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NEWSLETTER

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August news...!

Hello, and welcome to our August edition!

Winter is nearly over and with spring just around the corner it is time to get out and about. Our next meeting is an excursion with details to be found at right, also pages 2 & 11. Some lucky APS Mitchell members have already been traveling and sent in a couple photographs, a roadside find and a hiking view are included in this issue.

With our Expo coming ever closer the committee will be hard at work organising final details for the plant sales and displays. Please remember to save the date and keep collecting seeds and other suitable specimens for the seeds and nuts display. We will also be needing flower specimens from as many gardens as possible and a load of help with set up and pack up. The hall has been booked for the whole day on Friday October 13th to avoid a repeat of any set up access difficulties. Set up times and other information will be advised as soon as details are finalized. Help from as many hands as possible will be greatly appreciated so please



Foreground:
Correa Jezabell
(*C. 'Candy Pink'* × *C. pulchella*)
Background:
Correa reflexa
Photo: J Petts

let a committee member know if you are able to give even just a little time.

Our September edition will be issued on or close to the second Monday (Sept 11th).

Contributions both large and small are always enthusiastically welcomed and should be sent in by Monday September 4th. Email contributions to: wattle gum@southernphone.com.au or post to PO Box 381 Pyalong Vic 3521.

Cheers to all, and looking to seeing you at a meeting or excursion sometime soon,

Jeanine :-)

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Grevillea treueriana



Photo: Brian Weir

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Mitchell Diary Dates..

- **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**
There is no 3rd Monday evening meeting for the month of August.
Instead, APS Mitchell will be visiting with Echuca Moama APS at the Rushworth Wild Flower Hunt. Details below & pages 2 & 11
- **SUNDAY AUG 27th:**
Excursion Meeting to the Rushworth Wild Flower Hunt with Echuca Moama APS Commencing 10am from the Rushworth War Memorial, High Street Rushworth
- **MONDAY SEPT 18th 7:30pm MEETING**
Guest Speaker: Neutrog - Fertilisers
- **SATURDAY OCT 14th**
APS Mitchell SPRING PLANT EXPO & SALE Kilmore Memorial Hall 14 Sydney St, Kilmore 9am - 3pm
- **MONDAY OCT 16th 7:30pm MEETING**
Guest Speaker to be advised
- **MONDAY NOV 20th 7:30pm MEETING**
Guest Speaker to be advised



Grevillea juncifolia subsp. juncifolia...

From Ian Julian

Grevillea juncifolia subsp. juncifolia is also known as Honeysuckle Oak or Honey Grevillea. The pictured specimen was found roadside near Jericho in Queensland.

It is a bushy evergreen shrub which grows to 2-4 meters and has sharp pointed double grooved leaves 12-25 mm long by 2 mm wide. Golden yellow or orange flowers are held in loose spikes on sticky, 8-16 mm long downy stalks which occur in clusters at the end of branches.

A plant found on sandy plains and among Spinifex communities which is a rich source of honey. Traditionally, the burnt bark is useful to heal sores.

Grevillea juncifolia subsp. juncifolia
Photo: Ian Julian



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



August Meeting Excursion to: Rushworth Wild Flower Hunt Sunday 27th 10:00 am...

This month we are heading outdoors, road tripping to join APS Echuca Moama Group and attend the Rushworth Wild Flower Hunt. The Echuca Moama Group have been working with the Rushworth Wild Flower Hunt committee to put on the Wildflower Hunt on Sunday August 27th. A Guest Speaker who will talk on the

Ironbark forest and the wildflowers has also been organised: Paul Foreman from Blue Devil Consulting in Castlemaine is a botanist and forester who has a particular interest in Box Ironbark, Grasslands and Grassy Woodlands ecosystem flora, and private land conservation.

The Wild Flower hunt in the Forest is a 6km walk which will commence from near the Rushworth War Memorial in High Street Rushworth at 10:00am, finishing at approximately 1pm. The Guest Speaker will follow on after lunch at about 2:00pm and APS Echuca Moama will be providing afternoon tea before everyone heads home. See page 13 for a map & further details.

