

NEWSLETTER



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August news...!

Hello & welcome to our August issue. *Acacia dealbata* Silver Wattle has begun bursting into bloom around Pyalong. Its flowering signals the coldest days of the year are behind us, and the promise of warmer days coming. *Acacia verniciflua* Varnish Wattle is also beginning to flower, leaving me wondering what will be in bloom come [National Wattle Day](#) on September 1st, when I'll be picking a sprig to wear and a vase full to celebrate. Which species will you be picking? Do let me know.

To date, we've had no response to our request for expressions of interest to visit Euroa Arboretum, other than from APS Mitchell Committee members. If any one is interested in a group trip to Euroa Arboretum, please do let us know—[see details on page 9](#).

This edition, we are seeking volunteers to host garden visits (see below), and have a letter with news on reinvigorating our Gardens for Wildlife program—[see page 4](#).

Once again, thank you to [everyone who contributes to our newsletter](#) & supports APS



Acacia dealbata 06/08/22 Photo: J Petts

Mitchell. Your assistance is invaluable & always deeply appreciated. The ongoing support of our native plant loving community is what keeps us going & enjoying shared interests together.

Our next newsletter will be due for issue on or within a few days of Monday September 12th. Contributions big & small remain very greatly appreciated & always needed. If you can help out with items of interest please send them in by Monday September 5th. Email to: wattlegum@southernphone.com.au

In the meantime, I'll look forward to seeing everyone at our next activity. Cheers until next time, Jeanine

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Seeking garden visit hosts for Gardens for Wildlife.

Our Gardens for Wildlife Program Coordinator, Gerry Ho, is currently busy working hard planning activities to reinvigorate our G4W program. We are seeking people with native gardens (or mixed native & exotic) to host a garden visit with a Gardens for Wildlife focus. If you'd like to participate by hosting, please contact Gerry via email: g4w@apsmitchell.org.au

Gerry has some great plans afoot, [see page 4](#) for more detail, and stay tuned for more Gardens for Wildlife news next issue.

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 15](#)). **Please note:** Meetings will be held under the requirements of our [Covid Safe facility Plan](#); **Please read the plan (from page 20) prior to attending**
- PLEASE NOTE: **There is no evening meeting this month instead, a garden visit:**
- **Sunday August 21st, 2:00pm** Afternoon Garden Visit to the Garden of Brian & Lorraine Weir in Wallan. Afternoon Tea provided. Please bring & wear a mask. RSVP to Norbert Ryan on 0428 180 651 or email: njr3089@gmail.com
- **SAVE THE DATE!** APS Mitchell Spring Expo & Plant Sale: Saturday October 15th, 2022. 9am-3pm. Details on Page 16.





Gardens for Wildlife news...

By Gerry Ho

Banksia marginata, Silver Banksia is our spotlight species this month...

Please help save an iconic tree species.

The Silver Banksia, *Banksia marginata* once girdled Victoria, and indeed much of south-eastern Australia and Tasmania. Formerly common on the Victorian Volcanic Plains and straddling the Great Dividing Range, *B. marginata* is now reduced to fragmented populations of old individuals due to extensive land clearing since Settlement.

Dr Adam Miller, a geneticist from Deakin University found that the populations in Central Victoria are genetically isolated, meaning that cross-pollination is not happening. The consequence of this is eventual inbreeding, as Silver Banksia offspring can only mate with others of increasing relatedness with each passing generation.

In addition, Simon Heyes from La Trobe University found that smaller Silver



Banksia Marginata Photo: J Petts

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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, 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— Sunday 21st 2:00pm

For our August activity, Brian & Lorraine Weir have very generously invited us to visit their glorious garden in Wallan. They have spent a great deal of time involved with their respective special interest [APS study groups](#) over the years, and this shows in the range of species they have growing. Brian is a consummate grafter of *Grevillea*, while Lorraine has a passion for *Correa*. Both have invested many years propagating native plants and developing their garden, which, is a credit to their efforts and filled with *Grevillea*, *Correa*, many other species, some quirky garden art, and special features.

