

# NEWSLETTER



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### September news...!

Hello & welcome to our September issue.

Alas, this month our planning for this year's Spring Plant Expo & Sale, has been thrown into disarray, with news in recent days, of a mix up with dates for our hall booking. The executive committee are currently scrambling to find a suitable alternate venue, available locally, for Saturday October 15th. We will send out advice and confirmation of a new venue as soon as one is found and details come to hand.

Secondly, apologies for such short notice of a Gardens for Wildlife program visit to Wattle Gum Forest Farm's Garden. We hope you can join us. Please [see page 3](#) for further details. We also return to evening meetings this month and details can be found at right and on [page 2](#).

Providing we find an alternate venue to host our Spring Expo, we will be needing to call on as many members as possible to help out on set up day (Friday October 14th) and Expo Day. Assistance will be needed in supplying flower specimens for display, with set up, and on Expo Day, also with pack up. If you can help out



View from Mt Piper

Photo: © Paul Piko

please contact Ian on 0438 270 248 or email: [mitchell@apsvic.org.au](mailto:mitchell@apsvic.org.au)

Thank you to [everyone who contributes to our newsletter](#) & supports APS Mitchell. Participation from 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 October 10th. Contributions big & small are deeply appreciated & always needed. If you can help out with items of interest please send them in by Monday October 3rd. Email to: [wattlegum@southernphone.com.au](mailto:wattlegum@southernphone.com.au)

Enjoy spring, and I'll look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming activities. Cheers until next time, Jeanine

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### Flowering at Mount Disappointment...

Photographed & shared by Danielle Hickford, are these two wildflowers flowering now at Mount disappointment:



*Calochilus robertsonii*



*Drosera sp.*

### Mitchell Diary Dates..

- While Covid-19 remains prevalent, events may be effected at short notice.

Meetings will be held under the requirements of our [Covid Safe facility Plan](#); Please [read the plan \(back pages\) prior to attending](#)

- **Sunday September 18th, 2:00pm**  
**Gardens for Wildlife Visit to Wattle Gum Forest Farm Garden at Pyalong.**  
**Afternoon Tea provided. See page 3 for more details.**  
**RSVP to Gerry on 0403 983 330 or email: [g4w@apsmitchell.org.au](mailto:g4w@apsmitchell.org.au)**

- **Monday September 19th 7:00pm**  
**Evening meeting - Guest Speaker: Vanessa Malandrin**  
**Topic: Plants, a new point of view**

- **APS Mitchell Spring Expo & Plant Sale: Saturday October 15th, 2022. 9am-3pm. Venue to be advised. Further details see page 11.**



## Gardens for Wildlife news...

By Gerry Ho

This month, we look at an iconic species that needs no introduction — *Grevillea*.

With around 350 species in the genus, *Grevillea* is highly endemic to Australia, with a few species occurring in New Caledonia, New Guinea and Sulawesi. The vast majority of *Grevillea* are small and medium shrubs (and some have prostrate forms), and a few grow to trees: the widely cultivated Silky Oak, *G. robusta* from southern Queensland and northern NSW will be familiar to many readers.



The inflorescence of *Grevillea* is variable, but comes in two main configurations: a rounded arrangement commonly called the “spider” form, and a cylindrical arrangement with flowers oriented on one side of the branchlet, known as the “toothbrush” form. Besides adding colour, *Grevillea* species and cultivars are great for attracting nectar-feeding birds such as honeyeaters.

Given the number of species in the genus (*Grevillea* is the third most populous genus in Australia), there are not many indigenous options for those of us with gardens on the basalt plain,

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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



## September Meeting— Monday 19th 7:30pm

For our September meeting we return to our usual Monday evening in the John Taylor Room, where we have the pleasure of Vanessa Malandrin joining us to present an abridged version of her talk: Plants, a new point of view. A love of plants led Vanessa to studying Ag Science, completing a Masters Degree, then working ten years as an academic at the University of Pisa, Tuscany. Since 2016 she has been living between Strathbogie and Mitchell Shire, and currently works for Landcare.