Please RSVP to Ian Julian by Friday August 25th:
Ph 0438 270 248 or Email: ianlj395@gmail.com



Photo courtesy of Suzanne Robertson

Memberships ...

One final reminder that APS Mitchell membership renewals 2017-2018 (Including ASP Vic membership renewal) are now past due. To keep receiving *Growing Australian*, renewals need to be completed before September and can be paid at a meeting, via post or direct debit. For membership forms, information or general enquiries 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/>

July Meeting Report... Australian Succulents...

By Jeanine Petts

With both Ian & Chris away and yours truly landing the role of chief cook & bottle washer, the evening started a little earlier than usual for me. Arriving ahead of time to set up, and once we had access to the John Taylor Room it was all systems go to get ready.

Our guest speaker, Attila Kapitany, along with his lovely wife Michelle, brought along and set up a large array of plants, cuttings and books. As members arrived, time was available to peruse the display, make purchases and of course organise the all important first cuppa of the evening. As soon as everyone was settled the floor was given over to Attila to begin the evening's presentation on Native Succulents...

Attila began by explaining that he and his wife Michelle are both in business together. Michelle has a background in teaching and Attila has an extensive history in nurseries, along with authoring a number of books. Both are passionate about succulent plants with an interest in Australian succulents for the last 14-15 years and spend time out in the field together researching and exploring, even honeymooning in the desert. Carrying a number of different cameras with them on their explorations they often compete with each other in taking photographs.

The question was posed: Do we have any Australian succulent plants worth knowing about or growing? In reference to plants "Succulent" is a problematic word. People may think first of only Pig-face or Pig-weed but "Succulent" is in reality an adjective to describe something pumped full of water. An example of which is dog food: "succulent beef" or "succulent chicken". Some plants are very succulent, while others are less visibly so. A quotation by Gordon Rowley from page 36 of the 1978 *The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Succulent Plants* (Salamander Books London) highlights what is now outdated thinking:

"A map of the world distribution of succulents is better left to the imagination than attempted on paper: the spread is so uneven. Australia is a continent almost without native succulents: just a handful of not particularly fleshy and mostly cosmopolitan weeds. More species of succulents of the type attractive to collectors could be found in one square meter of parts of South Africa than in the whole of Australasia." While most people can only think of a couple of Australian succulent plants, these days a botanist would say there are actually hundreds and hundreds of Australian native plants that can be considered as succulent plants.

Here in Australia we could perhaps be thought "plant racist", for showing a tendency to give our most known succulents such as Pig-face (*Carpobrotus sp.*) and Pig-weed (*Portulaca sp.*) a bad image by describing and thinking of them as weeds. In Europe *Portulaca* species are highly prized as nutritious herbs and stock feeds, they also have differing colours and fruits.

When discussing Australian succulents with Paul Forster (a senior Australian taxonomist & botanist) Attila was advised to look beyond obviously fleshy leaved plants and consider other parts of the plants, also to visit plants in their habitat. Plants that can be considered succulents may not always be obvious as you walk past, they may have fleshiness in their roots, stems or even just the base of leaves. For example the Gynea Lily can be considered a succulent, you wouldn't think so at first glance, but closer observation



Carpobrotus sp. Pig-face



Portulaca sp. Pig-weed

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reveals the lower part of the leaves and leaf bases to be fleshy. Also consider plant environment, plants that need to store water are likely to be found in stony, rocky locations.

Among Australia's succulent plants of which a number are succulent leaved Orchids is: *Bulbophyllum shepherdii* (formerly *B. crassulifolium*), *Dockrillia linguiformis*, *Bulbophyllum minutissimum* which is a tiny, tiny plant, also the worlds smallest recorded succulent and *Dockrillia cucumerina* named for it's resemblance to cucumber.

