

NEWSLETTER



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July news...!

Hello & welcome to our July 2023 edition. Yippee! We are past the shortest day. While the coldest days may be with us over coming weeks, daylight hours are lengthening & *Acacia pycnantha* is budding up promising blooms not too far away.

Important to note this month, is that there will be no Monday evening meeting held in July. Instead, Russell & Beryl Wait are generously opening their garden in Romsey to APS Mitchell members & friends, for a visit on Sunday July 16th. Details can be found on page 2. Afternoon tea will be provided, so please be sure to RSVP to Norbert.

Christine would like to remind members that when renewing membership via the online system (see pages 2 & 14 for instructions), payments should be made directly to APS Vic, and not into APS Mitchell's Bendigo Bank account, as some of our members have already done. Should those members wish to try renewing and paying again via the online system, Christine will organise to refund the

monies previously paid to APS Mitchell, upon her return in early September. Please contact Christine and advise your banking details for this to occur (contact details can be found on page 2).

Mitchell Shire Council is currently reviewing the Management Plan for Monument Hill Reserve in Kilmore & running a survey. To participate & find out more please click on the following link: https://engagingmitchellshire.com/monument-hill-reserve-management-plan?tool=survey_tool#tool_tab

Our next newsletter will be due for issue on or within a few days of Monday August 14th. Contributions big & small are hugely appreciated & always needed. If you can help out with items of interest please send them in by Monday August 7th. Email to: jin.wgff@gmail.com

Happy gardening, keep warm & cheers until next time,

Jeanine

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Can you help? Assistance with Gardens for Wildlife needed..

Can you help please?

We are currently looking for volunteer/s to assist with the Gardens for Wildlife program. If you have an interest in gardening for wildlife, and a bit of time available, we'd love to hear from you.

For more information please contact Ian Julian: Ph:0438 270 248 or email: aps.mitchell@gmail.com

Hakea decurrens
Bushy Needlewood
Photo: J Petts



Mitchell Diary Dates ..

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

We also ask members and guests to follow important COVIDSafe rules:

Please Do not attend meetings if: You are unwell, especially with cold/flu symptoms or have been in contact with someone where there is a risk you may have been exposed to COVID-19 in the last 7 days.

• **PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO EVENING MEETING DURING JULY**

• **JULY MEETING—GARDEN VISIT SUNDAY JULY 16th Commencing 2pm—To the garden of Russell & Beryl Wait in Romsey. Afternoon tea provided. Details page 2.**

• **SAVE THE DATE: APS MITCHELL SPRING PLANT EXPO & SALE—SATURDAY OCTOBER 14th 9am –3pm**



The Gardens for Wildlife Program in Mitchell Shire is facilitated by APS Mitchell & supported by Mitchell Shire Council, SW Goulburn Landcare & Euroa Arboretum.

'Gardens for Wildlife' aims to provide support, encouragement and advice to people to help make their gardens friendly places for wildlife to visit and live.

Even one wildlife-friendly garden can make a difference, but many gardens together can provide greater biodiversity along with areas of protection, habitat, and linkages across landscapes for wildlife to live and move safely.

For further information visit

<http://www.apsmitchell.org.au/gardens-for-wildlife/>

Email: g4w@apsmitchell.org.au

Follow on Facebook at [Gardens for Wildlife - Mitchell](#)



MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE
3rd MONDAY OF THE MONTH
(February to November)
unless otherwise advised
at the

John Taylor Room, Kilmore
Library, Sydney Street,
Kilmore Vic 3764

Doors open 7:00pm with main
presentation from 7:30 pm

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



July Meeting: A garden visit Sunday 16th 2:00pm

For our July APS Mitchell gathering, we will be forgoing an evening meeting in favour of a daytime visit to the garden of Russell and Beryl Wait in Romsey.

Russell holds the Botanical Collection of Eremophila for Plant Trust in the garden and will have plants available for sale on the day.

Where: 11 Tranter Close, Riddells Creek

When: Commencing from 2pm

Afternoon tea provided.

Being a garden visit, please wear clothing and footwear suitable for spending time outdoors and the weather of the day.

RSVP to Norbert Ryan: Ph: 0428 180 651 Email: njr3089@gmail.com



Eremophila Pink Pantha
Photo: Russell Wait

Memberships...

