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NEWSLETTER

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September news...!

Hello and welcome to our September edition.

Along with spring's lengthening warmer days comes a wealth of things to see and do. As well as our group having plenty of activities scheduled this spring. I have had the good luck to receive a number of emails about "Biodiversity Spring" and interesting activities that have been organised by other groups around the Mitchell Shire. See page 6 for details.

Current cause for concern is the fact that only a very small percentage of members have paid 2014-2015 membership renewal fees. This necessitates a big bold reminder and another membership form attached with this issue. If you have not already done so please make Bill a happy man and send your remittances in ASAP.

We would love to see as many members as



Acacia acinacea
Gold Dust Wattle.
Photo: J Petts

possible turn out to hear our next guest speaker. Neutrog have a minimum number of people they like to present to (30) and you will be rewarded with FREE SAMPLES of Neutrog products along with the usual good company, tea or coffee and yummy biscuits :-).

Our next issue is due out on the 2nd Monday of October (the 13th), please keep those fabulous photo's, articles and items of interest rolling in. The dead line for contributions is the 1st Monday of October (October 6th) and can be sent to me at: wattlegum@southernphone.com.au or Mailed to PO Box 381, Pyalong Vic 3521

Until next month, enjoy the sunshine, happy gardening & cheers for now,
Jeanine

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Cranbourne Gardens Excursion Details...

Since September 28th and our Cranbourne garden visit is mere weeks away yet we are without the numbers to make a bus trip viable, car pooling has been confirmed as the best option. Anyone picking up passengers or requiring a lift make sure to contact Lorraine & Brian before the day: email lorraine_brian@bigpond.com or call 0427 323 511.

The meeting point for car poolers is Wellington Square (in the service lane) between 8.00-8.15am. If making your own way to RBGC the meeting point at RBGC is in the cafe at around 10.00am. We do not plan to travel as a convoy but would like everybody to arrive at the gardens around 10.00am for a 10.30 walk. The Consensus is after we arrive

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Mitchell Diary Dates..

- **SEPTEMBER 15th 7:30pm MEETING**
Guest Speaker:
Vince Davey from Neutrog Fertilisers
- **SEPTEMBER 28th**
Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne Excursion
Via Car-pooling: Meet at Wellington Square (service lane) Wallan 8:00 am contact Lorraine & Brian for details-see pages 1 & 3.
- **OCTOBER 18th APS Mitchell PLANT EXPO**
Kilmore Memorial Hall 14 Sydney St, Kilmore 9 am - 3 pm
- **OCTOBER 20th 7:30pm MEETING**
Guest Speaker:
To Be Advised
- **NOVEMBER 17th**
Guest Speaker:
Barbara Mau
- **November 22nd 2 pm**
Garden Visit to Barbara Mau's



Overseas member reporting in...

Wednesday July 30th.
I have another APS
Mitchell Group member
staying at the moment -
Sue Trefz from Kilmore.

As the weather
continues to be Fab, we
went off for a look at
Kiftsgate Court Garden
yesterday, not far from
me here in the
Cotswolds.

Could do with some

rain, off to water friends
gardens as it is prime
holiday time here and
high summer and dry...

All the best,
Victoria Morris



Left, Above & Below: Kiftsgate Court Gardens. Photos: Victoria Morris



MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE
3rd MONDAY OF THE MONTH
(February to November)

In the John Taylor room at
Kilmore Library

12 Sydney Street, Kilmore

Entry \$2.00 Gold Coin

Door Prizes

Plant Sales

Fertilizer Sales

(APS Mitchell Slow Release
fertiliser \$5.00 per 500g)

Use of the APS Mitchell free
Library (See Barbara)

Supper & Chat

VISITORS VERY WELCOME

Members & Visitors are
encouraged to bring along
exhibits for our Flower
Specimen Table