When: Sunday August 21st 2:00 pm.

Where: Wallan - RSVP for address and further details.

Afternoon tea provided.

Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions as we will be remaining outdoors. In the interests of keeping everyone healthy, it would be appreciated if masks are worn and careful Covid-19 hygiene practiced on the day please.

An RSVP is requested for this event. Please contact Norbert Ryan on 0428 180 651 or email: njr3089@gmail.com



Weir garden July 2018.
Photo: Jason Caruso

Memberships... *Renewal fees overdue!*

A huge thank you to those members who have paid your 2022-23 membership fees in a timely fashion. At latest count our paid up membership numbers cover just 25 people. **Lapsed memberships may miss out on the September issue of Growing Australian. To keep up to date it is a good idea to renew before the end of August.** An updated form is on [page 15](#), or downloadable from our website (see links below). Please be sure to email, or bring a copy of your completed form to a meeting - as an updated form is required to be filled out each year thanks.

For all membership enquiries please contact Christine: Phone 0458 238 270 or Email to the attention of the Membership Officer: mitchell@apsvic.org.au Further information, contact details, along with a downloadable [membership form](#) can also be found at our website: <http://www.apsmitchell.org.au/membership/>

Gardens for Wildlife - *Banksia marginata* continued...

By Gerry Ho

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Banksia populations were less able to form new seedlings. Declining numbers may also be caused by herbivory (rabbits), invasive plant cover (e.g. *Phalaris*) and lack of fire — *Banksias* are serotinous, and require fire to regenerate.

The species needs all the help we can give to increase population size and to re-connect isolated populations.

The good news is that *Banksia marginata* is a versatile plant. It is fast growing and long-lived, and does well on sandy soils, loam, and clay (and even on moist and water-logged soils). Both drought- and wind-tolerant, it does need a sunny or partially sunny spot.

The rewards given by Silver Banksia are many. Its delectable flowering cones (produced over the year, peaking in late summer) contains much nectar, which attracts birds, insects, and small mammals such as Sugar Gliders and Eastern Pygmy-possums; its seeds are a food source for cockatoos.

Silver Banksia can be propagated from fresh seeds or cuttings readily. According to the Australian National Botanic Gardens, seeds should be sown with a light covering of soil from winter to spring, and take 4–8 weeks to germinate. Cuttings of robust young growth are best taken between August and October.

Banksia marginata is available in many indigenous nurseries. Given its wide distribution, it is preferable to plant locally-adapted stock — check with your nursery on provenance, requirements, and form — tree growth to 12 m is possible; on smaller plots, a dwarf form may be more suitable.



An increasingly rare sight: *Banksia marginata* sapling in Blackwood, July 2022. Photo: Gerry Ho.



The above three photos show some differing growth rates and form of *Banksia marginata*. L-R: Pic 1 (left) shows a specimen planted late 2013, now 4-5m high and 3-4m wide. Growing in heavy clay sub-soil with moderate drainage, and access to water via a depression down slope. Pics 2 (middle) & 3 (right) show specimens planted 2017-2018: The middle specimen is growing in humus rich moderate draining clay soil along a drainage line. It has reached 2-2.5m high and began flowering last year. In comparison, the specimen at right, although planted at the same time, is growing in hard packed clay with poor drainage. It is of more compact habit reaching only a little over 1m high, and yet to flower. All easily tolerate heavy frosts, and dry hot summers.. Photos: J Petts

An Invitation to Gardens for Wildlife...

By Gerry Ho

Dear reader,

If you are reading this, you are likely to be a member of the Australian Plants Society, Mitchell Group Inc. You are also likely to know that APS Mitchell has taken the local Gardens for Wildlife (G4W Mitchell) chapter under its wings for some time now.

What are the differences between APS and G4W?

