

# NEWSLETTER



## AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY MITCHELL GROUP INC.

Email: [mitchell@apsvic.org.au](mailto:mitchell@apsvic.org.au)

Website: [www.apsmitchell.org.au](http://www.apsmitchell.org.au)

PO Box 541, Kilmore Victoria, 3764

Inc# A0054306V

## August 2021

Volume 8, Issue 7

### August news...!

Hello welcome to our August issue...

First up, I extend another huge thank you to our members & friends who have helped fill these pages in the absence of yet another group activity. The support, understanding & efforts from our members & friends is truly terrific during these still so uncertain times, and also very much appreciated. Sadly our garden visit for July was cancelled on short notice, as is our August meeting - Owing to yet further rounds of Covid-19 restrictions. We will hope to resume activities with our September meeting & updates will be provided via email, the APS Mitchell website & upcoming newsletters.

Spring is a mere few weeks away, which, includes National Wattle day on September 1st. There are a host of ways to celebrate or get involved, so please see below for more information along with a link to the Wattle Day website.

The September newsletter will be due for issue on or within a few days of Monday September 13th. Contributions remain very greatly



*Acacia pycnantha* Golden Wattle 5/8/21  
Broadford-Glenaroua Rd. Photo: J Petts

appreciated & will be much needed. If you can help out with items of interest please send them in by September 6th. Email to:

[wattlegum@southernphone.com.au](mailto:wattlegum@southernphone.com.au)

I look to forward hearing from as many members & friends as possible, & hopefully seeing you at gathering sometime soon.

In the meantime, stay safe, well & enjoy time in your gardens or perhaps walking in one or more of our flora reserves.

Cheers until next time, Jeanine

### Inside this issue:

*August Meeting cancelled Pg 2*

*Membership Pg 2*

*Gardens for Wildlife News Pg 2*

*Flowering in late winter, locally & on the road ... Pg 3*

*Dillwynia cinerascens Pg 6*

*Growing Eremophila update Pg 8*

*Mapping Hero Trees Pg 10*

*APS Mitchell Spring Plant Expo Pg 11*

*Reminders, APS Vic Diary Dates etc... Pg 12*

*Committee & Contact Pg 12*

*Local native plant nurseries Pg 12*

*Open Gardens Pg 14*

### Light up Yellow & Green for Wattle Day - September 1st...

Although Wattle Day goes back to the early 1900's, it was only on September 1st 1992, that Bill Hayden (then Governor-General) declared the first day of spring to be Australia's National Wattle Day, from then on to be uniformly celebrated across all of Australia on the same day. Prior to this Wattle Day had been celebrated on differing dates throughout our various States and Territories.

In 2021 this year's theme is to light up our cities & towns in yellow & green for Wattle Day. People are being encouraged to check if their local council is participating, & if not, request they do. A few more suggested activities for Wattle Day include: Going for a Wattle walk, plant a Wattle, or wear a sprig of Wattle. More ideas, information & resources can be found at:

<http://www.wattleday.asn.au/>

### Mitchell Diary Dates..

- In line with ongoing Covid-19 advice, restrictions may apply or affect APS related events. If in doubt, please **contact us** (see contacts list on page 1.) **Please note:** Meetings will be held under the requirements of our **Covid Safe facility Plan**; **Please read the plan (from page 18) prior to attending**
- **Monday Aug 16th 7:30pm Meeting - CANCELLED Due to renewed Covid-19 restrictions.** Guest Speaker: Chris Clark. Topic - Alpine Flora - Rescheduled to November.
- **Monday Sept 20th 7:30pm Meeting - Guest speaker: Melissa Stagg - Topic: Euroa Arb, seed collecting & small garden design.**
- **Saturday Oct 16th 9am - 3pm APS Mitchell Spring Expo & Plant Sale.**



## Gardens for Wildlife News...

By Jeanine Petts

Recently at Wattle Gum Forest Farm, we've been enjoying experimenting with a wildlife camera, setting it up in various places around the property. It's confirmed a long held belief that we had a wombat inhabiting a burrow deep inside a hollow at the base of a grand old *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* River Red Gum. It's also given us a surprise or two capturing birds we hadn't known were visiting; One, a juvenile Butcher Bird, the other, a pair of Pacific ducks on our seasonal creek. A wildlife camera is definitely an excellent investment for a Garden for Wildlife.



Left to right: Juvenile Grey Butcher Bird, Pacific Black Ducks, confirmation "we have a wombat!". Images: Wattle Gum Forest Farm wildlife camera

**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**

**Use of the APS Mitchell free  
Library**

**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 - Cancelled...

Once again, with much disappointment and deep regret, the APS Mitchell committee has found it necessary to cancel our August meeting, owing to the announcement of a further Victorian Covid-19 lockdown commencing from 8pm on August 5th, 2021.

With the re-introduction of Covid-19 restrictions & limitations it is unlikely that Mitchell Shire Council will re-open meeting facilities in time to host an August meeting.

We will now hope to resume group activities from our September 20th, 2021 7:30pm evening meeting.

Further updates will be provided following the lifting of current Covid-19 restrictions via email, the activities section of our APS Mitchell [website](#) & upcoming newsletters.

In the meantime we hope everyone stays safe, well & take pleasure in your gardens.

We shall look forward to seeing everyone again once gathering restrictions are eased and meeting rooms are again available.