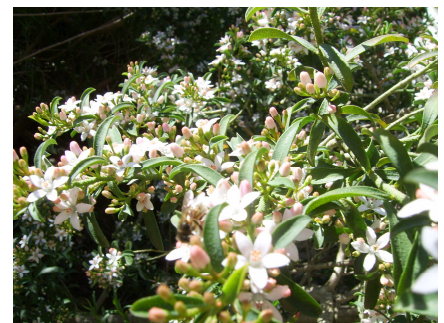
Please label plants



September Meeting - Monday the 15th 7:30pm

Vince Davey from Neutrog is joining us to present their "Garden Club Talk". There will be FREE SAMPLES of Neutrog Fertilisers products for all in attendance and Vince will be providing information on various organic fertilisers and explaining the "Pooh Bah Club". Members will have the chance to opt in to receive regular updates, newsletters and samples. Neutrog grew from small beginnings in Adelaide 25 years ago and is now a widely recognised supplier of high quality fertilisers.

<http://www.neutrog.com.au/>



Philotheca myoporoides
Native Wax Flower

Photo: J Petts

Urgent Attention Needed...

Membership fees for 2014-2015 are overdue. To continue receiving *Growing Australian* please make your remittance ASAP. The recently updated APS Mitchell membership/renewal form has been attached with this newsletter or see previous newsletter editions for renewal details.

For membership enquiries please contact Bill Barker on 5783 3838.

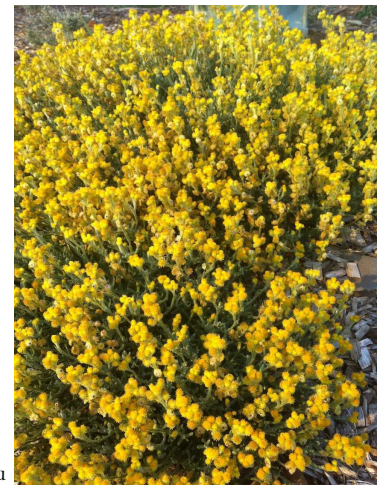
September 28th, Cranbourne Gardens Excursion Details continued...

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at Cranbourne we can decide on which walks we wish to do either as individuals or as a group. RBGC is located at the Corner Ballarto Road and Botanic Drive, Cranbourne, (off South Gippsland Highway) Melway Ref: 133 K10. The turnoff for the Gardens is signed and located 500m past the Cranbourne Racecourse.

Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne have provided the following information:

- The entry into the Australian Garden is Free. The Gardens are open 7 days a week from 9 am to 5 pm.
- The Garden Explorer costs for a daily ticket are \$7.50 per adult and \$6.00 per concession / child. Tickets may be purchased from the Visitor Centre using either cash or EFTPOS. The Garden Explorer commences at 10 am and concludes at 4 pm and is a hop on hop off service to allow you to travel around the gardens. The Garden Explorer seats a maximum of 23 people and cannot be booked in advance.
- Public Tour costs are \$6.70 per person and \$5.70 concession / child. These guided tours are one hour walking tours around the Australian Garden.
- Group tours available upon request at either 11.00 am or 2.00 pm and costs are \$5.70 for a group of 10 or more.
- **Tour 1: Plants for Your Place** (790 metres in length) 11.00 am daily - Join our experienced guide on a journey from the Red Centre to the Eastern Seaboard, picking up expert tips and tricks to help you find the best Aussie plants for your place. This tour commences from the base of the Visitor Centre and concludes at the Kiosk.
- **Tour 2: Flora Australis** (835 metres in length) 2.00 pm daily—Discover how Australian plants have evolved and adapted over millions of years and how human interaction with plants has changed over time. This tour commences from the Kiosk in the Australian Garden and concludes at the Visitor Centre.
- **Guided Tour Double Pass** costs \$8.80 per person - Plants for Your Place & Flora Australis - At 11.00 am, take the Plants for Your Place tour and at 2.00 pm, take the Flora Australis tour.
- **Guided Tour including Garden Explorer Pass** - \$10.00 per person—Take either tour Plants for Your Place or Flora Australis and enjoy a daily pass on the Garden Explorer.
- **You can enjoy a coffee or a light snack or lunch at the Boon Wurrung Café.** The café can be busy at peak times, so we advise you to book ahead on 5990 2247.
- **There are wooden garden bench seats scattered all around the Australian Garden,** as well as many metal chairs for your comfort.
- **The Stringybark Picnic Area,** located at the end of Stringybark Drive and a mere 50 metres from the parking lot, offers BBQ's and seating under the shade of trees. Please note the BBQ's are not able to be booked.
- **The Woodland Picnic Area,** located 600 metres from the Visitor Centre, offers undercover BBQ's and seating as well as a large playground and grassy area. Please note that BBQ's are not able to be booked.