When road tripping through Australia's dry, arid interior Attila and Michelle spend their time searching for roadside surprises and interesting things that might appeal to a "Succulentophile"...

Lawrencina helmsii AKA Dunna Dunna is one such appealing plant.

In addition to roadsides it is worth visiting local cemeteries, these are places where remnant vegetation along with other interesting things can be found. While visiting Alice Springs cemetery a quote was found on a headstone that read:

"Look down friend, as you walk by. As you are now, so once was I. As I am now, you'll surely be. So pack your bags and be ready to follow me". This quote had significance for a couple of reasons: When looking for native succulents you need to be looking down. Also, as Attila has the particularly un-nerving habit (for Michelle) of driving along the middle of roads to spot succulents either side of the road, the dual reminder couldn't be resisted.

Attila and Michelle explore as they travel and avoid stopping where roadside signs advise to "Stop Here". Why? Because that is usually where everybody else stops, including the bus loads of tourists. This means marked roadside stop areas become places where things of interest are few and far between as they have likely already been trampled or taken. It is far better to travel on a kilometre or so then pull over where few people bother to stop. Some finds are made in places that are not always convenient to stop, but Attila will "pull over anyway". When out exploring look everywhere, bend down, look low, although it may mean getting a sore back there are often rewards. Look also on the other side of a bush, at times the flowers of some succulent plants are found on only one side of the bush, hiding from afternoon sun.

Sometimes, while spending time roadside looking for and photographing our low growing succulent plants other surprises and visitors happen along. A legless skink came investigating one day and gave Attila a nip on the neck.



Above: Gymea Lily (form & base)

Below: Lawrencina helmsii (form & close up)



Right: *Lechenaultia* sp.
(flower close up)



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There is a *Lechenaultia* species which has semi-succulent leaves and a wreath-like growth and flowering habit that when seen growing en-mass, conjures an image of what could look like scattered tributes to a roadside bus crash. In the outback roadsides are graded each spring, this provides a perfect habitat for a range of native succulents that prefer disturbed soils. These plants flourish by the roadside and colonies can create impressive displays. Thunderstorms or floods too, can make the desert burst into flower and in a limited rain event, sometimes rain reaches only one side of a road and the difference can clearly be seen.

During their travels Attila and Michelle have found succulent plants that are not listed in any books. In fact new species are being discovered every year. There are also species that are known, but have been too long overlooked by the nursery industry. Among these are some species from the genus *Calandrinia*, commonly known as Parakeelya. A couple of species of note are *Calandrinia schistorhiza* and *C. primuliflora*. Some *Calandrinia* have succulent leaves while others have succulent roots and not all are found in our dry arid interior. In fact some species can be found not far from Kilmore. In a wet year *Calandrinia* can carpet the ground creating stunning displays. There are also Australian succulent species which are cryptic and very hard to see. Whizzing along in a car at 110km you won't be able to see these plants. One such plant is *Portulaca bicolor* which looks like stone. On field trips Attila and Michelle also photograph many things other than plants. Subjects can include ants, ant trails, insects, and other creatures. The cameras have built in GPS and a record is kept of what is found and where. Knowing exactly where specimens have been found makes it possible to return to a precise location and also share the location of a significant site when necessary.

The genus *Senecio* contains a number of succulent species with one example being *Senecio grandiflora*. There are also proto-carnivorous plants among the Trigger Plants (*Stylidium*) that are succulent. *Gunniopsis* is yet another genus of Australian succulent plants.

America boasts ferociously spiny succulent plants like the aptly named *Ferocactus horridus* while few Australian succulents have spines or spikes. To even up the score Attila joked an Echidna if placed in a pot could be labelled "Echidnocactus ant-ridicus", and our Thorny Devil *Moloch horridus* might also even the balance.

Back on to succulents... Some of the best field trip finds have been Halophyte succulents. *Halosarcia bulbosa* which is a rare and protected species that looks reminiscent of the Michelin Man and *Tecticornia verrucosa* that produces a seed which can be milled as a grain.