*Banksia baueri* Possum Banksia with *Epacris impressa* Common Heath (red form) at back left. Photo: J Petts 9/8/21

## Memberships...

**2021/2022 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FEES ARE NOW OVER DUE** If you have yet to renew please complete & return your form along with payment as soon as possible. A 2021/2022 membership form can be found on page 15. Remember, a completed form needs to be submitted each year, & can be sent in via email. It is a legal requirement for our membership officer to check & update member contact details every year. For all membership enquiries & information, please contact Christine Cram: Phone 0458 238 270 or Email to the attention of the Membership Officer: [mitchell@apsvic.org.au](mailto:mitchell@apsvic.org.au) Membership information, contact information, and current [membership form](#) can also be found at our website: <http://www.apsmitchell.org.au/membership/>



## *Flowering in late winter locally, on the road & other info...*

*By Jeanine Petts & APS Michell Members & Friends (credits with images)*

In the absence of group activities, we have for your viewing pleasure; Images (along with a little info here & there) of plants currently & recently in flower, both locally, and shared from members lucky enough to be travelling in other states/territories. Also, Paul Piko has sent in a snippet of information on updates to the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act list...

Ian and Christine have been busy traveling & taking snaps of wildflowers along the way. Some genera and species identified by Ian on the way to Kings Canyon from Kata Tjuta were: *Solanum*, *Goodenia*, *Senecio*, *Calotus*, Daisies, *Swainsona*, Ruby dock *Rumex vesicarius*, Storksbill *Erodium cygnorum*.

While taking the Valley of the Winds walk at Kata Tjuta, Ian photographed a lovely shot of *Ptilotus exaltatus* Pink Mulla Mulla back lit in the sun.

Below: *Ptilotus exaltatus*. Bottom Left & Right: Wildflowers sighted on the way to Kings Canyon. Photos: Ian Julian



Above & immediately below: Wildflowers alongside the road to Kings Canyon. Photos: Christine Cram





## Flowering in late winter locally, on the road & other info continued...

(Continued from page 3)

From Paul Piko, a little information regarding the Victorian government's Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act:

The Threatened List has been updated, and can be downloaded from here:

<https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/conserving-threatened-species/threatened-list>

The page contains information about the list, and how species qualify.

Here's a snippet, showing the status of some of the orchids mentioned during my talk:

Scientific Name	Common Name	Extinction Risk	Category of Threat
<i>Caladenia calcicola</i>	Limestone Spider-orchid	Victoria	Critically Endangered
<i>Caladenia clavescens</i>	Castlemaine Spider-orchid	Australia	Critically Endangered
<i>Caladenia colorata</i>	Colourful Spider-orchid	Victoria	Critically Endangered
<i>Caladenia concolor</i>	Crimson Spider-orchid	Victoria	Endangered
<i>Caladenia cremna</i>	Whitfield Spider-orchid	Australia	Critically Endangered
<i>Caladenia cretacea</i>	Stuart Mill Spider-orchid	Australia	Endangered
<i>Caladenia cruciformis</i>	Red-cross Spider-orchid	Australia	Endangered
<i>Caladenia douglasiorum</i>	Douglas' Spider-orchid	Australia	Critically Endangered
<i>Caladenia flavovirens</i>	Christmas Spider-orchid	Victoria	Critically Endangered
<i>Caladenia formosa</i>	Elegant Spider-orchid	Victoria	Critically Endangered
<i>Caladenia fragrantissima</i> (originally listed as <i>Caladenia fragrantissima</i> subsp. <i>fragrantissima</i> )	Scented Spider-orchid	Victoria	Critically Endangered
<i>Caladenia fulva</i>	Tawny Spider-orchid	Australia	Endangered
<i>Caladenia grampiana</i>	Grampians Spider-orchid	Australia	Critically Endangered
<i>Caladenia hastata</i>	Mellblom's Spider-orchid	Australia	Critically Endangered
<i>Caladenia hildae</i>	Honey Hood-orchid	Victoria	Endangered
<i>Caladenia insularis</i> *	French Island Spider-orchid	Victoria	Endangered
<i>Caladenia lowanensis</i>	Wimmera Spider-orchid	Victoria	Critically Endangered



Lastly, local Wattle and two small plants in flower at Wattle Gum Forest Farm...

*Acacia pycnantha* Golden Wattle, is beginning to get to full bloom around the district. Currently along the Broadford-Glenaroua Rd, there is a stand out patch lighting up the roadside. *A. pycnantha* is an understorey shrub to small tree found in woodland, forest and scrub, which, is endemic to SA, Vic, NSW & ACT. It can be variable in habit growing from 3 to 8m tall, is tolerant of moderate frost, and will grow in a range of soil types with good drainage. It does tend to be short-lived in cultivation.



*Acacia pycnantha* lining Broadford-Glenaroua Rd.  
Photos: Jeanine Petts

(Continued on page 5)

---

*Flowering in late winter locally, on the road & other info continued...*

---

(Continued from page 4)

*Dampiera salaha* is an eye catching ground cover when in full flower. I first saw this plant on a visit to Melton Botanic Garden, with the FMBG nursery being where my specimens came from in 2019. It is endemic to the Geraldton area of WA, and grows to around 0.5m high with a spread of up to 1m. Flowers occur winter - spring, mainly August to November. It is said to tolerate light frost, and so far has coped with Pyalong's frosts. Best situated in a full sun position, tolerant of both constantly moist soil and dry periods.



*Dampiera salaha*



Photos: Jeanine Petts

*Boronia crenulata* Aniseed Boronia is turning out to be a hardy little plant in the garden. It is endemic to the south west of WA, and is found growing in a wide variety of soils. It grows to around 1m and bears bright pink flowers much of the year, with a main flush occurring in late winter to spring. A dappled shade to part-sun site in moist, well-drained, humus rich soil is recommended. I have it currently growing in full sun, where it appears to be quite happy. It is said to propagate fairly easily from cuttings and is also a good container plant.