Renewal time is here, and current memberships expired on June 30th. 2023/2024 renewals are via the APS Victoria online system this year with payment made direct to APS Victoria. Access the system at: <https://apsvic.org.au/membership>. Login on the [APS Vic website](#) using your email & membership number. **Your membership number is printed on the front of your *Growing Australian* magazine envelopes.**

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, etc. can also be found at our website:

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

June Meeting Report - Local understorey species for garden cultivation...

By Jeanine Petts

The evening of June 19th saw a fair number of members brave a cold winter's evening and come along to our meeting. With a few key members away and some others running late, we were without plants for sale on the evening, yet ended up with a warm John Taylor Room, supper ready to enjoy, and managed to commence the meeting in good time.

As Norbert was the guest speaker, usual introductions were forgone and he thanked everyone for coming out on "a very cold night". Then went on to explain the species he intended to focus his talk on would be plants suitable for small gardens. In the early days of APS Mitchell's Gardens for Wildlife program, membership packages were sold at the Wallan Market. This was done in a bit of an ad-hoc manner. Initially, introductory pack plants were supplied by Euroa Arboretum, then later, plants were sourced from David Laurie (Valley of 1000 Hills Nursery). At times, some of the plants for selection were not always suitable for small gardens, and the G4W program seemed to mostly attract owners of large gardens. Throughout, Norbert has aimed to attract Wallan gardeners to the program, bearing in mind that projections for Wallan population numbers by 2030 are estimated to be 35,000. Further, with many new housing blocks in the range of 450 square metres that are only enough for a small front garden, and maybe a small patch of rear garden, there is a real need to disseminate information on small locally endemic species.

In preparing for this talk, Norbert had ended up selecting species that die down over winter, so needing further inspiration, he contacted Barbara Mau for suggestions and advice, as she has a fascinating garden, which, has been developed on land that was once an old quarry site in the Mill Road area of Kilmore. Barbara completed her Masters Degree in Fine Art based on reinterpreting the colonial artist John Glover's 1830's garden in Tasmania, for which, she designed and created a cottage garden using lay out inspiration from Glover's Garden, combined with plantings almost entirely of local native plants.

Moving on to discuss particular species, Norbert began to take us through photos provided by Barbara Mau that were taken in her garden, firstly, focusing on flowers:

Daisy species feature in the garden and are species that benefit from a "haircut" each year. The secret to success is in multiple planting, and the plants find their own environment.

Barbara has planted both the *Brachyscome multifida* Cut-leaf Daisy white form, and more commonly known colour forms of mauve-purple-lilac. This species is a great in gardens and provides flowers and colour over long periods. In a following slide, Norbert pointed out the *Brachyscome* growing with Plume Grasses.

Continuing on, *Bulbine bulbosa* Bulbine Lily was front centre in the next image, and Norbert commented that if enough are planted they will create their own clumps. Seen behind the



Brachyscome multifida plantings mixed with other species. Photo: Barbara Mau



Brachyscome multifida in foreground & midground. Plume Grass & *Linum marginale* at rear. Photo: Barbara Mau



Bulbine bulbosa in foreground with *Chrysocephalum semipapposum* at rear. Photo: Barbara Mau

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Bulbine Lily was *Chrysocephalum semipapposum* Clustered Everlasting, which, will hang on to its previous season's growth for another year or two, so it is a good idea to cut plants back each year to encourage new growth. The species will spread if conditions are good.



Chrysocephalum semipapposum growing with *Chrysocephalum apiculatum*
Photo: B. Mau



Calocephalus citreus Photo: B. Mau

Calocephalus citreus Lemon Beauty-heads is growing well on rich basalt loam in Barbara's Garden.

Chrysocephalum apiculatum Common Everlasting was shown growing with *Chrysocephalum semipapposum*. *C. apiculatum* is a highly variable species, with 29 listed subspecies, 9 of which, are found in Victoria. It grows to 0.60m high and has cottony stems, branches and leaves, with golden yellow clusters of flowers that occur during spring and summer.



Coronidium scorpioides Photo: B. Mau



Dianella amoena Photo: B. Mau

Coronidium scorpioides Button Everlasting grows 5-50cm high producing pale-lemon yellow flowers from spring into summer.

Dianella amoena Matted Flax-lily is a rare endangered local species that has been planted in the garden. Additionally there is a surviving remnant patch, which, grows under pine trees and continues hanging on in the dry conditions.



Goodenia pinnatifida Photo: B. Mau



Goodenia gracilis Photo: B. Mau

Goodenia gracilis Slender Goodenia produces flowers in spring and summer on stems that may reach to 0.50m.

