

NEWSLETTER

Dillwynia sericea

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November news...!

Hello, and welcome to our last edition for 2017!

As a busy couple of months and our year draws to a close we have some thanks to express...

Firstly to all our members & friends who made the effort to help out and contribute to our Spring Plant Expo, a heartfelt thank you to: Bill & Bee Barker, Ray Barnes, Joan & Peter Broughton, Dianne & Paul Carroll, Christine Cram, Ian Julian, Dawn McCormack, Pauline Maloney, Barbara Mau, Victoria Morris, Maureen Runge, Norbert Ryan, Brian & Lorraine Weir & Mike Williams. If I am unaware of, or have forgotten anyone please accept my humble apologies and feel free to let me know so your name can appear in print in our next issue :-).

An extra special thank you also to Dianne & Paul Carroll for their hospitality in offering their garden for a visit and end of year break up picnic barbeque (details below).

Our newsletter will return in 2018, on or close to the second Monday in **February** (February 19th).

Contributions both large and small are always enthusiastically welcomed. In particular, plant and garden

images are incredibly helpful.

Please send contributions in by Monday February 5th. Email to:

wattlegum@southernphone.com.au or post to PO Box 381 Pyalong Vic 3521.

Best wishes for the coming Christmas & holiday season. Hope to see you at our upcoming meeting or picnic. Cheers for now & happy holidays to all,

Jeanine :-)



Myoporum floribundum -Weeping Boobialla Photo: J Petts

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BYO Picnic BBQ & Garden Visit: Saturday Nov 25th...

Dianne & Paul Carroll have generously offered their garden in Kilmore as venue for our last get together for 2017: A BYO Picnic Barbeque and Garden Visit.

Commencing 4pm on Saturday November 25th 39 Melrose Drive Kilmore.

A barbeque will be available to cook on and please bring your own food (meat, salad & desert to share etc.), drink, picnic accessories & eating equipment.

Come along and enjoy a relaxed end of year get together

among like minded garden loving friends.

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Mitchell Diary Dates...

- MONDAY NOV 20th 7:30pm MEETING & **AGM Guest Speaker:** Peter Mitchell -**Grasses**
- SATURDAY NOV 25th 4:00pm APS Mitchell **Christmas BYO** Picnic/BBQ & Garden **Visit: The Garden of Dianne & Paul Carroll 39 Melrose Drive Kilmore**
- MONDAY FEBRUARY 19th 2018 7:30pm **MEETING Guest Speaker: To be** advised
- MONDAY MARCH 19th 7:30pm MEETING **Guest Speaker: To be** advised
- MONDAY APRIL 16th, 2018 7:30pm **MEETING Guest Speaker: Attila Kapitany -Boabs & Bottle Trees** & their other **Australian Relatives**



A few pictures from Bill & Bee...

Bill Barker

The Dillwynia (below left) is a plant which has been on the property since we bought it, it was never planted. The large mint bush (*Prostanthera ovalifolia*) (*pictured middle & right*) was planted when we arrived before the house was built - about 15 years ago. We had to water it for a few years but now it has spawned a new one which has bloomed for the first time this year.







Dillwynia sp.

Prostanthera ovalifolia (Close up)

Prostanthera ovalifolia

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

Commencing 7:30 pm in the John Taylor Room, Kilmore Library, Sydney Street, Kilmore Vic 3764

Entry \$2.00 Gold Coin

Guest Speaker

Door Prizes

Plant Sales

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

Use of the APS Mitchell free Library (See Pauline)

Supper & Chat

VISITORS VERY WELCOME

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

Please label plants



November Meeting: Monday 20th 7:30pm...

Peter Mitchell will be joining us as guest speaker for our last evening meeting for 2017 to present on "Grasses". Peter has been a member of APS Mitchell for a good number of years and also has an extensive history both working and volunteering in the area of Conservation, Environment and Land Management. He is currently active on the committees of: BEAM



Austrostipa spp.
Image: Lorraine Phelan
www.naturshare.org.au

Mitchell Environment Group, Victorian Central Biolinks Alliance, Friends of Mt Piper, Broadford Land Management Group and has worked as an Extension Officer for the Department of Primary Industry.