With the subheading “Promoting the Appreciation and Preservation of Australian Plants,” APS Victoria’s objectives [1] are:

- To promote growing Australian plants in home gardens and public places
- To encourage the nursery industry to propagate and supply Australian plants
- To improve Australian plants as garden subjects
- To encourage the recognition and development of distinctive landscape styles and forms using Australian plants
- To encourage and facilitate the conservation of Australian plants and their habitats
- To monitor and encourage the strengthening of the laws for preservation of flora

G4W espouses “Embracing nature: Gardens of all shapes and sizes can be wonderful places for wildlife,” and upholds these goals [2]:

- To nurture our flora, fauna and environment
- To build knowledge, skills, confidence and ownership for caring for the land and its wildlife
- To strengthen connections between residents, nature, community and place
- To improve wellbeing through experiencing and caring for nature
- To build a network of environmental stewards and champions
- To collect and share stories and data about the impact of our work



As the G4W Coordinator for Mitchell, I am inclined to perceive more similarities than differences. If I may add, I see the G4W goals as a logical extension of APS objectives: that the preservation of Australian flora will result in a better geographical and biological environment, and better social cohesion.

Many Australian animals and plants are currently considered threatened [3]. What can we do?

Conservation is a tricky business, by dint of the interconnectedness of Nature, a web that entangles all life on Earth. We may try to save a species with the best of intentions; down the line, this act of goodwill may have repercussions that are difficult (perhaps, impossible!) to imagine in the beginning. I strongly encourage a study of Peter Wohlleben’s *The Secret Wisdom of Nature* [4], a very readable account of how Nature does her job.

This month, for example, we talk about Silver Banksia, [*Banksia marginata* \(see page 2\)](#) on how we can help re-connect isolated populations of this species by cultivating it on our properties, which supplements large-scale revegetation on public land. The benefits to fauna can be immense. Hopefully, there is no (or little) harm from planting this species — time will tell, and we can collect and share stories and data about the impact of our work!

The important thing is that G4W Mitchell is stirring post-lockdown, and we are planning activities this

An Invitation to Gardens for Wildlife continued...

By Gerry Ho

Spring and beyond, including:

- Garden visits — pick up ideas on what and where to plant indigenous flora
- Arboretum and nursery visits — explore local and regional flora, with guided tours
- Reserve visits — learn about the local flora in our reserves, and help to monitor their health
- Revamped media — greater interactivity on Facebook and other social media



Grassy open forest, Monument Hill.
Photo: Gerry Ho.

These activities are open to APS Mitchell members, and I encourage you to participate. They will be announced in upcoming APS Mitchell newsletters.

Everyone and every bit counts towards our flora, fauna, and the environment [5, 6, 7].

This Spring, APS Mitchell and G4W Mitchell is organising a visit to the **Euroa Arboretum**, a beautiful reserve with walking paths around native bushland and wetland. An exciting addition to the arboretum is a climate-ready garden opening in 2022. This visit will be on a nursery opening day (Monday or Thursday). Please register your interest - [see page 9](#).

If you have any suggestion how we can improve G4W, please let me know by emailing at g4w@apsmitchell.org.au.



Daviesia latifolia
Photo: Gerry Ho.

Warmest wishes,

Gerry Ho

G4W Coordinator, Mitchell

Resources

[1] <https://apsvic.org.au/about-aps-victoria/>

[2] <https://gardensforwildlifevictoria.com/our-work/>

[3] <https://www.threatened.org.au>

[4] Wohlleben, P. *The Secret Wisdom of Nature: Trees, Animals, and the Extraordinary Balance of All Living Things. Stories from Science and Observation*. Greystone Books.

[5] <https://www.iucn.org/news/commission-environmental-economic-and-social-policy/202105/community-based-conservation>

[6] https://link.springer.com/referenceworkentry/10.1007%2F978-3-319-71065-5_94-1 (Behind a paywall, ask me for a PDF copy)

[7] <https://theconversation.com/why-communities-must-be-at-the-heart-of-conserving-wildlife-plants-and-ecosystems-132416>



Drosera aberrans (Scented Sundew) among *Arthropodium strictum* (Chocolate Lily)
Photo: Gerry Ho.