*Boronia crenulata* Aniseed Boronia  
Photos: Jeanine Petts



## *Dillwynia cinerascens* - Grey Parrot-pea...

by Norbert Ryan

### *Dillwynia cinerascens* or Grey Parrot Pea

The term “egg and bacon” plant is a simple description for what is in fact a large variety of pea plants that have yellow and red-orange flowers. The identification of these species is quite complicated and in part can be based on the structural detail of the flower. A seminal text on this subject suggests the use of a strong magnifying glass.<sup>#</sup> In common with all peas, the flowers have five petals. The single petal at the top is double lobed and is the “standard”, there are two smaller “wing” petals and below these the “keel” petals, which surround the reproductive organs. The calyx consists of the fused sepals. Flower colour and shape, the shape of the calyx, the presence or absence of bracteoles, bracts and stipules and the arrangement of all ten stamens, each influence identification. The nature of the seed pod and presence or absence of a white attachment site (aril) on the seed are also important to speciation.

The plant illustrated (top right & next page)

in this article is growing in an isolated patch on the Kilmore-Lancefield Rd and is not seen elsewhere in the immediate area. According to David Laurie, our local expert on native flora, this species has widespread distribution but is not common, being generally found in local bush remnants in wetter parts of the shire. In this little pocket of low-lying ground, it is growing close to Yellow Box, Candlebark Gums and a large clump of Cherry Ballart. It is surrounded by native grasses including *Poa* sp., Kangaroo and Wallaby grasses. *Burchardia umbellata* or Milkmaids also make their appearance nearby. It's a very small parcel of bush, just beyond the zone of roadside slashing. During the 2014 Mickleham fires, this area of undergrowth was reduced to ash but has regenerated strongly.

There are approximately 20 species of the genus *Dillwynia*, they have narrow leaves, the edges are rolled up and tucked inward (involute). The leaves are positioned alternatively. The flowers occur in terminal clusters or in leaf axils high on the stem. *Dillwynia* have small egg-shaped seed pods, usually containing one, or rarely two seeds of 3mm length. One of the features used to group Australian Pea-flowered Legumes is the arrangement of the stamens. In Group 1, all ten stamens are free to their base. This large group includes *Dillwynia* and the genera *Daviesia*, *Eutaxia*, *Mirbelia*, *Oxylobium* and *Pultenaea*. There are a further two groupings; Group 2 has all ten stamens joined together for a substantial proportion of their length, examples include: *Bossiaea*, *Goodia*, *Hovea* and *Platylobium*. Group 3 has nine of the ten stamens joined, while the upper stamen



Picture 1. *Dillwynia cinerascens* The common name Parrot-pea is thought to reflect the bright, glowing colour of the flowers. These occur largely in terminal clusters. Photo: Norbert Ryan



*Dillwynia cinerascens* Flowers Photo: Ian Higgins  
[http://www.vicveg.net.au/vvViewPhoto.aspx?Photo=/VicVegFiles/VVPhotos/IanHiggins/IMG\\_4423.JPG&Title=Grey%20Parrot-pea%20-%20Dillwynia%20cinerascens%20s.l](http://www.vicveg.net.au/vvViewPhoto.aspx?Photo=/VicVegFiles/VVPhotos/IanHiggins/IMG_4423.JPG&Title=Grey%20Parrot-pea%20-%20Dillwynia%20cinerascens%20s.l)

(Continued on page 7)

## *Dillwynia cinerascens* - Grey Parrot-pea continued...

by Norbert Ryan

(Continued from page 6)

remains free for its full length; these include: *Glycine*, *Hardenbergia*, *Indigofera*, *Kennedia* and *Swainsona*.

Who was Dillwyn? The genus *Dillwynia* was described in 1805 by James Edward Smith, to honour Lewis Weston Dillwyn, in recognition of his scientific work in describing algae. Dillwyn was the son of a Pennsylvanian Quaker, an anti-slavery campaigner, who had fled the American Civil War to return to Essex. In addition to his expertise in botany, in later life Lewis became an MP and manufacturer of porcelain.

The Showy Parrot Pea, *D. sericea* is the floral emblem of APS Mitchell. As the adjective showy suggests, this species is probably more highly regarded than *D. cinerascens* and most illustrations typically depict a more pinkish-apricot coloured flower. However flower colour in these species can be variable. The species name denotes silky long hairs rather than the presumed cerise colour. The leaves of this species are slightly thicker (<1mm), more rigid and obviously hairy when compared to *D. cinerascens*. Leaf size for both is from 5-20mm, but the leaves of the latter are slightly recurved with non-spiky tips. Collection of seed may be difficult as pods ripen over the course of 1-2 days and seed is expelled. Propagation is from seed or cutting; Victorian Native Seed recommend to cover seeds in boiling water and leave in the water for 30 minutes to encourage moisture uptake.

### References:

# A Fieldguide to Native Peaflowers of Victoria and Southeastern Australia, Dorothy Woolcock with illustrations by Collin Woolcock, 1989, Kangaroo Press.

Getting to know our Parrot-peas Gail Slykhuis; <http://angair.org.au/images/stories/angair/factsheets/parrotpeas.pdf>

*Dillwynia cinerascens* Victorian Native Seed May 12 2013

*Dillwynia cinerascens* Flora of Victoria <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/b5951903-149c-4eb4-8ff0-e16a6726b08b>

Australian Pea Flower Study Group; [anspa.org.au/pea-flowerSG/PeaSG-resources.html](http://anspa.org.au/pea-flowerSG/PeaSG-resources.html)

Vic Veg <http://www.vicveg.net.au/vvPlantResults2.aspx?CMAID=6&SpeciesNo=1050&ActiveTab=0>



Picture 2. Foliage of *Dillwynia cinerascens* illustrating the grey appearance. The Latin species name has the meaning ash-grey. New growth in foreground followed roadside slashing (plant was in hollow and not destroyed). Flowering time September-November.

