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NEWSLETTER

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May news...!

Hello, and welcome to our May edition!

Once again I have some very appreciative thanks to extend this month...

Firstly, many thanks to Dawn McCormack for her hospitality and opening her garden to APS Mitchell members and friends on April 24th. A very pleasant and social afternoon was had by all who attended. A report and photos from the day can be found from page 3.

Special thanks also to Maureen Runge and Brian Weir for volunteering and providing photos for our newsletter. A photo from Maureen's lovely garden is at right, and two more photos from Brian's wonderful collection of *Grevillea* are elsewhere in this edition. It means a lot, and is a great help to have photos and items of interest sent in from members. These contributions enrich our newsletter and often provide some very welcome inspiration and information.

For our May meeting we return indoors for an evening meeting with guest speaker (see right and page 2 for details).

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Banksia spinulosa (dwarf form) - Hairpin Banksia
Photo: Maureen Runge

Our June edition will be issued on or close to the second Monday (June 12th).

Contributions both large and small are always enthusiastically welcomed and should be sent in by Monday June 5th.

Email contributions to:

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

Thanks again, cheers to all, and hope to see you at a meeting sometime soon,

Jeanine :-)

Grevillea leptobotrys Dryandra Forest form



Photo: Brian Weir

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Mitchell Diary Dates..

- **MONDAY MAY 15th**
7:30pm MEETING
Guest Speaker:
Helen Lovel -
NEUTROG, Fertilisers
& new product
information
- **MONDAY JUNE 19th**
7:30pm MEETING
Guest Speaker:
Rob Bender -
Batology: Bats, Flying
Foxes & Sugar
Gliders in relation to
native vegetation &
conservation
- **MONDAY JULY 17th**
7:30pm MEETING
Guest Speaker:
To be advised
- **SUNDAY AUGUST**
27th: Wild Flower
Hunt with Echuca
Moama APS
Details to be advised
- **SATURDAY OCTOBER**
14th
APS Mitchell SPRING
PLANT EXPO & SALE
Kilmore Memorial
Hall 14 Sydney St,
Kilmore 9 am - 3 pm



Invitation to APS Vic 60th Anniversary ...

From Christine Huf, APS Melton

In the current edition of Growing Australian, our APS VIC President, Chris Long, encourages members to attend the upcoming 60th Anniversary Celebrations to be held in Melton on Saturday the 17th of June 2017 and partake in afternoon tea.

This invitation has now been extended to include morning tea and lunch.

The morning tea will be held prior to the COM meeting and anyone not involved in the meeting is encouraged to attend guided tours of the Melton Botanic Garden which is continually expanding and flourishing after the recent rains.

To assist with catering numbers and dietary requirements, a registration form has been included at the back of this newsletter (pages 8 & 9) with options to fill it in and return it either via email, post or phone the details through.

RSVP is requested by 31 May which is only 5 short weeks away.

Please contact either David or myself for further details if required.

Thank you,

Christine Huf

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**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,
Sidney 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



May Meeting: Monday 15th 7:30 pm...

By Jeanine Petts

We return indoors to the John Taylor Room at the Kilmore Library for our May meeting, where Helen Lovel from Neutrog will be joining us to provide a presentation on fertilisers, Neutrog, their products and Poo Bah Club.

All attendees on the evening will receive **FREE** samples of Neutrog's latest products. For those who ordered a copy of the book *From The Ground Up*, these will also be available for collection on the night.

Following Helen's presentation will be our usual door prize plant raffle and opportunity for "Show & Tell" Flower Specimen Table (remember to bring labelled specimens) concluding with supper and chat time.

To make sure there will be enough sample packs available to all attendees **please RSVP ASAP to Ian Julian:**

Ph: 0438 270 248 Email: ianjulian@bigpond.com.au



Grevillea dryandroides subsp. hirsuta
Photo: Brian Weir

Memberships...

For 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 information and forms can be found at the APS Mitchell website:

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

April Meeting Report... Garden Visit, April 24th 2017...

By Jeanine Petts

Although rain clouds threatened in the distance, the weather stayed pleasant enough to enable 12 APS Mitchell members and a friend, (hopefully soon to be new member) who arrived at Dawn McCormack's Heathcote Junction home to enjoy a leisurely afternoon tea and wander around the garden in comfort.

Dawn had opened up double gates into the front garden allowing all visitors to drive in and park around the circular drive near the house. The house is set well back from the road giving an extensive front garden with long views. In addition, being in a sheltered site, Dawn happily advises the garden remains free from frost.