Flowering in June continued...

By Jeanine Petts

Picking up from where last edition's main article finished off. As our feature article this month, we'll take a look at the flower specimens brought in by Ray, and sent in from Brian and Lorraine, which, missed discussion during the June Flower specimen evening:

Grevillea 'Spirit of Anzac' was bred as part of the Kings Park WA breeding program, to commemorate the first ANZAC forces action at Gallipoli, and released for the centenary in 2015. It is a *G. banksii* hybrid that has large, red, toothbrush flowers, and will grow to 2-3m high x 2-2.5m wide. Suitable for most climates, and prefers in full sun to part shade. It is hardy, tolerating light frost and drought (once established), is bird and pollinator attracting, with a long flowering period from autumn to summer. Pruning in spring keeps the plant tidy and promotes better flowering.

Grevillea treueriana Mt Finke Grevillea, as its common name suggests, is endemic to Mt Finke area in SA. The books say this showy bright orange red flowered species grows to 1m x 1m. That said, the 20-year-old specimen in Ray's Garden has reached 3.5m high x 2.5m wide. It is rarely without a flower, has very prickly leaves and is frost tolerant to at least -4c. It prefers a dry climate in well-drained soils, however, a grafted specimen is more able to tolerate higher humidity and rainfall.

Hakea 'Burrendong Beauty' is a hybrid cross between *H. myrtoidea* and *H. petiolaris* that was found growing at the Burrendong Arboretum during the mid 80's. It is a stunning specimen plant when in flower; Brian Weir has quoted Graeme Woods in the past, who says it's "damn near good enough to be called a Grevillea".

Thryptomene baeckeacea is a member of the Myrtaceae family and endemic to WA. It grows as a prostrate to spreading shrub that reaches 0.20-1.2m high x 2m wide, and bears masses of small white, pink or pinkish mauve-purple flowers from May to October. Highly attractive in bloom and good for cut flowers, it prefers dry to well-drained soils in a sunny to part shade site. A little occasional pruning will maintain compactness.

Grevillea 'Lara Dwarf' is a selected, naturally occurring form of *G. rosmarinifolia* that is found east of Lara, near Melbourne. It forms a compact, prostrate shrub growing to 0.30m high x 1m wide. Masses of cream and pinkish red spider flowers occur April to October. A hardy plant that is tolerant of heavy soils, is drought resistant, and prefers a full to part sun site.



Grevillea 'Spirit of Anzac'

Photo: Digby Growns <https://www.friendsofkingspark.com.au/news/rsl-spirit-anzac-grevillea/>



Thryptomene baeckeacea Photo: By Melburnian - Own work, CC BY-SA 3.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=15102114>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thryptomene_baeckeacea



Grevillea treueriana

Photo: Brian Weir



Hakea Burrendong Beauty

Photo: Brian Weir



Grevillea Lara 'Dwarf' Photo: By Melburnian - Self-photographed, CC BY 3.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=10641864>

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Grevillea_cultivars

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Grevillea thelemanniana "Green Gem" forms a low, spreading shrub to 0.50m high x 1m wide, with deep green leaves. Red spider flowers occur en masse during winter and spring. It prefers a full sun to part shade site in well-drained soil. Tolerates light shade, drought once established, and moderate frosts.

Grevillea acerata is a rare, low growing, spreading shrub endemic to a restricted range in the Gibraltar Range National Park NSW. It grows 0.6-1.3m high x 1-2m wide, and bears narrow leaves with rolled under edges that are hirsute on the underside, and tipped with a prickly point. Woolly-haired, grey to cream coloured flowers that are pinkish at their base, occur sporadically through out the year with a main flush in spring. Prefers a well-drained sunny position in most slightly acid soils.