Above: *Lechenaultia* sp.



Calandrinia primuliflora



Halosarcia bulbosa

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At home, Attila and Michelle have a mixed garden including Australian native succulents and non-natives. The garden is low care incorporating small, limited lawn with large areas of low care plants. Open Garden days are hosted some weekends, although due to major construction works it will be 12 months before the next public open garden days are scheduled. In the meantime their website is still available with plants, books and a huge data base of articles and information on a range of drought hardy Australian native plants: www.australiansucculents.com

Any members who missed Attila's presentation may be interested to know Attila's next APS talk will be at Wangaratta APS on 24th August, 2017.

For further information regarding the Wangaratta talk contact Ph: 02 6032 8442.



Dockrillia linguiformis



Dockrillia cucumerina



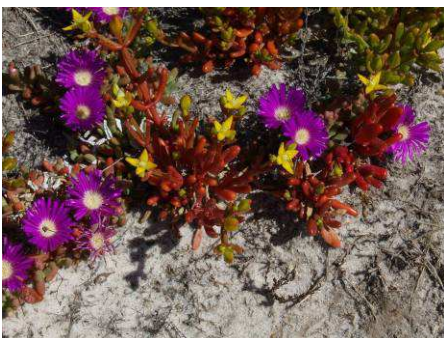
Tecticornia verrucosa



Bulbophyllum shepherdii



Bulbophyllum minutissimum (Close up)



Disphyma growing with *Gunniopsis*



Stylidium sp.



Bulbophyllum minutissimum
(Colony on rock)



Kapitany garden



Kapitany garden

All images in this article courtesy of Attila & Michele Kapitany

Plant Bio: *Lechenaultia tubiflora*...

By Jeanine Petts

Lechenaultia tubiflora

Family: Goodeniaceae

Pronunciation:

Lechenaultia: lay-shen-NAWL-tee-uh

Tubiflora: too-bih-FLOR-uh or tew-bih-FLOR-uh

Derivation of name:

The genus *Lechenaultia* was named for the botanist Jean Baptiste Leschenault de la Tour, who was a member of the Baudin expedition to Australia. An early spelling error led to the version of the genus name we see today.

Tubiflora meaning having tubular or trumpet shaped flowers

Common Name: Heath Lechenaultia

Lechenaultia tubiflora is a spreading, prostrate, herbaceous perennial shrub growing up to 50cm high and 1m wide. Twiggy, upright branches carry narrow, linear leaves to 15mm long. Its 5 petalled flowers are fused into a tube and are quite different from the other open flowered members of the genus. A variety of colour forms occur which can be white, cream-green, pink, red-yellow and also in bi-colour combinations. Flowering times have been recorded from August - January but can be dependent upon seasonal weather conditions with peak flowering usually October - December. The 2cm long flowers bloom for a number of weeks providing a stunning display.



Lechenaultia tubiflora

Image: Brian Walters <http://anpsa.org.au/l-tub.html>

Coming from the south west of Western Australia and found on sand dunes, in heath and shrublands, it requires good drainage and prefers dry summers. In the garden it is best suited to a full sun location in well drained, moist, sandy soil.

Frequently difficult to maintain in cultivation it can be grown in pots and although difficult to propagate from seed, it will strike very readily from firm, current season growth.

Reference:

<http://davesgarden.com/guides/botany/>

<https://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/browse/profile/7590>

<http://anpsa.org.au/l-tub.html>

<http://esperancewildflowers.blogspot.com.au/2010/11/lechenaultia-tubiflora-heath.html>

<http://davesgarden.com/guides/pf/go/239396/#b>

<http://natureitems.blogspot.com.au/2006/12/13-lechenaultia-are-spectacularly.html>

Latin for Gardeners Lorraine Harrison ISBN 978 1 74331 275 9

APS Mitchell
Annual Spring Plant Expo & Sale
October 14th, 2017

9 am - 3 pm

Kilmore Memorial Hall

14 Sydney St, Kilmore



Native Plant & Flower Displays



BirdLife Australia Display



Kilmore Art Society Display

Art by Local Artists:

Themes of native fauna, flora and Aussie landscapes



Plant, Book & Art Sales

APS Victoria - Books

Joan & Peter Broughton, Ironstone Park - Unusual Native Plants

Kilmore Art Society - Art by local artists

Kilmore Mitre 10 - Garden accessories & Native plants

La Trobe indigenous plant nursery - Indigenous tube stocks

Russell Wait - Eremophila (Emu Bush) specialist

Vaughn's Australian Plants - Rare & Unusual Native Plants

Entry \$2.00 (Children free) - Door Prizes - Raffle

Volunteers will be needed to assist with: Donations of specimens for floral display & Nuts & Seeds display, Setting up on Friday October 13th (from 12pm), also on Saturday October 14th with Ticket Sales/Entry, Plant Sales, Catering (Tea & Coffee), Pack up & Clean up etc.

Enquiries & further information please contact Ian Julian: Ph 0438 270 248

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:

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Barbara Mau,
Suzanne Robertson,
Maureen Runge,
Brian Weir

A P S VIC DIARY DATES...

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

September 16 & 17 - "Springtime in Bpangerang Country" Quarterly gathering and AGM. Hosted by APS Wangaratta

September 23 & 24 - Bendigo Native Plants Group Australian Flower Show. Kangaroo Flat Primary School, 60 Olympic Parade, Kangaroo Flat. Plants, pottery and book sales. 9:30am-5pm. Entry \$3

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)

October 14 & 15 - Wimmera Growers of Australian Plants partake in the Horsham Spring Garden Festival

October 14 & 15 - South Gippsland Native Plant and Flower Show. South Gippsland Historical Automobile Club Pavilion, Leongatha Recreation Reserve. 10am - 4pm.

October 21 - ANPS East Gippsland Spring Spectacular; Lucknow Hall.

October 21 & 22 - APS Ballarat District Group Spring Plant Show & Sales. Robert Clark Horticultural Centre, Ballarat Botanical Gardens. 10am-4:30pm.

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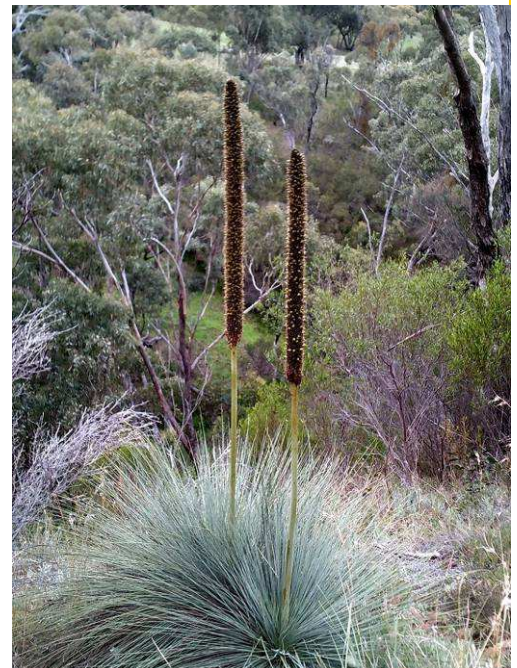
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For inclusion in the next Newsletter please forward contributions prior to the first Monday of each month.

While walking Mt Remarkable SA ...

Maureen sent in this photo taken while walking up Mount Remarkable, Melrose SA. Her artist's eye appreciated the colours...