Photo: Norbert Ryan

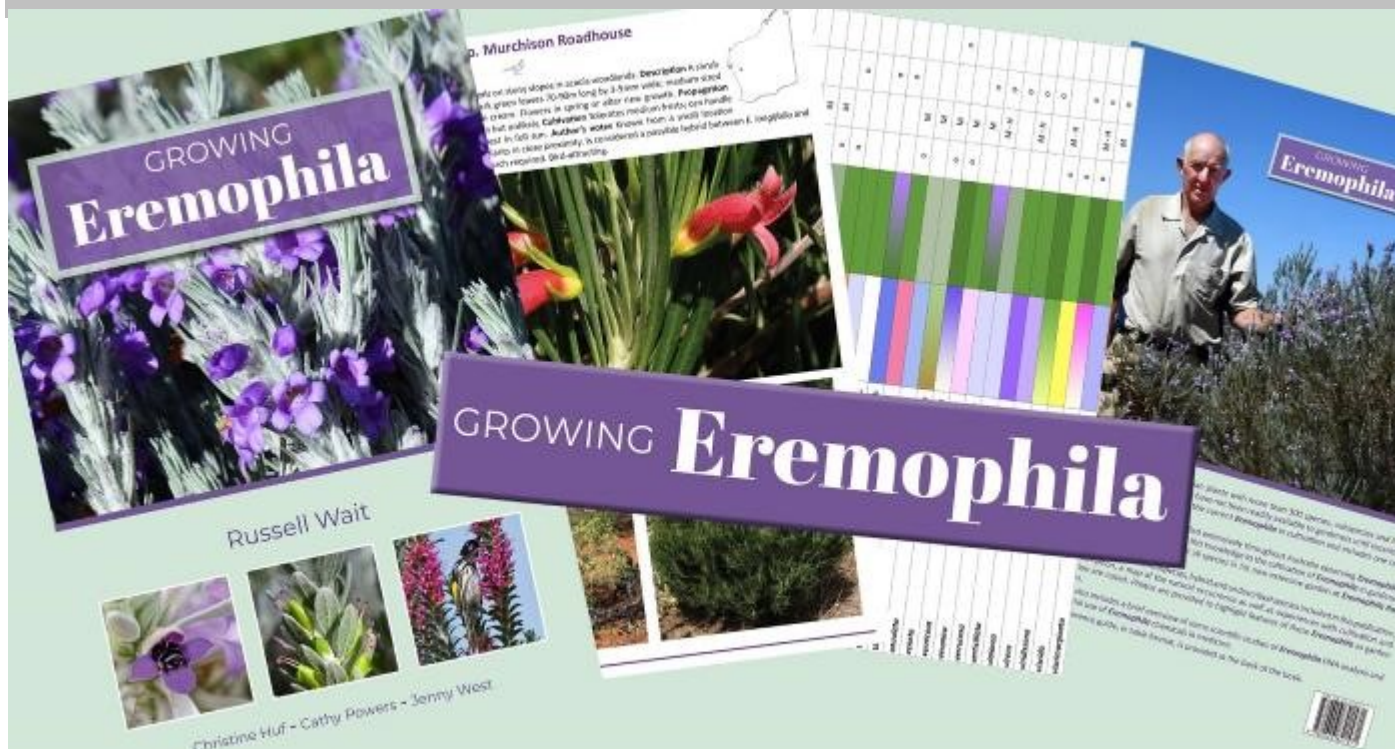


Picture 3. *Dillwynia cinerascens* Close up of terminal branch. Shows narrow, alternate leaves with recurved tips. Buds are terminal and in leaf axils, soft hairs on stem. Photo: Norbert Ryan



# Growing Eremophila is here!!!!..

*Eremophila waitii* excerpt reprinted with permission, along with a little extra history from Russell Wait



Russell Wait's new book, [Growing Eremophila](#) is now officially released! For those of us eager to lay our hands on a copy, Norbert Ryan has taken delivery of copies for APS Mitchell members & friends. To organise your copy contact Norbert by email at [njr3089@gmail.com](mailto:njr3089@gmail.com) or mobile phone: 0428 180 651. Special price when collected from Norbert is \$75.00.

Very kindly, Russell gave permission to reprint an excerpt from *Growing Eremophila* in this newsletter edition (see the following page). It was suggested to Russell that it might be most apt to share the page on *Eremophila waitii*, which, is one of a few new species found by Russell over the years, and has been named after it's finder. Very generously Russell has also shared his story of finding *E. waitii*...

While travelling on a gravel road south of Mullewa in 2018, I saw some grey bushes in a small patch of scrub, and wondering what they were, I jumped the fence to check, finding that the first few plants were not in flower.

Looking further, it was not until I found a bush with flowers that I was able to identify it as an *Eremophila*, not only that, it was a new one to me, and science. The striking thing about it was the arrangement of the flowers in a strobiloid structure (having the flowers in a tight cluster running up the stem). Most of the bushes were 1.75m high, with a couple taller specimens reaching to 2m tall and they only covered a small area of perhaps 20m x 15m. The bushes have a trunk of about 6 cm, looked quiet old, and there appeared to be about 50 plants. However, it is hard to tell, and I could not be sure without digging down to see if it is a single bush or more. The bushes had been heavily grazed for 6 or more months prior to my visit, and had put out a lot of new growth (which, is good for cutting material), although at the time of discovery the paddock had been put under crop.