Grevillea fililoba AKA Ellendale Pool Grevillea, is another magnificent plant from just east of Geraldton WA that forms a dense, soft shrub growing to 1m high x 1m wide. Brian has written in the past that it is happy growing in Wallan on its own roots with an average rainfall of around 750mm and temperatures varying between -4c to 44c. Sprays of pinkish red flowers occur copiously over an extended period spring to autumn and spot flowers the rest of the year. The pendulous flowers make a great contrast against light green, fern-like leaves that are very soft & people friendly. Suited for a warm spot, in well-drained soils with the shelter of other plants.

Grevillea 'Katydid' is a *G. bipinnatifida* X *G. batrachioides* hybrid produced by Neil Marriott, and is an extremely vigorous grower that Brian & Lorraine grow as a grafted standard. Its natural form is a small to medium, spreading shrub growing to 1.5m high x 3m wide. It bears very prickly leaves and orange flowers that occur over quite long period. Suitable for well drained soils, best in a sunny position, however, will tolerate some shade, is drought tolerant and frost resistant to -6C.

Grevillea 'Lemon Daze' forms a moderately dense shrub to 1-1.5m high x 1m wide and has Rosemary-like leaves of soft, greyish-green with sharp tips. Yellow & pink flowers hang in clusters, from autumn to spring and make good cut flowers. It is a hardy, bird-attracting plant with nectar rich flowers, that was bred by Bywong Nursery, and is a *Grevillea lanigera* x *rosmarinifolia*. Tolerating a range of soil types, cold to sub-tropical and coastal conditions, it does best in a sunny position in well-drained soil. Although it will cope with some part shade, and is frost and



Grevillea thelemanniana "Green Gem"

Photo: <https://www.benaranurseries.com/grevillea-green-gem#:~:text=This%20low%2Dgrowing%2C%20spreading%20shrub,flowers%20attract%20nectar%2Dfeeding%20birds.>



Grevillea 'Katydid'

Photo: Neil Marriott. CC-BY 3.0 (Au) <https://bie.ala.org.au/species/https://id.biodiversity.org.au/name/apni/214575>



Grevillea acerata

Photo: By Casliber - Own work, CC BY-SA 3.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=16121808>



Grevillea fililoba

Photo: Brian Weir



Grevillea 'Lemon Daze'

Photo: Tim Wallington

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Flowering in June continued...

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drought hardy once established.

Grevillea pinaster is endemic to WA, north of Perth. It forms a dense, erect to spreading, medium shrub that grows to 0.5-3m high x up to 3m wide, and has pointed linear leaves. Profuse pendent clusters of red-pink-purple, nectar-rich flowers can occur in autumn and/or winter-spring. Adaptable to most soils in a warm sunny spot, although can take a little shade. It is tolerant of drought, lime, moderate frost, providing some frost protection is given when young.

Grevillea preissii Spider-net Grevillea was previously known as *Grevillea thelemanniana* subsp. *preissii* and is endemic to WA. It grows as an erect or spreading shrub sometimes reaching 2m high x 3m wide, although there are low growing smaller forms. It bears fine, strongly dissected, pinnate leaves and bright red to red-pink flowers. Best suited to areas with dry summers, yet it has demonstrated some adaptability to the humidity of the east coast. Prefers a full sun to part shade site in very well-drained soil with room to spread. There are two subspecies: *Grevillea preissii* subsp. *preissii* and *Grevillea preissii* subsp. *glabrilimba*, of which, Royce Raleigh made mention last year (during his presentation on Lesser known plants for the garden held in April 2021), saying it puts on a great display over winter-spring with bright red flowers, contrasting against silvery foliage.

Grevillea sericea Pink Spider Flower is endemic to NSW and forms an erect, medium shrub growing to 1.5-2.5m high x 1.5m wide. It bears linear leaves, and erect clusters of pink or white spider flowers occur winter to spring. *G. sericea* subspecies. *riparia* has deep pink flowers is from Collaroy Plateau. A hardy, bird attracting plant for a sunny to partial shaded site in well-drained soil that benefits from regular pruning.