A love of storytelling-science, has lately led Vanessa to develop a talk based on the most recent research findings on plants' intelligence, and to share her awe for plants with the public. The presentation starts with a historical perspective on human understanding of plants' intelligence dating back to the Greek philosophers. We will find out what discoveries, and experiments, are challenging our idea of plants as mere immobile living beings. Be prepared to stretch your imagination, and try to imagine what does it mean to feel like a plant. Do come along for a most intriguing evening.



Photo: Vanessa  
Malandrin

Flower Specimen time (feel free to bring specimens) and our door prize plant raffle will follow the main presentation. The evening concluding with chat time and supper including tea, coffee, and home baked goodies. Remember: visitors, guests and friends are very welcome at APS Mitchell meetings. The meeting will be held under the guidelines of our [Covid safe facility plan](#). Please read the plan (click link or see back pages) prior to attending.

## Memberships...

9 more members have recently paid their 2022-23 membership fees, bringing our paid up membership numbers to 34 people. Welcome back and many 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](mailto: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 - Grevillea continued...

By Gerry Ho

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besides *G. rosmarinifolia* (Rosemary Grevillea). Peter Olde and Neil Marriott in *The Grevillea Book* (Volume 1; 1995, Timber Press) explain that grevilleas are adapted to leached soils that are low in nutrients — particularly phosphorus — and few have adapted to the higher phosphorus content in basaltic soils. Grevilleas generally need well-drained soils and a sunny spot.

What can one do with heavy soil?

Brian and Lorraine Weir have successfully cultivated grevilleas in their garden in Wallan; those fortunate to visit the Weirs' garden last month will no doubt attest to their dexterity with the genus. I ask Brian the secret to his success, and he explains that he grafts a desirable scion onto Silky Oak stock — Silky Oak being another basalt-tolerant grevillea.

There is another less technical, but lengthy method: improve the soil by layering with organic matter (such as mulch) and wait for them to work their magic. Some species and cultivars may be more tolerant, for example, *Grevillea* 'Canterbury Gold', *Grevillea* 'Moonlight', *G. barklyana*, *G. juniperina* and *G. lanigera* have been advertised to do well on clay soil.

If *Grevillea* gives you grief, join us for another garden visit to Jeanine and Mike's garden 18th September where you can pick up some tips, or post your questions or comments on G4W Mitchell Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/g4wmitchell/>).

Lastly, and very importantly, a special note of thanks to Brian Weir for his much appreciated and generously shared advice.



The water-loving River Red Gums (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) behind *Grevillea rosmarinifolia* belie the seasonally moist soil of this habitat in Wollert.  
Photo: Gerry Ho



*G. rosmarinifolia* bears flowers of the "spider" form.  
Photo: Gerry Ho

### Mitchell Gardens for Wildlife Diary Dates..

#### **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER** **18th, 2:00pm:**

**Gardens for Wildlife Visit to Wattle Gum Forest Farm Garden at Pyalong:**

**2320 Seymour Pyalong Road, Pyalong Vic 3521.**

**Afternoon Tea provided. RSVP requested by 17.09.22 for catering purposes.**

**Sturdy, enclosed, footwear and clothing to suit the weather conditions of the day recommended.**

**RSVP to Gerry:**

**Email:**  
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**Ph: 0403 983 330**

#### **SATURDAY OCTOBER** **1st, 9:30am – 12:30pm:**

**Gardens for Wildlife Reserve visit to:**

**Wallan Wallan Bushland Reserve, Darraweit Road, 3.5 km west of Old Sydney Road intersection, Wallan.**

**RSVP to Gerry:**

**Email:**  
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## August Garden Visit to Brian & Lorraine Weir's...

By Jeanine Petts

We arrived on a cold, yet dry, late winter's afternoon, and were warmly welcomed by Brian & Lorraine, who had set up tables and chairs ready for guests to arrive. Norbert was among those who had preceded us, and other guests quickly followed suit. It was a great pleasure to see 16 APS Mitchell members come out to enjoy a visit to Brian & Lorraine's garden.