Chrysocephalum apiculatum Photo: Barbara Mau

August Meeting Report

By Ian Julian

Elyse Kelly Mitchell Shire Council Environment Department Coordinator

At our August meeting, Elyse Kelly the Environmental Programs Coordinator at Mitchell Shire Council gave a presentation on its Environment Strategy 2014-2024 which was adopted by Council on July 30 2014. She gave an overview of the development and features of the strategy. It is a 10 year strategy with annual action plans with a 10 year strategy Council is able to take a longer term view. The Strategy builds on the first Mitchell Shire Environment Strategy which was developed in house and adopted by Council in May 2000. The strategy was first reviewed and adopted in April 2005; this review determined that it will be comprehensively reviewed every three years. The second review was conducted in July 2008 and was due for review in 2011. The purpose of the review of the Strategy is to build on past achievements, identify opportunity to increase protection of the natural environment, focus on natural landscape features and priorities for action, to integrate sound environmental management into all aspects of Council business, highlight the significance and role of Council in a broad range of legislative responsibility and support community participation and leadership – in land stewardship and biodiversity conservation.



She broadly presented the consultation stage, response to submissions, the Strategy implementation cycle and policy implications.

A survey was conducted of 300 residents/ratepayers an online community survey with three community workshops. Workshops were held with agency stakeholders, the Mitchell Environment Advisory Committee (MEAC), Council and staff briefings and an Environmental photography competition.

The draft was developed and accepted by Council and placed for public exhibition for four weeks. Thirteen submissions were received these included individuals, community groups, Catchment Management Authorities the EPA and MEAC.

Changes made including the development of the vision *“Our community supports a healthy and resilient natural environment”*. References to additional Council strategies and plans, references to individual reserve management plans not added – as there are too many.

- New community groups listed as requested
- Added additional examples of Council Programs and Plans
- Included prospective landholders in environmental education
- Added reference to threatened and vulnerable flora and fauna species under Biodiversity.
- Promote and enforce laws for illegal activities such as native vegetation removal, rubbish dumping and illegal earthworks



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August Meeting Report

By Ian Julian

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- Advocate for a review of waterway frontage licenses
- Evaluation questions formed using the purpose statements
- Recognition of the need for management approaches to be adaptive to change has been added to Section 5.
- The Implementation of the Environment Strategy is an action of the 2013-2017 Council plan

Actions that support cooperation between Council and APS

- Review and implement existing information kit for new rural landholders;
- Implement and/or support existing education programs (workshops, seminars, field days and publications) on environmental and sustainable land management for Council staff and the community;
- Ensure information for all new and prospective landholders (urban and rural) includes information on fire risk, environmental assets and threats, local community environmental groups and Shire environmental programs ;
- Collaborate with and support initiatives undertaken by community environmental groups and Committees of Management e.g. group activities, Golden Sun Moth monitoring, Mynah bird trapping, Clean Up Australia Day ; and
- Continue to assist in the promotion and distribution of information on sustainable land management practices.
- Ensuring that the Sustainable Gardening Guide as part of new rural landholder kits?
- Joint public landscaping opportunities?
- Promoting APS events on shire website etc?
- Council information for APS annual plant sale?