Grevillea simplex AKA Banana Custard plant, which, is so named for its scent. It can grow to 3m and bears white spider flowers during winter to summer that develop a banana custard like scent during the middle of the day. Tolerates frost to -4c.

Grevillea subtiliflora is endemic to WA and grows as an erect to spreading shrub



Grevillea pinaster

Photo: Jeff Howes <https://resources.austplants.com.au/plant/grevillea-pinaster/>



Grevillea preissii subsp. *glabrilimba*

Photo: R & J Raleigh



Grevillea preissii subsp. *preissii*

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Above: *Grevillea sericea* subsp. *riparia*

Left: *Grevillea sericea* subsp. *sericea*

Photos: Brian Walters https://anpsa.org.au/plant_profiles/grevillea-sericea/



Grevillea simplex

Photo: Brian Freeman

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reaching 1.5-2.5m high. Green to white flowers in branching terminal sprays are produced from July to October. It grows in well-drained heavy soils in full sun.

Grevillea 'Thorny Devil' is a Neil Marriot produced hybrid of *G. nana* subspecies *nana* x *G. tenuiloba*. Ungrafted it forms a ground cover growing to 0.2m high x 1-2m wide, bearing orange red flowers and prickly leaves. It tolerates frost to -4c, is hardy, and stunning as a grafted standard.

Grevillea tenuiloba is endemic to WA and produces masses of golden flowers from spring into summer, and sporadically at other times of the year. It forms a shrub 1-1.5m high x 2-3m wide. However, it is best grown as a grafted plant in Victoria, tolerates frost to -4, and responds well to pruning.

Most of the *Grevillea* featured in this article, along with many others are growing in Brian and Lorraine Weir's garden. Those that are in flower in August will be able to be seen at the upcoming Garden Visit on Sunday August 21st.

Do come along if you can. [See details on page 2.](#)



Grevillea subtiliflora Photo: By Mx. Granger - Own work, CC0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=117793800>



Grevillea 'Thorny Devil' Photo: <http://www.australisplants.com.au/ornamentals/images/grafted/grevilleaNanaNana1.jpg>



Grevillea tenuiloba Photo: Brian Weir

Euroa Arboretum visit in Spring

Would you like to visit [Euroa Arboretum](#) in Spring? We are seeking expressions of interest to enable planning the trip and setting a date and time.

Please register your interest by emailing your name and answers to the following questions:

- Would you prefer to self drive? or pay a fee & travel in a mini bus (numbers/cost permitting)?
- The nursery is only open on 2 days per week: Monday & Thursday 12-pm - 5pm. Would you prefer to visit on a Monday or Thursday?



Climate Ready Garden at Euroa Arboretum. Image: <http://euroaarboretum.com.au/new-climate-ready-garden-in-the-making/>

Register your interest and preferences by emailing: g4w@apsmitchell.org.au

Or contacting either our APS Mitchell President or Secretary:

President: Norbert Ryan 0428 180 651 Email: njr3089@gmail.com

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Save the date...



**APS Mitchell
Annual Spring
Plant Expo & Sale
October 15th, 2022
9 am - 3 pm**

**Kilmore Memorial Hall
14 Sydney St, 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

Mike Williams Native Plants

Entry \$2.00 (Children free) - Door Prizes

Website www.apsmitchell.org.au

Contact aps.mitchell@gmail.com

Reminders, APS Victoria Diary Dates & Other Events

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APS VIC DIARY DATES...

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/>

Checking with the event organiser is advised.

APS Heathcote Inc. meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at Heathcote Mechanics Institute Hall, 121 High St, Heathcote. Commencing 7:00pm. For further information see their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Australian-Plants-Society-Heathcote-Inc->

[102380169043080/](https://www.facebook.com/102380169043080/)

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August 27 & 28 - APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo. Eltham Community & Reception Centre, 801 Main Rd, Eltham. 10am-4pm.