I sent a couple of photos to Dr Bob Chinnock from Adelaide, who wrote the book *Eremophila and allied genera*, and it was eventually decided to call this new species *E. waitii*. A couple of weeks later Bob was in WA and also collected specimens then subsequently wrote up the botanical description, which, took until 2019 to be published. *E. waitii* is closely related to *E. subangustifolia*, *E. microtheca* and *E. nivea*, and easily distinguished from these species by the well-defined strobiloid inflorescence flower structure. The full description can be found at: <https://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/science/nuytsia/920.pdf>

I returned to the site in 2019, deciding that I should photograph myself by one of the bushes. To self-photograph is only successful if everything works properly, which, for me, it just would not. So I had given up and was walking back to the car when I heard another car coming, I flagged the driver down, who turned out to be the property's owner. He was very nice about it, then helped to take the photos, and followed up by taking me around his paddocks to see if we could find some more plants, this time without luck. He also said that organisers of the Mullewa flower show come out each year onto his property to collect flowers for their show, as he has quite a bit of scrub on his property (my guess is about 500 ha).

To date I have found a few undescribed *Eremophila* species since 1997, so far only one has been named.

Page 406 of *Growing Eremophila* reprinted with permission on the next page...



## *Eremophila waitii*

Silky Lavender

**Derivation** Discovered by and named after author Russell Wait; collector, curator of the Australian Eremophila Collection. **Natural habitat** Clay soil on slopes in mallee woodland. **Description** A shrub 1-2m high by 1-1.5m wide with grey leaves 10-20 mm long by 0.5-0.9mm wide; medium sized corolla is deep lilac; small sized sepals are dark purple and hairy. Flowers in spring. **Cultivation** Closely related to *E. subangustifolia*; probable that it will handle similar growing conditions. Recently discovered, more research required. **Author's note** Brightly coloured flowers are densely clustered at branch tips. Occasionally emits a distinctive odour.





## Mapping Hero Trees in Heathcote region...

*BioLinks info shared by Liz Spillane*

If you have old trees of significant size and would like to participate in the Central Victorian BioLinks project, which, records the location of these trees, then please follow the link attached. They are interested in the location of the trees in Central Victoria, not just the Heathcote area. There is provision on the link to vary the location.

You can map where your tree/s are or you can provide the information by email, see details by clicking on the link below. This is a great project aiming to protect the wonderful old trees that have managed to survive.

<https://biolinksalliance.org.au/hero-tree>

**PROTECT OUR LARGE OLD TREES**

Large Old Trees are the superheroes of our landscape  
Large Old Trees provide vital habitat and food sources for threatened birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians. They are also important landscape connectors. But they are in trouble and need our help.  
Let's protect and revitalise nature's elders!

1. Scan the QR code or visit [www.biolinksalliance.org.au/hero-tree](https://biolinksalliance.org.au/hero-tree)  
2. Click on "I want to put my Hero Tree on the map"  
3. Select "Open in browser"  
4. Tell us all about your Large Old Tree

Map your hero tree for the chance to receive free tree protection works on your property!

Together we can map the large old trees in the Heathcote region

This project is part of the Heathcote Local 2 Landscape plan for community led landscape scale ecological restoration in the Heathcote Region. BioLinks Alliance, in conjunction with the Heathcote community, are working to identify and protect Large Old Trees in the area.

**Biolinks Alliance**  
Protecting Victorian's  
[www.biolinksalliance.org.au](https://www.biolinksalliance.org.au)

Proudly supported by the Australian Government, Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources, Communities Environment Program.



## *APS Mitchell Spring Plant Expo...*

# APS MITCHELL

## **Annual Spring Plant Expo & Sale**

**October 16th, 2021**

**9am - 3pm**

**Kilmore Memorial Hall**

**14 Sydney Street, Kilmore**



### **Native Plant & Flower Displays**

**Gardens for Wildlife**

**Native Plants & Book Sales**

**APS Victoria - Books**

**Joan & Peter Broughton, Ironstone Park - Unusual Native Plants**

**La Trobe indigenous plant nursery - Indigenous tube stocks**

**Goldfields Revegetation - Indigenous and non - indigenous tube stock**

**Valley of a Thousand Hills David Laurie - Indigenous and non - indigenous tube stock**

**Neil's Plants**

**Russell Wait - Eremophila**

**Brian & Lorraine Weir - Grevillea Standards & Correa**

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

Website [www.apsmitchell.org.au](http://www.apsmitchell.org.au)

Contact [aps.mitchell@gmail.com](mailto:aps.mitchell@gmail.com)

---

## Reminders, APS Victoria Diary Dates & Other Events

### Thank you

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

#### A BIG THANK YOU TO:

Christine Cram,  
Miriam Ford,  
Sue Guymer,  
Ian Julian,  
Barbara Mau,  
Paul Piko,  
Norbert Ryan,  
Liz Spillane,  
Russell Wait.

#### APS VIC DIARY DATES...

In line with ongoing advice on COVID-19 (coronavirus), restrictions may apply or effect APS-related events.

APS Victoria will endeavour to keep event status updated on the APS Victoria website: <https://apsvic.org.au/events/>

Or check with the event organiser.

**September 4 - Open Garden Victoria.** Bill Aitchison & Sue Guymer garden, Donvale.

10am-4:30pm both days. Bookings must be made online. Entry \$10 per adult. Further details at

[www.opengardensvictoria.org.au](http://www.opengardensvictoria.org.au)

**September 4 & 5 - APS Wilson Park (Berwick) Plant Sale** Wilson Botanic Park, Berwick 668 Princes Hwy, Berwick VIC 3806, Berwick.

**September 11 & 12 - APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo, CANCELLED** Eltham Community & Reception Centre, 903 Main Rd, Eltham. 10 am - 4 pm.