*Other Events continued...***Australian Plants Society - Wilson Park (Berwick)**

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE PLANT SALE

**Note: Cash Sales Only**

Wilson Botanic Park Berwick
Princes Hwy, Berwick (Melways 111B7)

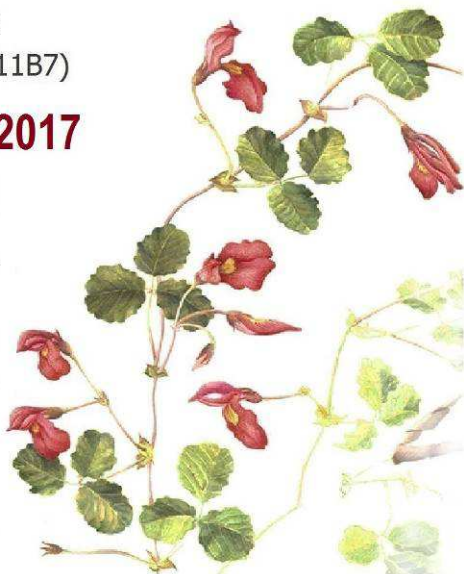
Saturday 2 September 2017
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Native plant stalls | Raffle |
| Specialist book stall | Flower display |

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Australian Plants Society - wilson park berwick



Melbourne Orchid Spectacular & Orchid Sale 2017

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**VENDORS**

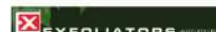
Atlantis Orchids
Aussie Shade & Hot Houses
Bass Valley African Violets
Brogo Riverview Orchid Nursery
Castle Creek Orchids
Collectors Corner
David Keanelly Orchids
David Wain Orchids
Devon Meadows Orchids
Feingold Flower Growers
Flora Lab/KeikiGrow
Johnston Orchids
Kimberley Orchids
Lawranna Orchids
Mount Beenak Orchids
Nicky's Slippers
Orchid Extras
Orchid Species Plus
Orchids On Newbold
Sims Orchids
The Hanging Garden
Western Orchid Laboratory



Venue Boxhall Pavilion, KCC Park (State Dog Centre)
655 Westernport Highway, Skye VIC 3977

Times Friday 25 August 9 am – 4 pm
Saturday 26 August 9 am – 4 pm
Sunday 27 August 9 am – 4 pm

Entry Adults \$10 Children under 15 Free



AUSTRALIAN PLANTS EXPO
native plants, books, talks, displays & more
9 - 10 Sept 10am - 4pm
Eltham Community & Reception Centre
801 Main Road, Eltham

Organised by Australian Plants Society
Yarra Yarra Group Inc. A 'Spring Outdoors' event



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RUSHWORTH WILDFLOWER HUNT 2017

WALKING LOOP 7 KMS (SHORT VERSION 5.5 KMS)



Primary 7 Km Route
Easier 5.5 Km Route

- Road Crossing, watch for cars
- Toilet
- First Aid
- Drink Station
- Point of Interest

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Metres



Arranged and conducted by the:
Maps to Apps Community Group
Sunday 27th August 2017
Information for Participants
Please read carefully



The walk will start at 10am near the Rushworth War Memorial located in High Street, Rushworth and finish approximately 1pm at the same location. A self-guided map will be available from the start point from 9:30am to 10:30am (Gold coin donation).

It is recommended participants follow the prescribed route (see map). Please note there are many abandoned mine shafts in the forest so care must be taken if venturing off designated tracks.

The wildflower walk is an activity suitable only to those with a reasonable level of fitness.

Some portions of the route contain uphill ascents and rough terrain so it is not recommended for the elderly, people with health problems or small children.

Children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the walk. If participants are accompanied by a dog we ask the dog be kept on a leash for the safety of other participants and wildlife.

Please ensure that suitable footwear is worn when attempting this activity.

Adequate sunscreen, food and water should be taken by the participants although a water station will be set up at the halfway point at the old Rushworth cemetery (see map).

This track is not signposted but it will have markers. It is recommended participants take with them the designated self-guided map.

The wildflower walk lies within the Rushworth State Forest. Participants must comply with the regulations applying to State Forests. Importantly please do not pick or excessively handle wildflowers and take all rubbish with you out of the forest.

The compilers and producers of the associated wildflower hunt map do not warrant that this map is definitive nor free of error and does not accept liability for any loss caused or arising from reliance upon information provided herein.