Please bring along grass specimens (native & non-native) from your gardens or property for comparison and identification. Peter's presentation will be preceded by our usual short and sweet AGM (see page 9 for AGM information & nomination form).

Memberships ...

If you fail to receive the December issue of APS Victoria's *Growing Australian* quarterly newsletter, chances are your membership may have lapsed.

For all membership enquiries, information and forms and please contact Christine Cram Ph: 5793 8270 or Email to the attention of the Membership Officer at:

aps.mitchell@gmail.com

Alternatively, membership forms and other information can be found on the APS Mitchell website:

http://www.apsmitchell.org.au/membership/

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October Meeting Report...

By Jeanine Petts

Around 13 or 14 members came along for what turned out to be a slightly more relaxed and casual October meeting. Technical difficulties with the evening's planned slide show provided more time than usual for us to chat and mingle ahead of the meeting.

Starting around half an hour later than anticipated, Ian welcomed every one and opened with a summary of our Spring Expo (for more details see Ian Julian's Expo Report on page 6).

In brief: 5 native plant growers, the Kilmore Art Society, APS Victoria Book Sales, Kilmore Mitre 10 and Birdlife Australia participated as stall holders on the day. The \$500 Community Grant from Bendigo Bank covered hall hire and advertising costs for the Expo. 203 visitors came through the door which was a marked increase on last year's visitor numbers. Janet Hand from Birdlife Australia emailed in some feedback saying it is very obvious to her that the people in our area are very interested in their birds and gardens. "They are happy to stop and chat as opposed to Melbourne people who put their heads down and walk past thinking I am trying to flog something". Janet was thinking of retiring from coming along to our Expo in the future but in light of such interesting conversations on the day this year, may well reconsider.

Mike Williams also emailed providing a list of all the named specimens we had on display (list follows at the end of this report). Other feed back we received from various people was that the layout was more open and eye catching this year and it was suggested from one of the growers that we run a Q & A "Ask and Expert" session at future Expos.

With the computer slide show glitches mostly worked out, the rest of the evening was given over to viewing images from the Expo floral displays. The images were courtesy of Gary Van Arkidie who generously provided photographic services at the Expo and along with Gary we have Norbert Ryan to thank for organising Gary's participation.

2017 Expo plant list:

Acacia acinacea

Acacia aculeatissima

Acacia binervia

Acacia cognata Lime Magik

Acacia crassa

Acacia denticulosa

Acacia glaucoptera

Acacia verticillata

Alyogyne huegelii

Banksia baueri

Banksia blechnifolia



Prostanthera ovalifolia Image: Gary Van Arkidie



L-R: Pimelea humilis, Dillwynia sericea & Dillwynia cinerascens Image: Gary Van Arkidie



Above: Epacris impressa pink form Images: Gary Van Arkidie Below: Ricinocarpos pinifolius



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October Meeting Report continued...

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Banksia integrifolia Banksia spinulosa Boronia Purple Jared Bossiaea cinerea Bossiaea linophylla Bulbine bulbosa Calytrix tetragona Carpobrotus modestus Chamelaucium axillare Chamelaucium uncinatum Chamelaucium uncinatum white variant Chorizema cordatum

Chrysocephalum semipapposum Correa Ashley Correa Jetty Red Correa reflexa subsp

Chrysocephalum apiculatum

angustifolia Correa reflexa Belka road Correa reflexa Bemm River Correa reflexa Point Hicks Correa reflexa var. scabridula

Correa reflexa var. speciosa Big Bob

Craspedia variabilis Darwinia macrostegia Dillwynia cinerascens Dillwynia sericea Diplolaena grandiflora Dodonaea subglandifera Dryandra formosa Dryandra polycephala Epacris impressa red Epacris impressa white Eremophila dempsteri Eremophila dichroantha Eremophila laanii



Above: Acacia denticulosa Below: L: Banksia spinulosa R: Dryandra formosa Background: Telopea Shady Lady