**September 18 & 19 - APS Bendigo Plant Show** at Kangaroo Flat Primary School, 60 - 80 Olympic Parade, Kangaroo Flat, Bendigo 9:30am - 4pm both days. \$3 entry.

**September 25 & 26 - APS Grampians Group host APS Victoria COM Meeting 10am**

**and the APS Victoria AGM at 2.00pm.** Pomonal Hall, Ararat-Halls Gap Rd, Pomonal. There will also be an evening meal and celebration of the Grampians Group's 40th birthday, with a special presentation. The following week is organised for native plant and nature lovers with Grampians walks, open gardens and activities, culminating in the Pomonal Flower Show on October 2 & 3. More details and registration details will be sent to district group secretaries soon.

(Continued on page 13)

## Committee & Contact Information

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY, MITCHELL GROUP INC.

PO Box 541, Kilmore, Victoria, 3764

No. A0054306V

Email: [mitchell@apsvic.org.au](mailto:mitchell@apsvic.org.au)

Website: [www.apsmitchell.org.au](http://www.apsmitchell.org.au)

#### Committee Members

President: Norbert Ryan 0428 180 651  
Vice President: Dawn McCormack  
Secretary: Ian Julian 0438 270 248  
Email: [secretary@apsmitchell.org.au](mailto:secretary@apsmitchell.org.au)  
Treasurer/Memberships: Christine Cram 0458 238 270  
Committee: Bill Barker, Jeanine Petts, Victoria Morris.  
Group Librarian: Volunteer position open  
Plant Sales: Volunteer position open  
Newsletter Editor: Jeanine Petts 0409 029 603  
Gardens for Wildlife Coordinator: Gerry Ho Email: [g4w@apsmitchell.org.au](mailto:g4w@apsmitchell.org.au)

#### Newsletter contributions:

Contributions should be sent to Jeanine Petts  
Email: [wattlegum@southernphone.com.au](mailto: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.**

## Local Nurseries open for business ...

Please remember to support our local native nurseries...

**Valley of 1000 Hills Nursery** (David & Helen Laurie)  
Supplying indigenous tubes stocks.  
150 Reid Rd, Reedy Creek.  
Open Saturdays 10am to 5pm. Phone: 03 5784 9286

**Ironstone Park** (Peter & Joan Broughton)  
Specialising in rare, unusual & hard to find native plants.  
Lot 33 Paling Rd, Heathcote.  
Open by appointment: The garden is looking fabulous with many unusual natives worth looking at. Call Pete on: 0419 878 950 if you would like an appointment or arrange to have plants dropped off.

**Russell Wait** - Eremophila specialist  
Russell grows *Eremophila*, some standard *Grevillea*, and does occasionally have a small quantity of other species. Held in his garden is the Botanical Collection of Eremophila for Plant Trust: which, he has held for approximately 25 years.  
11 Tranter Close, Riddells Creek.  
Open by appointment: Visitors need to telephone first to arrange access. Mobile reception in the area is very poor, so the landline is the preferred & most reliable method of contact.  
Telephone: 03 54287956 Mobile: 0428 388 211



## Diary Dates & Other Events continued...

(Continued from page 12)

**October 2 & 3 - APS Grampians Group Pomonal Native Flower Show**, Pomonal Hall. 9am-5pm on Saturday, 9am-4pm on Sunday.

**October 9 - APS Echuca Moama Native Flower Showcase**, Echuca Masonic Lodge Hall, 426 High Street, Echuca. A huge flower display, plant sales, floral art, Native Bonsai, basket weaving and other displays and demonstrations. 9 am - 4 pm.

**October 16 - APS Mitchell Annual Flower Expo and Sale**, Memorial Hall, Kilmore.

**October 23 & 24 - APS Ballarat Spring Flower Show**. Robert Clark Centre, Ballarat Botanic Gardens, Gillies Street, Ballarat. 10 am – 4 pm.

**November 13 & 14 - Garden DesignFest, Metro Melbourne & Mornington Peninsula**. Further details at [www.gardendesignfest.com.au](http://www.gardendesignfest.com.au)

**November 20 & 21 - Garden DesignFest, Regional Victoria: Ballarat, Euroa, Geelong and Macedon Area**. Further details at [www.gardendesignfest.com.au](http://www.gardendesignfest.com.au)

### 2022



**September 11 – 16, 2022 - ANPSA Biennial Conference 2022** – Kiama, New South Wales. Preliminary details of the Conference, pre- and post-Conference tours and the beautiful town of Kiama can be found on the APS (NSW) website:

<https://austplants.com.au/ANPSA-Biennial-Conference-2022>

**September 26 to 30, 2022 - 7<sup>th</sup> Global Botanic Gardens Congress, Melbourne**. *Influence and Action: Botanic Gardens as Agents of Change*. Includes a youth program for future gardens' leaders aged 18 to 24.



### Fabulous Peas 2022

#### FJC Rogers Biennial Seminar

**15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Discover the extraordinary world of Australian pea plants.

**Saturday** York on Lilydale, Mount Evelyn

**Speakers** with expertise in identifying, growing and propagating peas. Learn about current research into propagation and growing-on techniques. Evening dinner and an entertaining speaker.

Plant sales of common and unusual pea species. Book sales. Displays. Raffle.

**Sunday** Coach tours to public and private native gardens which include a wide variety of pea species. Art exhibition and sale featuring pea plants from 8<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October at Karwara Australian Botanic Garden. Plant sales.

Expressions of interest: [fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com](mailto:fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com)

<https://apsvic.org.au/fjc-rogers-seminar-2022/>

**Hosted: Australian Plants Society Maroondah Inc.**

## *APS Member gardens participating in Open Gardens Victoria - September 4th & 5th...*

The garden at Donvale, Mullum Waters, belongs to Sue Guymer & Bill Aitchison, and the garden at Warrandyte to Bev & John Hanson. They are all members of APS Maroondah group, and are looking forward to presenting native gardens to the broader public, along with happily welcoming APS Group members from further afield.