September 1 - Wimmera Biodiversity Seminar 2022 Pomonal. A one-day in person event (options are being explored regarding online seminar availability). The theme 'Image of Biodiversity will explore how imagery is used to monitor, engage and inspire people toward greater Biodiversity efforts. Follow on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/wimmerabiodiversityseminar>

September 11 – 16 - Australian Flora - Past Present Future, ANPSA Biennial Conference 2022 – Kiama, New South Wales. Further details of the Conference, pre- and post-Conference tours and the beautiful town of Kiama can be found from page 20 (includes speaker, tours & ticketing information with links) & on the APS (NSW) website: <https://austplants.com.au/ANPSA-Biennial-Conference-2022>

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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 Ph: 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. Phone: 0428 388 211

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September 24 & 25 - APS Bendigo Plant Sale (note change of date & venue. Victory Christian College, Kairn Road, Strathdale, Bendigo. 9:30am-4pm. \$5 entry, children free. Specialist native plant nurseries, books, garden accessories and more.

September 24 & 25 - APS Loddon Murray COM and Quarterly Gathering in Swan Hill. AGM 6pm, Saturday September 24, at the Swan Hill Club, 5/17 McCallum St, Swan Hill.

September 26 to 30, 2022 - 7th 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. Further details can be found at: 7gbgc.org

October 1 & 2 - APS Grampians Group Pomonal Native Flower Show. Pomonal Hall, Ararat-Halls Gap Rd, Pomonal. 9:30am-5pm on Saturday. 9am-4pm on Sunday.

October 8 - APS Echuca Moama Native Flower Showcase. Echuca Masonic Lodge Hall, 42 High St Echuca.

October 22 & 23 - APS Ballarat Spring Flower Show. Plant sales, etc. Robert Clark Centre, Ballarat Botanic Gardens, Gilles St, Ballarat. 10am-4pm.

October 22 & 23 - Cranbourne Friends RBGV Spring Plant Sale. 10am-4pm. Wide range of plants, plant list available one week before sale. Free Entry.

Fabulous Peas 2022

FJC Rogers Biennial Seminar



15th - 16th 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 8th – 16th October at Karwarra Australian Botanic Garden. Plant sales.

Registrations now open:

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

fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com

Nurseries further afield...

Ellendale Indigenous Nursery:

Located in the Edendale Community Environment Farm at 30 Gastons Rd, Eltham VIC 3095. Open 10am to 4.30pm weekdays and weekends. Phone: 9433 3703

Email: Nursery.edendale@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Website: <https://www.edendale.vic.gov.au/Nursery>

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Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary & Indigenous Nursery:

Located on the La Trobe University, Melbourne (Bundoora) campus. Access is via La Trobe Ave (near the roundabout on Main Drive). Open: Sunday to Friday, 10am-3pm (some public holidays may affect opening hours). Ph: (03) 9479 1206

Email: wildlife@latrobe.edu.au

Website: <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/wildlife/indigenous-plant-nursery>

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Euroa Arboretum:

Located at 76 Euroa Main Road. Their retail nursery Opens Monday & Thursday 12-5pm. April to October each year. (Note that the nursery closes November to March.) A plant catalogue & further information is available on line at: <http://euroaarboretum.com.au/plant-order-form/> & <http://euroaarboretum.com.au/plant-nursery/>

Goldfields Revegetation:

Located at 230 Tannery Lane, Mandurang Vic 3551. Open 7 Days a Week 9am to 5pm. Ph: (03) 5439 5384 Email: info@goldfieldsrevegetation.com.au Website: <http://www.goldfieldsrevegetation.com.au/index.asp>

Diary Dates & Other Events continued...

APS Maroondah Gardens in Open Gardens Victoria: September 3rd & 4th 2022

Two gardens belonging to APS Maroondah members are going to open in Open Gardens Victoria this spring.

Bev and John Hanson have had their magnificent Warrandyte garden open many times in the Open Garden Scheme, but this will be the first time for Sue Guymer and Bill Aitchison's Donvale garden.