Weir garden, view from road.



Weir garden, view back along driveway, verandah side.

Thanks to Christine, Dawn, Janis, Lorraine and yours truly, a delectable afternoon tea spread including 3 varieties of cake, biscuits, cheeses and crackers was laid out, ready to partake with tea coffee etc. following our tour of the garden. With everyone assembled, Brian led the way, starting with exploring either side of the drive way.



Potted *Grevillea* 'Pick 'O' the Crop'

Among the first things to catch my eye was a beautiful potted specimen of *Grevillea* 'Pick 'O' the Crop' on the verandah, along with bird baths, garden art and *Grevillea acerata* that was covered in buds with a good number of open flowers.

Brian drew our attention to *Grevillea plurijuga* fine leaf form, advising that *G. plurijuga* has a number of differing leaf forms, and has rust coloured new growth, which, is also a pretty feature.

Moving further, other species noted in flower along the driveway were:

*Grevillea* New Blood, a cultivar hybrid of *G. juniperina* 'Molonglo' x *G. rhyolitica*. This specimen exceeds the advised usual size of 0.25m to 1.5m wide, as it has reached a spread of more than 2m, and is still going.

A young specimen of *Micromyrtus ciliata* Fringed Heath Myrtle was covered in newly opening buds.

*Grevillea* 'Winter Delight' was sporting a mass of flowers. Brian advised it puts a lot of energy into flowering.

*Grevillea rosmarinifolia lutea*

*Grevillea dimorpha* fine leaf form (another *Grevillea* with



*Grevillea acerata*



Owl garden art



*Grevillea plurijuga* fine leaf form



Photos: J Petts  
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multiple leaf forms).

*Grevillea nivea* 'Scarlet King' that is a striking 17 plus year-old specimen, which, has the look of a twisted, ancient bonsai tree. It has been kept and nurtured, as it provides protection for some of Lorraine's *Correa* that are planted underneath.

Beside the verandah was *Grevillea pimeleoides*, which, has softly hairy, ovate leaves and bright yellow and red attractive flowers.

Lorraine also has an impressive potted colony of *Pterostylis curta* Blunt Greenhood situated on the verandah.

A very fine standard *Grevillea* 'Katydid', is in the front garden, which, Brian pointed out, is actually red flowered, not orange flowered as was pictured in last month's newsletter. The visible flowers on the plant were immature, and shadowed under overhanging branches. Unfortunately, although I tried, I did not manage to take a good focused image.

Leading us further into the front garden, Brian showed us one of his favourite forms of *Grevillea alpina*; the Mt Ida form, which, has vibrant colour and was covered in blooms.

Pointed out next was *Grevillea rudis*, the flowers of which, are usually white, but had recently been frost



*Grevillea* New Blood



*Micromyrtus ciliata*



*Grevillea* Winter Delight



*Grevillea rosmarinifolia lutea*



*Grevillea dimorpha*



*Grevillea nivea* 'Scarlet King'

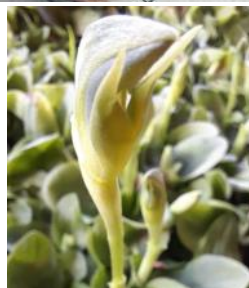


*Grevillea* 'Katydid'



*Grevillea pimeleoides*

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*Pterostylis curta*

Photos: J Petts



## Weir garden continued...

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bitten, changing their colour a little. Brian jokingly commented that he loves the wild look (of the plant), as it's a bit like his hair used to be.

A beautiful grafted specimen of *Correa* 'Big Bob' was showing off it's flowers as we passed to continue along the down the side of the house.

There, ant and echidna garden art was nestled among *Correa*.

Next, Brian called our attention to a grafted standard of *Eremophila georgei*, that has large, showy flowers.

*Grevillea callichlaena* was nearby with eye-catching flower buds. (Brian has since supplied a photo of the flowers development as at 11.09.22.)

