.

Best wishes to all,

Jenny Polinelli