You can book online through the OGV website, or walk up on the day. We hope to see you at one or both of these gardens. Mullum Waters:

https://opengardensvictoria.org.au/Mullum_Waters_Sept2021

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=905101&>



Mullum Waters Open Garden

Donvale

Sat 3 - Sun 4 September, 2022

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/BZMXP>

opengardensvictoria.org.au

https://opengardensvictoria.org.au/The_Hanson_garden

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=905098&>



The Hanson garden Open Garden

Warrandyte

Sat 3 - Sun 4 September, 2022

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/BZMXM>

opengardensvictoria.org.au

Diary Dates & Other Events continued...

The Australian Flora Conference 2022 - Past, Present & Future

10 to 16 September 2022, The Pavilion, Kiama, NSW

Inspiring speakers bringing to life the theme of Australian flora - past present future

See here (<https://www.austplants.com.au/Conference-program-and-speakers>) for information on speakers and program.



Not able to attend the whole week? No worries! You can either book for the whole conference or individual days.

The conference program has speakers scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Wednesday and Friday are field trips to the surrounding areas and Sydney. The field trips are included for those who book a ticket for the whole week. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea included.

To join us, book a ticket for the whole week, or select individual days.

More information here (<https://www.austplants.com.au/ANPSA-Biennial-Conference-2022>).

To register for the conference, click here (<https://events.humanitix.com/2022kiama>).

Tours - now open to all members and friends

People are telling us they'd love to do a tour, but can't make the conference. So we are opening the tours to all members! Tours with places available are shown at right. Join with passionate like-minded people to explore the beautiful regions of NSW. Prices from \$1650 to \$1980 depending on duration. All inclusive meals, travel, accommodation and guides.

See here for more information or to register

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

Blue Mountains, 5 days, pre-conference



South Coast, 5 days, pre-conference



Sydney, 5 days, post-conference



Pilliga and Warrumbungles, 6 days, pre- and post-





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2022/23 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** ☐

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

(Please tick whichever applies)

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

☐ 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.

Signed:	Date: / /
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Neutrog Newsletter APS Vic and Neutrog (www.neutrog.com.au/) have an agreement regarding Bush Tucker; Neutrog's fertiliser developed to meet the needs of all Australian native plants. Neutrog produces a monthly email of interest to gardeners. You will be signed up to receive the email (you can unsubscribe at any time). Or tick: ☐ Please don't send my email details to Neutrog.

Payment by: Tick which applies: ☐ Bank Transfer to BSB 633-000 Account No. 159982271 (Bendigo Bank)
Please include your surname and post code as reference/transaction details. Please email a copy of your completed form to mitchell@apsvic.org.au

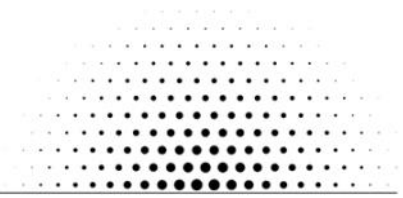
☐ Cheque made payable to: APS MITCHELL INC. Posted with your form to: APS Mitchell Treasurer, P O Box 541, Kilmore Vic 3764

☐ Pay via cash or cheque at an APS Mitchell monthly meeting (usually 3rd Monday of the month 7:30pm John Taylor Room, Kilmore Library, Sydney St Kilmore)

Enquires: Christine Cram Ph: 0458 238 270 or email: mitchell@apsvic.org.au

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.

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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.

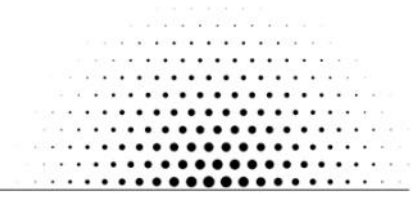
Chairs with soft covers will, where possible, not be used as these are difficult to wipe down.

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

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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
- ☐ 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

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- ☐ 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:

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