Images: Gary Van Arkidie





Sale Tables (Vaughan's Australian Plants) Image: Gary Van Arkidie

Eremophila maculata Eremophila maculata x alternifolia Eremophila microtheca Eremophila nivea x christophori Eremophila pantonii Eremophila psilocalyx Eremophila rugosa Eremophila succinea Eutaxia epacridoides Eutaxia obovata Grevillea acanthifolia ssp

stenomera

Grevillea alpina Grevillea alpina Warby Range

Grevillea anethifolia Grevillea aquifolium Grevillea Apricot Tingle

Grevillea arenaria Grevillea armigera Grevillea asteriscosa Grevillea Austraflora

Canterbury Gold Grevillea baueri

Grevillea beardiana Grevillea Billy Bonkers

Grevillea bipinnatifida Grevillea bipinnatifida Chittering Valley

Grevillea bipinnatifida Jingle

Grevillea Bonfire Grevillea bronwenae Grevillea Bronze Rambler Grevillea Burung Beauty Grevillea buxifolia Grevillea calliantha Grevillea Carpet Layer Grevillea Cherry Ripe



Correa reflexa var. speciosa Big Bob Below: Acacia verticiliata Images: Gary Van Arkidie





Local indigenous display table Image: Gary Van Arkidie

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Grevillea chrysophaea

Grevillea confertifolia

Grevillea Copper Crest

Grevillea crithmifolia

Grevillea curviloba

Grevillea depauperata

Grevillea didymobotrya ssp involuta

Grevillea dielsiana yellow

Grevillea dimorpha

Grevillea dryandroides

Grevillea dryophylla

Grevillea evanescens

Grevillea fastigiata

Grevillea flexuosa

Grevillea fililoba Ellendale Pool

Grevillea floripendula

Grevillea Forest Rambler

Grevillea fulgens

Grevillea gaudichaudii

Grevillea georgeana

Grevillea humifusa

Grevillea iaspicula

Grevillea insignis subsp insignis

Grevillea intricata

Grevillea involucrata

Grevillea Katydid

Grevillea lanigera

Grevillea lanigera yellow

Grevillea lavandulacea

Grevillea Lemon Daze

Grevillea Lemon Supreme

Grevillea leptopoda

Grevillea levis

Grevillea Long John

Grevillea mccutcheonii

Grevillea minutiflora

Grevillea Molongo Stripy

Grevillea New Blood

Grevillea nivea Scarlet King



Grevillea lanigera Image: Gary Van Arkidie



Grevillea insignis subsp. insignis Image: Gary Van Arkidie



Grevillea Lemon Supreme Image: Gary Van Arkidie

Grevillea nudiflora
Grevillea Panrock Princess
Grevillea petrophiloides
Grevillea Pick o the Crop