Elyse invited questions and any ideas Other ideas?



Photos are from the competition and published in the strategy.

Biodiversity Spring 2014 - Ninety Days of Nature

From <http://biodiversityspring.wordpress.com/>

"Biodiversity Spring" is a spring celebration of all things making up our natural environment which has been going for over a decade. Co-ordinated by the Euroa Arboretum it incorporates a range of activities by a variety of different organisations and groups across the Goulburn-Broken Catchment and north-east Victoria. Starting out in 2001 with only a few events during September it has now grown to include diverse events throughout the whole 91 days of spring.

A full calendar of events can be found at <http://biodiversityspring.wordpress.com/>

Events are FREE (unless otherwise stated) and everyone is invited to come along and join in. For information on specific events contact the people cited in each listing or for general enquiries contact:

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Events within Mitchell Shire are:

Spring at Mount Piper

Hosted by Friends of Mount Piper

Partner organisations: Parks Victoria

Mount Piper is an iconic peak in the landscape and the Reserve contains one of the largest patches of bushland in the area. It is home to a large community of butterflies and moths (some endangered). This nature walk will begin with an easy stroll around the base of the mountain to look at the wildflowers and attendant insects, followed by hot drinks (provided) and BYO lunch. After lunch, anyone keen for a football-free climb to the peak is welcome to join us. Note that the track is steep and rough, but the views are outstanding.

Bring: Suitable footwear for bush walking and other clothes according to the weather, water bottles, BYO lunch (drinks provided).

When: Saturday 27th September 2014 10:30 to 12:30am

Location and Meeting Place: Mount Piper Nature Conservation Reserve, Broadford.

Turn right (west) off the Broadford Kilmore Road into Jeffrey's Lane south from Broadford, then up the Mt Piper NCR access track to the car park.

VicRoads Ref: 61 B5

RSVP or contact: Peter Mitchell at mitchell.moss@iinet.net.au or 0468 795 954

Spring at the Colin Officer Flora Reserve

Hosted by Broadford Land Management Group

Partner organisations: Mitchell Shire Council

The Colin Officer Flora Reserve is noted for its diversity of orchids, lilies, other herbs and shrubs. They all reach a peak of flowering in early October. This walk is an annual event organised by a local group supported by Mitchell Shire Council. It will be a casual and chatty stroll through the Reserve led by local experts. It will end with a BYO lunch in the Reserve (hot drinks will be provided).

Bring: Suitable footwear for bush walking and other clothes according to the weather, water bottles, BYO lunch (drinks provided).

When: Sunday 5th October 2014, 10:30 to 12:30am

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‘Biodiversity Spring 2014’

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Spring at the Colin Officer Flora Reserve (continued)

Location and Meeting Place: Colin Officer Flora Reserve, Broadford.
Broadford Golf Club Car Park, Off Horwood Road/Water Trust Road, Broadford

VicRoads Ref: 641 Q7

RSVP or contact: Peter Mitchell at mitchell.moss@iinet.net.au or 0468 795 954

Acknowledgement of funders: Mitchell Shire Council

Where the wild things are

Hosted by: Seymour Bushland Park Committee

Seymour Bushland Park Committee will host its annual “Where the Wild Things Are” Spring discovery event. Wildflowers, wildlife, see what the land can do by way of regeneration in 35 years if left to its own devices. (ie the removal of stock). All members of the public welcome to attend including children.

Bring: Water bottle, hat, sunscreen, sturdy footwear.

When: Sunday 5th October 2014, 3 – 6 pm

Where: Telegraph Road entrance of the Seymour Bushland Park, Seymour

RSVP or contact: Places are limited. Please call 57990693 (AH) or 0428339989 to book a place

Walk the Ridge and see the birds

Hosted by Trust for Nature and Broken Creek Field Naturalists

A moderately difficult walk (2-3 hours) along the Black range ridge. At “Highcamp” Trust for Nature’s largest revolving fund property (600ha). The walk will travel through a range of vegetation communities including woodlands, dry forests and open grasslands with spectacular views of the adjoining ranges and to Melbourne. Members of the Broken Creek Field Naturalist club will be identifying every bit of nature they can find.