There are further details on the OGV website [opengardensvictoria.org.au](https://opengardensvictoria.org.au)

*Very well worth a visit if you are able.*



### **Mullum Waters Open Garden**

#### **Donvale**

Sat 4 - Sun 5 September, 2021

Open 10.00am - 4.30pm

**13 Conos Court, Donvale**

Mullum Waters provides excellent habitat for many native species from native bees to frogs and birds. There is a strong emphasis on indigenous plants.

Entry \$10 Students \$6 U18 free via Trybooking  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BRTBX>  
[opengardensvictoria.org.au](https://opengardensvictoria.org.au)



### **The Hanson garden Open Garden**

#### **Warrandyte**

Sat 4 - Sun 5 September, 2021

Open 10.00am - 4.30pm

**104 Webb St, Warrandyte**

Enjoy this natural bush walk which highlights the love of native orchids, wildflowers, birdlife and possums all accompanied by the sound of pond life.

Entry \$10 Students \$6 U18 free via Trybooking  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BSXOR>  
[opengardensvictoria.org.au](https://opengardensvictoria.org.au)





# AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY MITCHELL GROUP INC.

Email: [mitchell@apsvic.org.au](mailto:mitchell@apsvic.org.au)

PO Box 541, Kilmore Victoria, 3764

Website: [www.apsmitchell.org.au](http://www.apsmitchell.org.au)

Inc# A0054306V

## 2021/22 MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM – July 1 to June 30

### This is a combined membership form for APS Vic and APS Mitchell

Please use this form instead of the form sent out with the APS Victoria newsletter

For insurance purposes people who join APS Mitchell must also join APS Victoria Inc.

(Please tick whichever applies) **Application** ☐ **OR** **Renewal** ☐

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss</b>
<b>Surname/s:</b>	
<b>Given name/s:</b>	
<b>Postal Address:</b>	
<b>Town/Suburb:</b>	
<b>Postcode:</b>	
<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	

(Please tick whichever applies)

<b>Membership Type:</b>		<b>Fees:</b> Note: Membership Year = July 1—June 30		
		APS Victoria	APS Mitchell	Total
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Single</b>	\$35.00	\$10.00	<b>\$45.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Couple/Family</b> (2 adults & 2 dependents)	\$40.00	\$12.00	<b>\$52.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Student</b>	\$26.00	\$10.00	<b>\$36.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Organisation</b>	\$44.00	\$10.00	<b>\$54.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>I have paid/pay my APS Vic membership when joining/renewing with another district group. Which Group? :</b> _____ — <b>Include only applicable APS Mitchell Fee:</b>		“ Single \$10.00 “ Family \$12.00 “ Student \$10.00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Optional Australian Plants Subscription</b>	<b>4 issues:</b>		<b>\$15.00</b>
		<b>Total Due:</b>		<b>\$</b>

☐ I wish to apply for APS Vic/APS Mitchell COVID-19 financial hardship fee waiver.

I/We agree I agree to be bound by the Rules and Bylaws of the Society.

<b>Signed:</b>	<b>Date:</b> /    /
----------------	---------------------

I agree to my name being included in a membership list circulated for members' private use: **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

**Payment by:** (1) Bank Transfer to BSB 633-000 Account No. 159982271 (Bendigo Bank)

Please include your surname and post code as reference/transaction details

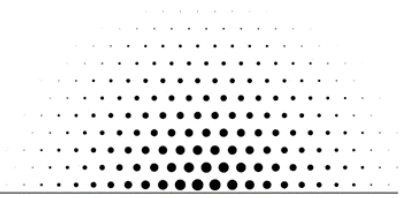
Or (2) Cheque made payable to: APS MITCHELL INC.

Posted to: APS Mitchell Treasurer, P O Box 541, Kilmore Vic 3764

Or (3) Pay via cash or cheque at an APS Mitchell monthly meeting (usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month 7:30pm John Taylor Room, Kilmore Library, Sydney St Kilmore. See website for details)

# MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL.

## COVID-19 Community Facility Safe Plan



### COVID Safe Plan For APS Mitchell Group Inc. Organisation

#### PURPOSE

Mitchell Shire Council requires a COVID-19 Safe plan for groups and organisations who wish to return using Council owned or managed facilities. The following plan supports a safe approach for building use. Council welcomes the inclusion of any special guidance from your peak bodies and associations where this has been provided.

#### SCOPE

This plan applies to all people entering the **KILMORE LIBRARY JOHN TAYLOR ROOM** building located at **12 SYDNEY STREET KILMORE** in line with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions identified by the Department of Health and Humans Services.

#### PLAN

##### 3.1 Pre-Return Risk Assessment

Prior to people attending the site a Risk Checklist must be completed identifying how the requirements for physical distancing and people density will be maintained. A checklist to enact the plan is attached in Appendix 1

##### 3.2 Considering groups needs

**Organisers will discuss potential vulnerabilities with all group members and encourage individual participants to consider their own risk and need to attend.** The group may need to consider supporting different members depending on their circumstances. Circumstances may have changed post COVID-19, for example they may now have additional carer's responsibility or family members with specific health risks.