Grevillea pilosa

Grevillea pinaster

Grevillea Pink Ice

Grevillea Pink Lady

Grevillea Poorinda Royal Mantle

Grevillea Pretty Pink

Grevillea prostrata

Grevillea quercifolia

Grevillea Red Hooks

Grevillea repens

Grevillea repens yellow

Grevillea rhyolitica

Grevillea rhyolitica Hybrid yellow

Grevillea rivularis

Grevillea rivularis x acanthifolia

Grevillea rosmarinifolia

Grevillea rosmarinifolia lutea

Grevillea rosmarinifolia Scarlet

Sprite

Grevillea Rosy Posy

Grevillea rudis

Grevillea scapigera

Grevillea scortechinii

Grevillea semperflorens

Grevillea sericea

Grevillea speciosa

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Grevillea stenomera

Grevillea Sunkissed Waters

Grevillea synapheae ssp synapheae

Grevillea synapheae ssp latiloba

Grevillea synapheae ssp minyulo

Grevillea tenuiloba

Grevillea Thorny Devil

Grevillea thyrsoides subsp pustulata

Grevillea treueriana



Grevillea rosmarinifolia Scarlet Sprite Image: Gary Van Arkidie



Grevillea tenuiloba Image: Gary Van Arkidie

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Grevillea wilkinsonii

Grevillea willisii

Grevillea Winter Delight

Gynatrix pulchella

Hakea purpurea

Hardenbergia comptoniana

Hardenbergia violacea

Hibbertia prostrata

Hibbertia sericea

Hypocalymma angustifolium

Indigofera australis

Isopogon cuneatus

Isopogon Formosans

Isopogn latifolius

Kunzea affinis

Kunzea jucunda

Lechenaultia biloba

Lechenaultia formosa orange

Leucochrysum albicans var tricolor

Linum marginale

Lysiosepalum involucratum

Melaleuca fulgens apricot

Melaleuca fulgens red

Mentha australis

Micromyrtus ciliata

Micromyrtus ciliata Wartook Wonder

Nicotiana suaveolens

Olearia lirata

Olearia phlogopappa blue, pink, white forms

Pandorea pandorana Golden Showers

Petrophile biloba

Philotheca myoporoides

Pimelea humilis

Pimelea linifolia

Pimelea nivea

Pomaderris prunifolia

Prostanthera aspalathoides orange form

Prostanthera aspalathoides red form

Prostanthera calycina



Leucochrysum albicans Image: Gary Van Arkidie



Prostanthera aspalathoides Orange form Image: Gary Van Arkidie

Prostanthera chlorantha
Prostanthera eurybioides
Prostanthera incisa

Prostanthera lanceolata

Prostanthera nivea

Prostanthera ovalifolia

Prostanthera scutellarioides

Pterostylis nutans

Pultenaea pedunculata

Pultenaea pedunculata Pyalong

Gold

Pycnosorus globosus

Rhodanthe anthemoides

Ricinocarpos pinifolius

Senecio pinnatifolius

Senna artemisoides ssp filifolia

Solanum aviculare

Solanum simile

Spyridium parvifolium

Telopea Shady Lady

Telopea speciosissima white form

Tetratheca ciliata

Tetratheca subaphylla

Thomasia angustifolia

Thomasia brachystachys

Thomasia Hybrid

Thomasia laxiflora

Thomasia macrocarpa

Thomasia pauciflora

Thomasia petalocalyx

Thomasia pygmaea

Thomasia quercifolia

Thomasia rhynchocarpa

Thomasia sarotes

Thomasia stelligera

Thryptomene calycina

Thryptomene saxicola

Veronica perfoliata

Xerochrysum viscosum

(234 specimens labeled (some weren't))



Pultanaea pedunculata Pyalong Gold Image: Gary Van Arkidie



Potted plant display (Vaughan's Australian Plants) Image: Gary Van Arkidie

Expo 2017 Report...

By Ian Julian

The \$500 community grant from Bendigo Community Bank helped make the 2017 Plant Expo and sale the most successful in recent years.

With 203 entries this was a 50% increase on the 2016 expo. 169 of these being Mitchell Shire residents 51% of these from Kilmore, 18% from Wallan and 16% Seymour/Tallarook. Other visitors came from Qld, Wollert, St. Kilda, Reservoir, Geelong, Benalla, Echuca, Bacchus Marsh, Macedon Ranges and Doncaster.

There were 9 happy door prize recipients (entrant numbers previously selected at random) and the Raffle was won by Marj from Tallarook, who was delighted with the Standard Grevillea.

Again books were very popular with 23 sold to a value of \$530.

The flower displays were very impressive with many people providing a very wide range, Mike Williams from Yarra Yarra APS saying that it was the largest range of Grevillea he had seen at any show. The growers were very happy with sales, all indicating that they would return next year -

Thank you to all the growers:

Joan & Peter Broughton (Ironstone Park), Russell Wait, The Plant Hut, Vaughan's Australian Plants and Weiryi (Brian & Lorraine Weir).

The expo saw the addition of Kilmore Mitre 10 selling gardening goods and we thank them for their support. There were some people disappointed that LaTrobe Indigenous Nursery were a late withdrawal due to unforseen circumstances.

Although we did not sign up any new members 9 people were added to the email newsletter list.

APS Mitchell would like thank everyone involved in making the expo a success, Gary Van Arkidie for taking the photos and a very special thanks to Mike Williams for his assistance and expertise.

Also, record the date for next year: Saturday October 13, 2018 where we hope to be bigger and better.











Plant Bio: Banksia coccinea...

By Jeanine Petts

Banksia Coccinea

Family: Proteaceae - The Protea family

Pronunciation: Banksia: BANGK-see-a coccinea: kok-SIN-ee-uh

Derivation of name:

The genus *Banksia* was named for Sir Joseph Banks, 19th century botanist and President of the Royal Society, coccinea is from the Latin word coccineus, meaning Scarlet.