When: Saturday 11 October at 10.30 am

Where: 85 Crawfords Rd, Highcamp. Meet at corner of Crawfords Rd and Back Creek Rd, Highcamp, then follow the signs
VicRoads Ref: 60 G4

RSVP or contact: By 8 October to Shelagh Curmi, shelaghc@tfn.org.au or phone 0407521154

Web: <http://www.trustfornature.org.au>

Acknowledgements: Australian Government

Photos from Brian Weir: We had a family of Gang Gang cockatoo's (3) come in on Sunday (August 31st) and fed for 6 hours non stop on the *Eucalyptus leucoxylon rosea* gum nuts. They did a great job of pruning!



Can Anyone Identify This Tree?

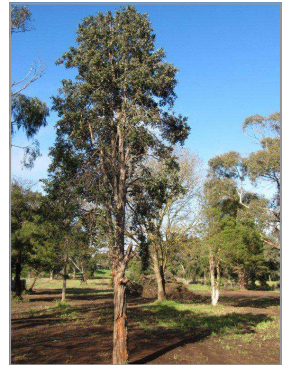
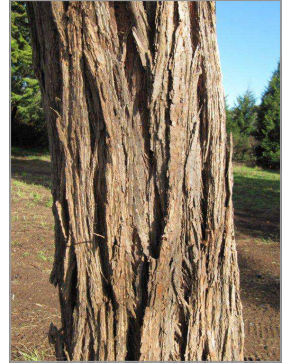
By Brian Weir

The pictured tree is on a block near us that the developers have got their hands on.

I don't know if it is native & I have never seen it flower. It was behind an old weatherboard house, possibly built pre 1950's. I was wondering if it was worth collecting seeds to propagate if it is native.

If anyone can identify this tree please email:

lorraine_brian@bigpond.com



Garden Guide- What's to do in September...

By Barbara Mau

Finally it is spring! The warmer weather has our wild flower season starting earlier than usual.

According to the Kilmore Gap weather station, our August rainfall was the lowest it has been in 18 years. As September is the month to start planting your native seedlings, a little more attention to aftercare watering is advisable.

To begin, apology in advance to the many members who already have a good understanding of tube stock planting techniques. For those of you (like myself) who are not 'old hand' at this, I would like to share the following invaluable instructions, given to me a few years ago by Ian Taylor (of Western Plains Flora):

Should the tube stock be on the dry side, it helps to place the plants, neck deep, into a bucket of water for a couple of hours. This will replenish the plant's energy and reduce the shock of transplanting from tube to garden.

When removing the plant from it's tube, give the bottom of the tube a sharp tap (you can use the side of your mattock or a nice flat stone for this). Then turn the tube upside down and give several more sharp knocks against the top rim of the tube. This releases the plant from the tube sides, making it easy for the root ball to slide out.

At this point of the instructions Ian looked at me over the rim of his glasses and emphasised that I should **'never'** attempt to pull the plant from the tube by it's trunk or foliage. Nor **'under any circumstances'** squeeze or manipulate the tube sides to extract the plant! 'And', he added, 'if you have hundreds of plants to plant then **don't fiddle!**' 'The process of planting should take no more than a minute'. 'Any more time, and you **are fiddling**', moreover 'you will become overwhelmed by the enormity of your task, and the job won't get done'.

It was great advice.

Now back to the planting!

Taking care not to disturb the root system, place the plant into your prepared garden hole together with a little extra water. The extra water acts as a reservoir for the young plant, and helps it to establish a deeper and strong root system.