After deciding to partake of afternoon tea prior to exploring the garden, we set up in the rear garden's barbeque area. All attendees had brought along something to share and it wasn't long before a delicious spread was laid out and everyone relaxing with cuppa in hand. The rear garden is bordered by large established shrubs and trees which provide a sheltered, secluded site to entertain company. With such a pleasant setting we possibly lingered a tad long over afternoon tea, but all were enjoying the conversation and good company.

Once afternoon tea concluded we commenced our tour from the rear garden. With the house quite set back from the road this area is smaller and more intimate. Set on almost an acre the garden wraps all around the house. Dawn embarked on a 30 year garden plan 28 years ago and now jokes of having "only 2 years to go". Starting out with planting exotics among pre-existing Messmate Gums *Eucalyptus obliqua*, in more recent years Dawn's focus for new plantings has turned toward Australian natives. There is quite a number of large and well established native trees and shrubs throughout the garden. Among them a variety of *Acacia* including: *A. melanoxylon*, *A. cognata*



Above & Below: Garden views & shared afternoon tea
Photos: J Petts



Acacia cognata
Photo: J Petts

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April Meeting Report - Garden Visit continued...

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and a few other *Acacia* species. There is a *Philotheca* Wax Flower, *Correa* Canberra Bell along with a large variety of other *Correa* species and a well established *Hakea salicifolia* which Brian tells us is used as rootstock for grafting *Hakea*. Dawn has also planted a number of *Grevillea*, one in flower was the grafted standard G. Lemon Daze.

Among other native species in the garden were: *Grevillea* "Tuckers Dwarf", *Correa baeuerlenii* Chef's Cap Correa, *Westringia glabra*, a *Chorizima cordatum* hybrid, *Darwinia meeboldii*, *Brachyscome multifida*, *Chrysosephalum apiculatum* and a lovely *Corymbia ficifolia* which was absolutely loaded with nuts.

Dawn's garden also caters to local wildlife with the odd nest box to be spotted up in a tree or two.

Those of us with the luxury of no other pressing engagements were able to round off our visit with an additional cuppa and a second bite of afternoon tea. All in all, a lovely relaxed afternoon enjoying Dawn's hospitality and handiwork in the garden was enjoyed by all.



Hakea salicifolia Left: Woody fruits Right: Form



Correa Canberra Bell



Corymbia ficifolia

Photos: J Petts



Grevillea Lemon Daze



Brachyscome multifida



Darwinia meeboldii



Chrysosephalum apiculatum

Plant Bio: *Chloanthes coccinea*...

By Jeanine Petts

Chloanthes coccinea

Family: Lamiaceae (mint family)

Pronunciation: *Chloanthes*: Klo-AN-theez *coccinea*: kok-SIN-ee-uh

Derivation of name: From Greek the words Chloros: grass green, anthos: a flower and coccinea (Latin): Scarlet

Common Name: Sometimes called the Wheatbelt foxglove

Chloanthes coccinea is a low growing sometimes spreading or straggly shrub to 50cm. It is one of only four members of the genus *Chloanthes* which is entirely endemic to Australia. *Chloanthes coccinea* is found in Western Australia while the other three members of the genus are found in New South Wales and Queensland.

This WA shrub has thin wrinkled leaves with downward curved margins growing to 2.5cm long. Bright red to pink tubular flowers occur from mid winter through spring. Usually found growing in sand and gravel on sandplains, ridges and low rises, it requires full sun, excellent drainage in a garden situation and can be difficult to maintain in cultivation without perfect drainage. Suggested uses are: In a rockery, as a small feature plant, also for foliage of interest.

Propagation from cuttings is recommended as growing from seed is slow and unreliable.



Chloanthes coccinea

Image: <https://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/browse/profile/6746>

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Reference:

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Australian Native Plants: Propagation, cultivation and use in landscaping. John W. Wrigley & Murray Fagg. ISBN 1 876334 30 4

Growing Australian Native Plants from Seed. Murray Ralph. ISBN 978 0 646 42866 6

Reminders, APS Victoria Diary Dates & Other Events

Thank you

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

A BIG THANK YOU TO:

Christine Cram,
Christine Huf,
Ian Julian,
Barbara Mau,
Dawn McCormack,
Maureen Runge,
Brian Weir

APS VIC DIARY DATES...