Common Name: Scarlet Banksia, Waratah Banksia or Albany Banksia and known to the Noongar peoples as Waddib.

Banksia coccinea is a variable erect shrub to small tree which can grow from 1 to 8 meters high but usually averages around 4 meters. Probably one of the most spectacular Banksia species, it is found naturally along the south west coast of Western Australia growing in sandy soils among shrubland, heath or open woodland. Leaves are thick, ovate-oblong with toothed margins, are darker green on the upper surface with a pale underside, new growth is sometimes an attractive pink to silvery blue-grey. Highly ornamental scarlet to orange prominent flower spikes can grow to an 8cm diameter by 8cm high and occur from June to January with a peak flowering during spring.

It requires perfect drainage and can be difficult to grow in the eastern states as it is prone to root rot and does not tolerate humid wet summers or clay soils. However, once established it is hardy to drought and will tolerate frosts to -4°c. A *Banksia* that is best grown in sandy, very well drained soil in full sun to partial shade. The flowers are grown for the cut flower trade in a number of countries and attract insects along with a variety of insect and nectar feeding birds. The plants can be pruned for a bushier shrub and to produce more flowers.



Banksia coccinea - Scarlet Banksia Image:

https://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/browse/profile/1811
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Accessed on: Friday November 10th, 2017.

Propagation is from seed which will usually germinate within 2-8 weeks when in a temperature range between 15-25°c. Seed is sown directly in pots (1-2 per pot) and care may be needed with watering as *Banksia* seedlings can be susceptible to damping off.

Reference:

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Reminders, APS Victoria Diary Dates & Other Events

Thank you

 For the various contributions of articles, answering pesky questions, event information, photo's, feedback, proofreading, researching & providing other information as needed and general support...

A BIG THANK YOU TO: Gary Van Arkidie, Bill & Bee Barker, Christine Cram, Ian Julian, Barbara Mau, Mike Williams

A P S VIC DIARY DATES...

November 25 & 26 - APS Ballarat host quarterly gathering "Late Spring in Ballarat—Expect Anything and Everything". At the Ballarat Botanical Gardens, Gate 4, Gillies St, Ballarat.

January 12-20 2018 - ANPSA 2018 Conference, Hobart. Registrations close November 15, 2017. Pre- and post-conference tours to King Island and Tasmanian alpine areas, and day tours to Bruny Island and Warra Supersite. To receive updates email: asgapjan18@gmail.com or visit www.apstas.org.au/

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March 21-25 2018 -

Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show (MIFGS). Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens. APS Vic will be there! Offers of help welcome. Contact Dallas & Bernard Boulton: Ph 9729 1538/0418 354 838 Email:

Bernard.boulton@bigpond.com.au

June 16-27 2018 - ANPSA 2018 Kimberly Tour - details from Nicky Zanen: nicky.zanen@hotmail.co.uk or phone 0401 975 191

October 20 & 21 2018 -

FJC Rogers Seminar Goodeniaceae. Co-ordinated
by Wimmera Growers of
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APS Mitchell Group Inc. Annual General Meeting

The Australian Plants Society, Mitchell Group Inc. Annual General Meeting 2017 will be held as part of our monthly general meeting commencing 7:30 pm on November 20th 2017 in the John Taylor Room at the Kilmore Library Sydney Street, Kilmore.

Nominations for the following committee positions are currently being sought:

(Please tick applicable nomination) General Committee П President П Vice President ☐ Group Librarian Secretary □ | Plant Sales □ Newsletter Editor Treasurer/Memberships Name of Nominee: Signature: ☐ I Confirm I am a financial member of Australian Plants Society, Mitchell Group Inc. Name of Nominator: Signature: ☐ I Confirm I am a financial member of Australian Plants Society, Mitchell Group Inc. Name of Seconder: Signature: ☐ I Confirm I am a financial member of Australian Plants Society, Mitchell Group Inc.

Nomination forms can be received by the Secretary via mail to: PO Box 541, Kilmore, Vic 3764 by November 17, 2017, via email: aps.mitchell@gmail.com by

November 19, 2017 or presented at the Annual General Meeting.