Back fill the hole and tap down the soil. Add a little more water around the root zone. This aids in the removal of air pockets around the plant's roots.

Keep the new plantings weed free. Weeds compete for water and nutrients.

Conserve soil moisture by mulching around the new plants. Aged Eucalyptus mulch is great for this as well as being a weed suppresser.

Watering occasionally is essential until the plants are well established.

I hope that you enjoy the warmer, brighter weather, and happy spring planting!

Open Gardens Australia, September - December 2014

Gardens featuring mainly Australian Plants...

Gardens are open between 10am to 4.30pm. Charge \$8 unless otherwise indicated.

13th and 14th September

Pickets Garden, a new garden. 56 Orchard Drive, Croydon. Harmonious combinations of foliage and flower are the hallmark of this Mediterranean-inspired garden. Spring bulbs, hellebores, magnolias, camellias, azaleas, daphne and clivias. Australian plantings include lilly-pillys, kangaroo paws, hakeas and wattles. Rich perimeter planting of shrubs and trees in a palette of oranges, reds, purples and mauves. 0.1ha (0.25ac).

Sinclair Garden, also a new garden. 124 McGowans Road, Donvale. The pretty cottage-style front garden gives no hint of the beautiful terraced valley behind, filled with tall eucalypts and exotic trees under planted with indigenous species. Banksias, waratahs, xanthorrhoeas and other natives are successfully integrated with old roses, maples, weeping birches and a mature magnolia. Stunning views from the deck. 0.4 hectare (1 acre).

Bev and John Hanson's Garden, 104 Webb Street, Warrandyte. Parking on road and on site. Sensitively placed rocks around beautiful fern-edged ponds reflect Bev Hanson's work with Ellis Stones. Her knowledge and love of all plants is evident in the rich collection of natives leading to bushland and the separate area of generously planted exotics. Courtyards lead off the house with vistas opening through tunnels of foliage. 0.4ha (1ac).

20th and 21st September

Yallaroo Gardens, the new home of Bob and Dot O'Neill. 7 Hillsmeade Drive, Narre Warren South. A wide range of WA leschenaultias in many colours is one highlight of a beautiful young garden filled with flowers. Over 2000 plants flourish in sweeping beds created by a knowledgeable and passionate native plant enthusiast and former Gardening Australia 'Gardener of the Year'. Vegetable gardens, covered orchard. 0.4ha (1ac).

Alcheringa, 46 Victoria Ave, Rosanna. The classic 1970s bush-style native garden with stone work by Gordon Ford embraces a house designed by Alistair Knox. A rock waterfall is the central feature and supports a happy frog population. Butterfly-attracting indigenous plants feature among gymea lilies, banksias, croweas, callistemons and paperbarks. Small productive area. 18m x 40m.

Illyarrie, 7 Library Rd, Balnarring Beach. Garden is on corner of Hansens Lane. Rare and beautiful Australian plants create year-round interest and a carpet of early spring colour in this elegant garden. Many Western Australian species thrive in the sandy soil, including unusual banksias and grevilleas, and repeat plantings create a cohesive design. Large collection of Australian orchids in flower. 0.1ha (0.25ac).

28th September

At home with Phillip Johnson.

In 2013 Phillip Johnson and his team made history when their design for the Trailfinders Australian Garden, presented by Flemings, was awarded top honours of 'Best in Show' at the Chelsea Flower Show – a feat never before achieved by an Australian team. You have a unique opportunity to join Phillip on an exclusive tour of his private garden at Olinda. The billabong at the heart of this tranquil haven has been transformed into a stunning natural swimming pool, providing enormous environmental benefits. Phillip will give a lecture as well as a tour of his native and indigenous wonderland, which features water capture and conservation at its core.

TICKETS: \$75 including return bus trip and morning/afternoon tea. Morning session 9am–1pm; afternoon session 2pm–6pm. Bus departs Burnley Campus, 500 Yarra Boulevard, Richmond (parking available in Yarra Boulevard). Tickets are strictly limited so bookings are essential. Book online at www.opengarden.org.au or ring 03 5427 1488.