Moving around to the back of the house a standard of *Grevillea depauperata* was putting on a marvellous cascade of red flowers.

On into the back garden where every bit of space is given over to garden. Any direction one looks there is something to see.

There were plants in flower, vistas, interesting shape and foliage contrast, abundant and well placed bird baths (some hand made by Brian from plough discs), water features, and garden art dotted here and there. A small selection of species we passed were:

*Grevillea monticola*



*Grevillea alpina* Mt Ida form



*Grevillea rudis* standard



*Grevillea* Winter Delight



*Grevillea rosmarinifolia* lutea



*Grevillea dimorpha*



*Eremophila georgei* standard



*Grevillea depauperata*



*Grevillea callichlaena* bud  
22.0822 Photos: J Petts  
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*Grevillea callichlaena* 11.09.22  
Photo: Brian Weir



*Grevillea monticola*

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## Weir garden continued...

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*Grevillea polybractea*

*Grevillea insignis*

*Grevillea*

*semperflorens*

*Banksia integrifolia*

*Grevillea subtiliflora*

*Correa baeuerlenii*

*Grevillea simplex*

*Corymbia ficifolia*

*Scleranthus biflorus*

*Grevillea* 'Carpet Queen'

*Grevillea synapheae* ssp.  
*pachyphylla*

*Banksia spinulosa* 'Costal Cushions' is the larger of the two cultivars.

*Banksia spinulosa* 'Birthday Candles'

Whilst we all enjoyed a chat and afternoon tea, Honeyeaters were feeding from a nearby nectar feeding station. A feed solution is made and put out by Brian and Lorraine, at times when not a lot of natural feed is available. The garden was alive with birds, being a haven for, and attracting many species.

Norbert made a brief speech of thanks to Brian & Lorraine for hosting our visit and presenting them with a gift of a pair of secateurs. Norbert expressed that theirs is an inspirational



Brian's Aussie map birdbath

*Grevillea polybractea*



Brian's Platypus birdbath



*Grevillea insignis*



Spot the toadstools



*Grevillea semperflorens*



*Banksia integrifolia*



*Grevillea subtiliflora*



*Correa baeuerlenii*



*Grevillea simplex*

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Photos: J Petts



## Weir garden continued...

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garden and a garden of perfection. Brian responded saying we were all welcome to come back in a month when everything would be flowering.

In closing, I also extend my thanks and deep appreciation to Brian and Lorraine for their generosity, time, effort and advice. We are exceptionally fortunate to have such fine, nurturing, supportive and incredibly knowledgeable people as group members.



Fishpond water feature



*Corymbia ficifolia*



"Mineral Springs" garden art with *Scleranthus biflorus*



Garden view, back gardens



Garden view, alongside driveway.



Garden view, back gardens, *Banksia* 'Coastal Cushion' at left foreground.



Little Wattlebird feeding.



Garden art creatively made from an old meat grinder, tools & chain.



Garden view, back gardens, *Banksia* 'Birthday Candles' at foreground.

Photos in this article by: J Petts unless otherwise credited.



## *Native plants as local environmental weeds...*

*By Norbert Ryan*

In April 2018 the Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research released an important document: "Advisory list of environmental weeds in Victoria". This has been updated in 2022 to a more user-friendly, Excel format with alphabetical listing rather than grouping by risk category. Problem species are rated on "risk ranking scores" and this can be used to set priority action in weed control programs for municipalities, government agencies and contractors. The risk ratings range from: very high (33.3-31.3), high (31.2-22.2), moderately high (22.1- 13.2), medium (13.1-11.1) to lower (0). Plants ranked with a very high score typically have extensive potential for further spread.