The Maps to Apps group accepts no responsibility for the accident or loss which might occur during the walk and has not arranged any personal accident insurance to cover injury to participants who enter at the own risk.

If during the event there is an emergency then please dial 000, for other incidents during the event such as fatigue or minor injuries then an event marshal and/or first aider will be able to be contacted on 0423658245.

We acknowledge that for this event we are gathering on Aboriginal land, land that the Aboriginal people and their ancestors have been custodians of, for thousands of years. We would like to recognise and pay our respects to the traditional owners of this land and its Aboriginal Elders and community members.

TRACK NOTES

| Site | Km | Description |
|------|-----|---|
| 1 | 0.1 | In this especially built shed is one of Rushworth's original Steam Traction engines which was used up until the 1990s for sawing timber in one of the many timber mills that used to exist in the Rushworth area. |
| 2 | 1.3 | Growlers Sanctuary. Inside the fenced area is a wildflower reserve which can be entered to view the native plants and was set up to protect wildflowers from grazing animals such as rabbits and kangaroos as well as other forest activity. |
| 3 | 1.5 | Climb the CFA tower at the lookout to get excellent views of the surrounding countryside. |
| 4 | 1.5 | In this fenced off area is the remains of a mine shaft. Growlers Hill was one of the richest gold mining areas in Rushworth. |
| 5 | 2.1 | An example of how magnificent and big Ironbark trees can become. A lot of the Ironbark forest around Rushworth is regrowth and is therefore quite dense. Subsequently tree thinning is allowed in some places in the forest to allow trees such as these to develop to their full potential. See also a little further along, a split Ironbark from a lightning strike. |
| 6 | 2.4 | Up the hill slightly are the remains of a water race built by miners over 100 years ago to trap and move water around the hill to dams or puddling machines to help them extract the gold from the clay. |
| 7 | 3.0 | This is one of a number of areas that are still leased to the Jones family. The eucalyptus bushes are regularly harvested to provide the raw material for eucalyptus oil production. The eucalyptus distillery is further ahead. |
| 8 | 3.4 | Out in the Rushworth forest there are numerous remnants of miners mud brick huts near old mine workings. The is one of the best examples known. |
| 9 | 3.7 | The Jones family eucalyptus distillery which began in the 1900s is off in the distance evidenced by the chimney and still uses some of the original equipment today in |
| 10 | 4.1 | Whroo-Rushworth Rd. Check out the information board on your right. Next to it, erected in 1906, is one of the sites where traction steam engines were required by law to warn horse drawn vehicles of their arrival. |
| 11 | 4.5 | This is the original Rushworth cemetery used from the start of the gold rush in 1853 until 1861 when the current cemetery was established. There are no known records of burials in this cemetery. |
| 12 | 4.8 | This spot was where one of two Chinese camps at Rushworth existed during the gold rush. Accounts recall how the area once housed plentiful market gardens from which the Chinese grew their food. |
| 13 | 5.1 | The extraction of gold from ore using a stamper battery required a great deal of water to operate. This dam serviced the main stamper battery used to crush ore in Rushworth located 100 metres ahead. |
| 14 | 5.2 | The foundations of the main battery site in Rushworth can still be seen which was used for crushing the ore and extracting gold. Beyond the foundations are the sand hills of the left over crushed ore. |
| 15 | 5.4 | One of the last remaining Ironbark timber mills in existence. Ironbark is a highly regarded hardwood known for its termite resistance. |
| 16 | 6.3 | The remains of the train engine turntable can still be seen on the opposite side of the track and was where steam engines were turned around to face the right way for return journeys. |
| 17 | 6.5 | Explore the old railway sidings from when Rushworth was an important railway junction from 1890, when the line first opened, to the mid 1980s. See the original goods shed next to the skate park. The original station is long gone and was where the CFA building now sits however the original station masters house still exists next to the CFA complex. |