5th October

Bickleigh Vale Village – Edna Walling's Masterpiece. Bickleigh Vale Rd and Edna Walling Lane, Mooroolbark. Bickleigh Vale still remains the finest example of Walling's ability to achieve harmony between buildings and landscape. Eight of these magic gardens will be open: Abbotsley, Badgers Wood, Devon Cottage, Mistover, Sonningfield, The Barn, The Sheilan and Wimborne. \$35 for eight gardens. Not all native at all, but a rare and fascinating insight into what a famous early OZ female landscape designer achieved.

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Open Gardens Australia - Gardens featuring mainly Australian Plants Continued...

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11th & 12th October

Debbie's Aussie Garden, 24 Flowerdale Rd, Glen Iris. Completely redesigned in recent years, this vibrant and healthy garden brims with a rich diversity of Australia plants including many grevilleas. Raised beds feature drought tolerant and foliage plants. Repeat plantings of viminalia, *Eucalyptus perriniana* and adenanthos. Unusual persoonia hybrid. Pond with indigenous plants; dry creek bed. Children's activities and a sausage sizzle.

Flowerdale Road Native Garden, 1/29 Flowerdale Rd, Glen Iris.

An exquisite small garden jam packed with a great range of native plants chosen for foliage and flower colour. The strong and thoughtful design links the front and back areas, and many pretty pots are successfully woven into the whole. The garden is an inspiring lesson in elegant small space harmony.

\$14 joint entry with Debbie's Aussie Garden and Flowerdale Road Native Garden, or \$8 each garden.

Fairview Garden, 7b Fairview Ave, Wheelers Hill. A stunning garden featuring lush repeat plantings in an elegant and serene design, with the native plant area near the stunning gates a lesson in design.

18th & 19th October

Airlie, 10 Grandview Ave, Ringwood East. Harmoniously designed and elegant woodland garden with mass plantings of unusual small eucalypts including *E pumila* and *E luehmanniana* featured with tall grasses and a beautiful large frog pond at the front.

Trevorder, 2 Scenic Ave, Ringwood East. Massed Australian plants fill the nature strip and front garden where a stream courses over stones, ending in a pretty pool; raised beds bordering the stream are filled with native plants. The back opens up to a cottage style garden of herbs, vegetables, small orchard, chooks and beds of native plants.

Peta's Garden, 19 Harpley Court, Longford. An outstanding Australian native garden showcasing an inspiring and well designed floral display. A wonderful palette of wildflowers established in the garden contrasts with a delicate canopy of casuarinas. Greens, silvers, greys and deep crimsons provide rich textural contrasts. Grasses, groundcovers and a landscaped dam are a haven for wildlife.

1st & 2nd November

Ungulla Country Garden, 590 Invermay Rd East, Athlone (near Drouin)

Century old eucalypts grace this sustainable, water wise garden of mainly bird attracting native species. BBQ. Talks at 11 am and 2 pm on organic vegetable growing and sustainable gardening practices.

22nd & 23rd November

Kerry's Garden, 27 Como St, Alphington. A contemporary Australian plant garden featuring an innovative mix of native plants complemented by carefully selected exotic shrubs & perennials. Grasses, kangaroo paws, gymea lilies, a copse of *Eucalyptus tetragona* framed by lilly pillys.

Dunns Creek Estate, 137 McIlroys Rd, Red Hill. A historic rambling garden whose owners have created an extensive wetlands fed by natural springs. Boardwalks and gravel paths wind past self sown native plants which are a habitat for swamp wallabies, frogs and 80 bird species. Also, wine tastings, produce stall and feeding of animals.

Brighton Paradise, 24 Glencairn Ave, Brighton East. A young Australian plant garden designed by Phillip Johnson is cleverly integrated with the contemporary house. A natural pool with waterfall and reed bed filter system and vertical garden, fernery and vegetable garden.