On my Kilmore property I have recognised an urgent problem with uncontrolled spread of some native plants. These are species which have been introduced to this area, an ecosystem quite different from their typical natural environment. During the 1980's *Melaleuca armillaris* became popular as a dense windbreak tree and was used extensively in farmland and along highways. *M. armillaris* or Bracelet Honey Myrtle, is largely native to the Sydney Basin bioregion where it occurs in tall shrub-land to 5m height on ridgetops or shallow rocky volcanic soils. It initially grows as a shrub; growth can be rapid, reaching 96 cm per year. The bark and trunk hardens as it reaches full height. It is estimated that ten years of fire-free growth is required to establish a seedbank. Seeds are retained in woody capsules until the death of branchlets. This explains why a nearby wind-break seemed to remain largely neat and compact for many years. Very recently, widespread seedling growth and spread has occurred; this followed substantial destruction of the original trees in the Mickleham-Kilmore fire in 2014. Anecdotal evidence from the 2014 fires is that these trees virtually explode, they are highly combustible with a high oil content. The large size of adult trees adds to the difficulty in removal and replacement of this species.

*M. decussata* or "Totem Poles", is a smaller, pink-flowered, attractive shrub that has proved to have similar weed potential. I had admired the ground hugging, hemispherical shape of trees in plantations in the Shepparton area. They appeared to be a useful candidate as a low-growing species, eminently suitable for a wind break of graded height. The added attraction being that they looked to be a perfect host for small birds. Once again, following favourable conditions and with aging of plants, there has been a proliferation of seedlings to produce a veritable forest of small shrubs. A perfect environment for pest animals and a major disposal problem to eliminate this species from the area. The natural environment for this species is in heath and swamplands in the coastal regions of SA.

The third species is a popular garden species, native to WA. Again its inclusion in a windbreak proved to be unwise. Mature *Hakea laurina* specimens reach a height of 4 m and become vulnerable to wind damage. They are now recognised to be particularly virulent in sandy soils and germination is increased after fire. Our experience has been that large bushes have colonized the roadside reserve, potentially overshadowing and competing with the remnant native flora.

When we consult the "risk rating scores" for these three species, they are all recorded



*Melaleuca armillaris* shrubs on roadside



*Melaleuca armillaris* plants have also established to opposite side of road.



Fallen branches of *Melaleuca armillaris* showing open dry seed cases.

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## *Native plants as local environmental weeds continued...*

*By Norbert Ryan*

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as moderate to high (ranking of 21.2). To date, *H. laurina* has shown to be less prolific than these two *Melaleuca* species. The additional hazard associated with this unwanted proliferation, is the greatly increased fire danger posed by dense foliage containing volatile oils. Sadly there are other, often attractive *Melaleuca* species also identified as environmental weeds in Victoria: *M. densa*, *M. diosmifolia*, *M. hypericifolia*, *M. incana* var *incana*, *M. linariifolia* and *M. viminea* ssp. *viminea* all score with "very high" potential for spread. *M. nesophila* rates as "moderately high", *M. parvistaminea* has "medium" risk while *M. styphylioides* and *M. wilsonii* are categorized as of "lower" risk. It is perhaps noteworthy that those falling in a "very high" risk category, are native to WA or the coast of NSW and QLD.

These three species described have been banned from coastal areas of Victoria such as the Surf Coast and Anglesea and from some catchment areas. It seems that the high rainfall of the Kilmore area (583mm/annum), renders this area vulnerable too. Elimination will prove a difficult and time consuming process. Devices for pulling woody weeds can be used during wet conditions for pulling out smaller shrubs. For larger specimens, the best approach may prove to be cutting and almost immediately brushing on concentrated Roundup to the cut stem. One of the lessons from this experience is that use of locally indigenous species is to be preferred and care should be taken with growing any garden species, especially *Melaleuca* species, with their natural propensity to survive and spread in comparatively wet environments. Attention should be paid to the "risk rating scores" for plantings abutting bushland or roadside reserves, where potential to spread to the local environment exists.

### References:

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The task begins, *Melaleuca armillaris* shrubs extracted with a woody-weed puller.



A thicket of semi-mature *Melaleuca decussata*.



*Hakea laurina* in flower on roadside reserve.



*Hakea laurina* on roadside.