June 11-22 - ANPSA 12-Day Natural History Kimberly Camping Tour. From Kununurra to Broome. Contact Nicky Zanen (email nicky.zanen@hotmail.co.au or phone 0401 975 191) for details.

June 17 - Committee of Management meeting in the Morning. Afternoon tea to celebrate APS Victoria's 60th birthday in the afternoon hosted by APS Melton & Bacchus Marsh. Full details & registration form page 8 & 9.

June 24 & 25 - APS Ballarat Winter Native Flower and plant sales. Robert Clark Horticultural Centre, Ballarat

Botanic Gardens. 10:30am-3:30pm. \$5 entry fee includes tea or coffee.

July 22 & 23 - Friends of the RBGV Cranbourne Gardens, Winter Plant Sale. 10am - 4pm (Melways 133 K10)

September 2 - APS Wilson Park Plant Sale, Wilson Botanic Park, Princes Hwy, Berwick. 9am - 4pm.

September 2 & 3 - September Bendigo Native Plants Group Flower Show, Rotary Gateway Park, 26 High St, Kangaroo Flat.

September 9 & 10 - Yarra Yarra Group Australian Plants Expo. Eltham Community &

Reception Centre, 801 Main Rd Eltham. 10am-4pm

October 7 & 8 - APS Grampians Group Pomonal Native Flower Show, Pomonal Hall. 9:30am - 5pm.

October 14 & 15 - Friends of the RBGV Cranbourne Gardens, Spring Plant Sale. 10am - 4pm (Melways 133 K10)

January 12-20 2018 - ANPSA 2018 Conference, Hobart. Pre- and post- conference tours to King Island and Tasmanian Alpine areas.

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Committee & Contact Information

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Nuts & seeds for Expo please...

Do you have interesting native nuts, seeds or seeds pods in your garden?

If so, please collect and save them for us.

Planing is currently underway for our APS Mitchell Spring Expo & Plant Sale, and the committee would like to include a seeds and nuts display.

To help us put together an interesting and diverse display as possible, we are asking for our members and friends to collect and save nuts, seeds and seed pods etc for us.

Please label collected, dried specimens with species name, pop them in a snap lock bag and bring them along to either our May, June, July, August or September meetings or mail them to us at:

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Kilmore Vic 3764

Newsletter contributions:

Contributions should be sent to Jeanine Petts

Email: wattlegum@southernphone.com.au

Post: PO Box 381, Pyalong Vic 3521

For inclusion in the next Newsletter please forward contributions prior to the first Monday of each month.

A P S Victoria Diary Dates & Other Events continued...



The Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria Inc.

Founded 1848 by John Pascoe Fawkner

Patron Jane Edmanson OAM

ABN: 34 305 118 483

Registered Number: A0007311A

Gardener's Day Out 2017

From 9.30am, Saturday 17th June, 2017

Rusden Theatre, Deakin University

Burwood Highway, Burwood

- **Three Inspiring presentations:**
- **Cathy Powers** shows how gardeners can be a vital element in monitoring plant movement and diversity in the countryside, Interesting, informative and encouraging participation in gaining knowledge of our environment.
- **Blooming Tasmania** brings you a look at **Tasmania's** unique garden attractions. They have over 60 gardens in Tasmania that are as diverse and interesting as anywhere in Australia. They are on Victoria's doorstep Just a short boat trip away.
- **The "Gardenettes"** command the afternoon featuring three young ladies that have formed a 50's style approach to gardening and cooking. Chloe Thomson, Melissa King and Dani Venn. Chloe and Melissa are well known gardeners from the Garden Gurus and other media exposure and Dani offers food and cooking with wholehearted seasonal hearty food. Dani was a MasterChef finalist.
- **Awards for the recent Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show Hanging Basket Competition.**
- **Large number of niche vendors with unusual plants and allied goods.**
- **Tremendous Special Effort**

Details:

- Program commences at 9:30am, Saturday 17th June 2017
- Entry \$10. A light lunch available for \$15 (must be pre-ordered). Electronic payment to BSB 033000 Acct 800316. Note your name in comments. Cheque to address below.
- Plants and goods for sale. Unusual items available
- FREE undercover parking. Public Transport nearby

REGISTRATION FORM - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

- Name
- Contact Phone..... Email.....
- I have included my \$10 registration fee / or paid electronically (please circle correct one)
- I wish to pre-order lunch and have included the additional \$15 lunch payment YES / NO (please circle YES or NO) Note special dietary requirements cannot be catered for.
- Electronic payment to BSB 033000 Acct 800316. Note your name in comments.