6th & 7th December

Christmas Fair at Bolinda Vale, 1556 Lancefield Rd, Clarkefield. Enjoy locally produced wines and olive oils; home made produce and products, a coffee cart, and bronze birdbaths by Willie Wildlife Sculptures for sale.

A traditional country garden and a dramatic and exciting new area created by Phillip Johnson. Phillip will conduct guided tours of the garden at 11 am and 2 pm each day.

APS Mitchell Plant Expo—October 18th, 2014

Kilmore Memorial Hall 14 Sydney St, Kilmore 9 am - 3 pm

Native Plant & Flower Displays

Victorian Native Bonsai Club exhibit & demonstration



Kilmore Art Society Display

Art by Local Artists:

Themes of native fauna, flora and Aussie landscapes



Plant, Book & Art Sales

APS Mitchell - Assorted Native plants

APS Victoria - Books

Joan & Peter Broughton, Ironstone Park - Assorted Plants

John Forrester - Assorted plants

Kilmore Art Society - Art by local artists

Lorraine & Brian Weir - Low graft & Standard grafted Grevilleas & Correas

La Trobe indigenous plant nursery - Indigenous tube stocks



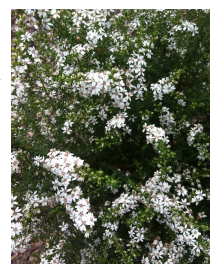
Rutidosia leptorrhynchoides,
Button Wrinklewort
(nationally endangered)

Photo: B Mau

Volunteers are needed to assist with: Set up on Friday October 17th, also on Saturday October 18th with Ticket Sales/Entry, Plant Sales, Catering (Tea & Coffee), Pack up & Clean up etc.

A sign up roster will be made available at forthcoming monthly meetings or contact Lorraine:

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Olearia ramulosa
Twiggy Daisy-Bush

Photo: B Mau

Reminders, APS Victoria Diary Dates & Other Events

Thank you

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APS VIC DIARY DATES...

September 13 & 14 - APS Yarra Yarra Native Plants Expo, Eltham Community & Reception Centre, 801 Main Rd, Eltham. 10 am - 4 pm both days. Melway's 21 J6.

September 20 & 21 - Bendigo Native Plants Group Flower Show. Rotary Gateway Park, High Street, Kangaroo Flat, Bendigo. 10 am - 4:30 pm both days \$5 entry (children free).

September 20 & 21 - APS Vic quarterly meeting. South Oakleigh Bowling Club. Guest Speaker: John Arnott, Manager Horticulture, Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne. Hosted by APS South East

Melbourne Region.

September 20 & 21 - ANGAIR Wildflower and Art Weekend. Anglesea Community Hall, McMillan St, Anglesea. 10 am - 4:30 pm.

October 4 & 5 - APS Grampians Group Pomonal Native Flower Show, Pomonal Hall. 9:30 am - 5 pm.

October 18 - ANPS East Gippsland 'Noweyung Garden Show', Goold St, Bairnsdale 10 am - 1 pm.

October 18 & 19 - 2014 FJC Rogers Seminar on Brachychiton and Associated Genera hosted by Bendigo Native Plants Group.

FarmBlitz 2014

Bugs in the garden & build an Insect hotel Workshop

Learn the finer points about: what are good and bad bugs in your garden, how to attract them, what benefit are they and assemble an Insect hotel of your own.

Saturday 13th Sept 2014
10.00am – 3.30pm

**Clonbinane Community Hall,
Linton St, Waterford Park**

Guest Speaker: Ken Walker;
Museum Vic will talk about bugs in the garden

RSVP by 26th August or sooner if you would like to assemble an Insect hotel. For full details and information on what to bring contact Sonia:

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Query Corner?

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Melicytus dentatus - Tree Violet

Photo: J Petts

Tiny flowers yet highly fragrant.