*Spring Expo & Plant Sale (Venue to be advised)...*



**APS Mitchell**  
**Annual Spring**  
**Plant Expo & Sale**  
**October 15th, 2022**  
**9 am - 3 pm**  
**Venue to be advised.**

**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**

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

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## 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...

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Paul Piko  
Norbert Ryan,  
Brian & Lorraine Weir,

### 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-](https://www.facebook.com/Australian-Plants-Society-Heathcote-Inc-102380169043080/)

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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 - 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.

Further details can be found at: [7gbgc.org](http://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.

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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



## Diary Dates & Other Events continued...

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**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

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 Karwarra Australian Botanic Garden. Plant sales.

Registrations now open:

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

[fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com](mailto:fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com)

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

## 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](mailto:Nursery.edendale@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)  
Website: <https://www.edendale.vic.gov.au/Nursery>

**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](mailto:wildlife@latrobe.edu.au)  
Website: <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/wildlife/indigenous-plant-nursery>

**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](mailto:info@goldfieldsrevegetation.com.au) Website: <http://www.goldfieldsrevegetation.com.au/index.asp>



## *Diary Dates & Other Events continued...*

The [Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne](#) are holding their 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial the Art of Botanical Illustration exhibition between 17 September and 2 October 2022.

The exhibition attracts exquisite artworks from experienced local and international botanical artists, who capture the beauty of nature in minute detail, including rare and endangered species and plants vulnerable to climate change.

The artworks will be on display at Domain House, Dallas Brooks Drive Melbourne, and also on line as a virtual exhibition at [The Art of Botanical Illustration](#).

All artworks on display are for sale and profits are used to support the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne and the National Herbarium of Victoria.

In addition, the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria are hosting the [7<sup>th</sup> Global Botanic Gardens Congress](#) late September and we are delighted offer, as part of our virtual exhibition, a unique exhibition of artworks from a number of European botanical artists affiliated with the Congress. Artworks in this exhibition are for your enjoyments but not for sale.

See The Art Of Botanical Illustration at:

**Where:** Domain House Gallery,  
Dallas Brooks Drive, Melbourne

**When :** 17 September - 2  
October, 2022

**Open :** 10.00 am- 4.00pm daily

**Entry :** Gold coin donation

Or online : [The Art of Botanical Illustration](#)

We hope you enjoy The Art of Botanical Illustration Exhibition.

**Sue Foran**

**Botanic Art Convener**

Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne, Inc.  
Observatory Gate Lodge, [100 Birdwood Avenue](#),

[MELBOURNE, VIC 3004](#)

# THE ART OF BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATION

## 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial Exhibition

**17 September – 2 October 2022**

**Domain House**

South Yarra

**10.00 am -  
4.00 pm daily**

**And online**



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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** ☐

<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)

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

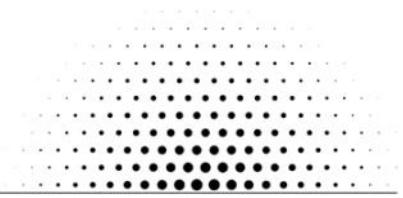
☐ Pay via cash or cheque at an APS Mitchell monthly meeting (usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month 7:30pm John Taylor Room, Kilmore Library, Sydney St Kilmore)

**Enquires: Christine Cram Ph: 0458 238 270 or email: [mitchell@apsvic.org.au](mailto: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.

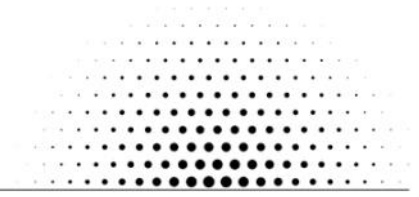
Council clean as per schedule arranged with the Contracts Management Coordinator at Mitchell Shire Council. This has been communicated to each building manager.

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## *Covid Safe Meeting Plan...*

### **MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL.** *COVID-19 Community Facility Safe Plan*



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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](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

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## *Covid Safe Meeting Plan...*

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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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