BOOK NOW TO GUARANTEE A PLACE

RSVP by 29th May 2017 - 133 Underbank Boulevard, Bacchus Marsh 3340

Ph (03) 5367 6363 Email plantzia@bigpond.com

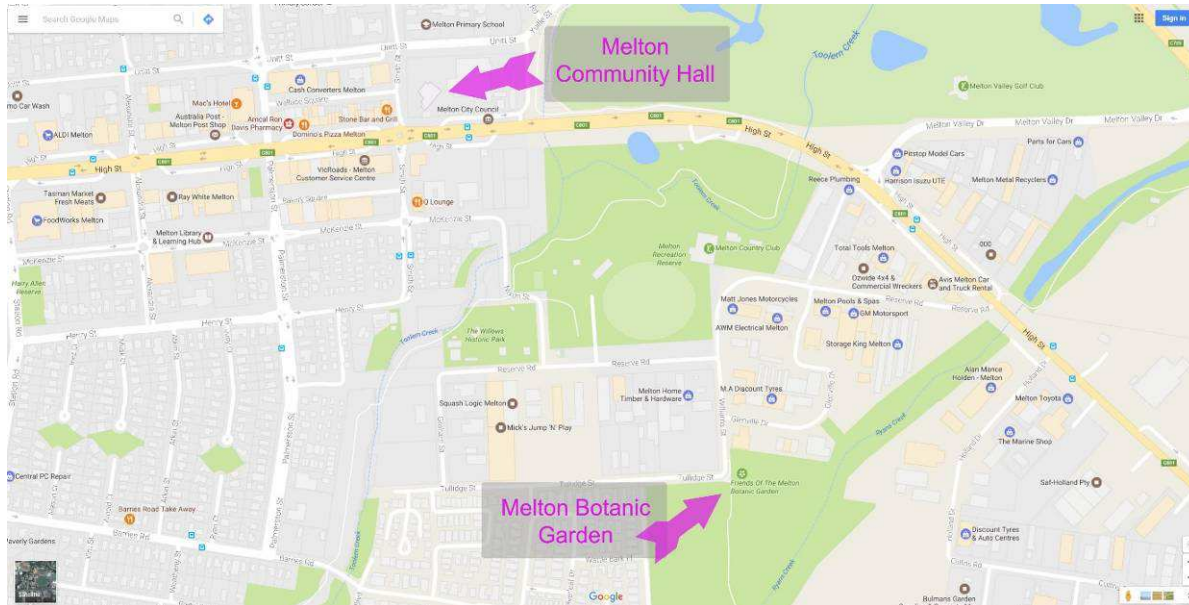
APS 60th Anniversary Celebration

Community Hall, Melton

238 High Street, Melton 3337

Melton Botanic Garden

Cnr Williams St/Tullidge St, Melton



Timetable

Saturday 17th of June

- 9.15 am Community Hall Opens
- 9.30 am Arrival at Melton Community Hall, registration, morning tea
- 10.00 am – 12.30 pm COM meeting / Guided Tour of the Melton Botanic Garden
- 1.00 pm Lunch, provided at the Melton Community Hall
- 2.30 pm Official welcome – Chris Long, APS VIC President
- 3.00 pm Afternoon tea celebration

Sunday 18th of June

- 10.00 am – 12.30 pm Guided Tour of the Melton Botanic Garden with morning tea

Please nominate the number of people attending per event for catering and tour guide purposes (ie, 5 people arriving Saturday morning; 2 attending COM, 3 going to the MBG) by clicking on the box and selecting the number.

You can return this form to the email or postal address below, or phone either David or Christine by 31 May 2017.

Nominate a number. [Arriving Saturday morning for morning tea](#)

Nominate a number. [Attending COM](#)

Nominate a number. [Attending Melton Botanic Garden \(Saturday morning\)](#)

Nominate a number. [Lunch](#)

Nominate a number. [Anniversary celebration/afternoon tea](#)

Nominate a number. [Attending Melton Botanical Garden \(Sunday morning with morning tea\)](#)

Name(s): _____

District Group: _____

Best Contact Details (email/phone): _____

Dietary requirements, ie. vegetarian, gluten free, nut free: _____

Please let us know if you require information on accommodation, shops, or eateries.



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