Social and physical vulnerabilities that might affect a person attending the facility include:

- Immune-compromised: may limit attendance or may require additional controls
- Social isolation: managing return to social settings may not be easy for some people
- Need to assist family with child minding or other activities

Our plan for managing our members is:

- Sending Covid-19 safe plan to all members with the meeting groups notice
- A copy of the Covid-19 Safe plan with the meeting registration book
- Limit numbers to current DHS prescribed restriction number's
- Update all members as circumstances change

Any person who is unwell should not enter the building. This includes presenting with cold or flu symptoms including fever, runny nose, coughing, sore throat, aches or diarrhea. People with symptoms will be asked to leave.

This plan has been communicated to all affected members of the group.



# MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL.

## COVID-19 Community Facility Safe Plan



(Continued from page 16)

### 3.3 Return to facilities

#### 3.3.1 Physical distancing measures

Physical distancing measures mean that people from separate households must be more than 1.5 metres from each other. In addition, a minimum space of 2 metres x 2 metres is required for every person in any room they access.

Spaces (e.g. corridors) where there is a potential for people to come in contact with each other may exist in the building. It is acceptable that people walk past each other in these spaces as the amount of time they are together is minimal. However, they are not to stop in these spaces and, if possible, the movement of members should be managed so that people will not physically brush past each other in this space.

Rooms in the building and the maximum number of people allowed (subject to current restriction limits on total numbers):

Room Name	Size (width X depth)	Max people (width x depth/2)
John Taylor Room		Max 40 people

Signs will be placed into any room where the maximum occupancy is less than the maximum allowed into the entire facility to advise that people are to wait until the room is vacated.

### Cleanliness

*Cleaning arrangements for the building are to be documented.*

On entry to the building it is advised that every person wash their hands with soap and water or carries hand sanitiser to apply at entry. Everyone should avoid touching their faces.

For this building, at the end of every session any equipment and all tables and chairs used by the members need to be cleaned by the meeting organiser using soap and water with washable or disposable cloths. Spray and wipe is also satisfactory for cleaning.

Chairs with soft covers will, where possible, not be used as these are difficult to wipe down.

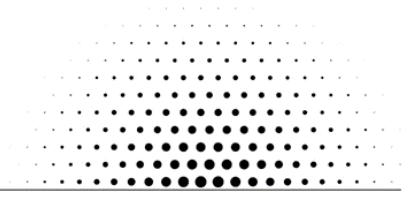
Council clean as per schedule arranged with the Contracts Management Coordinator at Mitchell Shire Council. This this has been communicated to each building manager.

(Continued on page 18)

## *Covid Safe Meeting Plan...*

### **MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL.**

#### *COVID-19 Community Facility Safe Plan*



*(Continued from page 17)*

#### **COVID-19 Infection**

If a member is diagnosed with COVID-19, the following process will apply:

- Notify members who may have had contact with the person per DHHS guidance
- Ensure the privacy of the individual is maintained
- Seek assistance from Council contact
- Inform Council to arrange a deep clean of the building

#### **3.6 Breach of the policy**

Everyone will be treated with respect and it is expected that members will adhere to guidelines to physical distancing to help minimise the risk of COVID-19 being spread. Should someone test positive who attended a meeting space their privacy will be maintained, however Council will need to support a contact tracing regime to inform others.

#### **3.7 Legal Sources of policy**

- [National COVID-19 Safe Workplace Principles](#)
- [NCCC COVIDSafe plan](#)
- *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 (VIC)*
- *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 2017 (VIC)*
- *Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth)*
- *Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (VIC)*

Appendix 1 – Checklist (to be completed for each session and retained by user group)

#### **Before activity**

- ☐ Date and time of activity \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Activity type \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Rooms used (e.g. hall and kitchen) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Responsible person name (must be present throughout activity)

#### **The following available:**

- ☐ Advice on COVID-19 available to everyone –  
e.g. [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/staying-safe-covid-19](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/staying-safe-covid-19)
- ☐ Specific vulnerabilities determined and vulnerable group members encouraged to participate in other ways or to make arrangements with organisers for any special requirements to facilitate attendance
- ☐ Room sizes and number of people in each room signed

*(Continued on page 19)*



## *Covid Safe Meeting Plan...*

### **MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL.**

#### *COVID-19 Community Facility Safe Plan*



*(Continued from page 18)*

- ☐ Places where it will be difficult to maintain 1.5m spacing identified
- ☐ Signs for 1.5m and COVID-19 displayed
- ☐ Attendance sheet available and completed by all people entering facility
- ☐ Consideration for leaving doors open to allow access through doors without touching
- ☐ Advised patrons to hand wash/ hand sanitise as soon as they enter the building (consider leaving the outer toilet door propped open to avoid touching)
- ☐ Soap and water or disinfectant spray and disposable cloth (e.g. paper towel) available to clean surfaces touched
- ☐ Gloves available

Other risks to be managed (please list, use reverse of sheet if more space required)

#### **During activity**

- ☐ Encourage participants not to bring belongings into centre (less to contaminate and clean)
- ☐ All attendees have been asked if they are unwell or have a temperature
- ☐ All attendees have been asked to wash their hands upon entry
- ☐ All attendees have provided their contact information on attendance sheet
- ☐ All attendees have been informed about safe distancing (1.5m)
- ☐ All attendee have been advised of other risks to be managed (please see list, use reverse of sheet if more space required)

#### **After activity**

- ☐ All items used (including tables and chairs) washed with soap and water or sprayed and wiped with a disinfectant. This is the responsibility of the meeting organiser
- ☐ This form and the attendance sheet completed and stored in a centralised location (e.g. office) – to be made available upon request

#### **Plan completed by:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Ian Julian</b>
<b>Role</b>	<b>Secretary APS Mitchell Group Inc.</b>
<b>Contact Number</b>	<b>0438 270 248</b>
<b>Email</b>	<b>apsmitchell@gmail.com</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>28-01-2021</b>
<b>Signature</b>	<i>Ian Julian</i>