Goodenia pinnatifida Cut-leaf Goodenia flowers occur throughout spring into early summer on stems to 0.40m high.



Kennedia prostrata growing with *Chrysocephalum apiculatum* Photo: B. Mau



Leptorhynchus squamatus Photo: B. Mau

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Wallan. In the garden, Barbara has planted it with *Chrysocephalum* giving a mix of colours.

Leptorhynchos squamatus Scaly Buttons grows out on the Kilmore Lancefield Road.

Continuing on through the group of flower photos, Norbert commented that Barbara's Garden is spectacular in spring. Next images were:

Leptorhynchos tenuifolius Wiry Buttons benefits from planting in groups of 8-10. It grows 0.10-0.40m high, and flowers from mid-spring and well into autumn.

Leucochrysum albicans Hoary Sunray grows to 0.50m high producing an excellent display of papery flowers.

Linum marginale Native Flax with its blue flowers, is used to great effect in the garden, grown in drifts and with contrasting species such as *Pycnosorus globosus*.

Pycnosorus globosus Drumsticks produces large golden flowerheads over a long period from spring through summer.

Nicotiana suaveolens Austral Tobacco grows to 1.5m high, producing fragrant white flowers during spring and summer.

Pelargonium rodneyanum Magenta Stork's-bill produces bright pink flowers on stems reaching to 0.40m high, sometimes for long periods beginning in mid-spring into the end of autumn.

Pimelea humilis Common Rice-flower is a low shrub growing 5-30cm high and flowers in spring.

Podolepis jaceoides Showy Podolepis produces its showy, 2-5cm wide flowers on stems up to 50cm high from late winter until towards the end of



Leptorhynchos tenuifolius Photo: B. Mau



Leucochrysum albicans Photo: B. Mau



Linum marginale Photo: B. Mau



Pycnosorus globosus with *Linum marginale* Photo: B. Mau



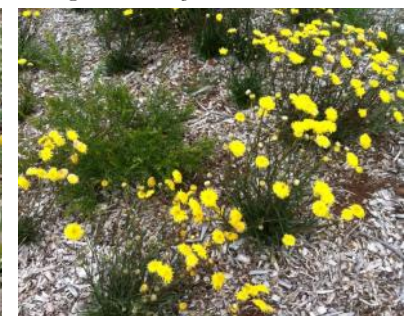
Nicotiana suaveolens Photo: B. Mau



Pelargonium rodneyanum Photo: B. Mau



Pimelea humilis Photo: B. Mau



Podolepis jaceoides Photo: B. Mau

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spring.

Pultenaea pedunculata Matted Bush-pea 'Pyalong Gold' form produces pure yellow flowers. *P. pedunculata* can be variable in flower colour, ranging from the typical egg and bacon shades through to creamy-pink forms.

Rhodanthe anthemoides Chamomile Sunray provides a show of colour for months. David Laurie grows and sells a local Mt Disappointment form.

Wahlenbergia communis Tufted Bluebell now bears the name of ***Wahlenbergia capillaris*** in Flora of Victoria. It does spread and gives a gorgeous show over summer with blue flowers that open with daylight and close at night.

Wahlenbergia stricta Tall Bluebell flowers on erect to sprawling stems growing 45-90cm high in mid-spring to early summer.

Viola hederacea is a very resilient ground cover.

Xerochrysum viscosum Sticky Everlasting tends to find its own home around a garden. It is very long flowering and benefits from being cut back each year.

Two grasses mentioned were:

Austrostipa elegantissima Feather Spear-grass is a very showy grass that produces silvery, hair-like heads. Not just ornamental, it provides food and habitat for small birds.

Dichelachne crinita Long-hair Plume-grass may grow around 1m high with flower heads that are open and feathery when mature.

Two of the local tree species used in the garden and underplanted with indigenous species are:

Banksia Marginata Silver Banksia underplanted with ***Rhodanthe***



Pultenaea pedunculata 'Pyalong Gold' in foreground with *Dichelachne crinita* in background. Photo: B. Mau



Rhodanthe anthemoides Photo: B. Mau



Wahlenbergia stricta Photo: B. Mau



Wahlenbergia communis Photo: B. Mau



Viola hederacea Photo: B. Mau



Xerochrysum viscosum Photo: B. Mau



Austrostipa elegantissima with *Chrysocephalum semipapposum* in foreground. Photo: B. Mau



Dichelachne crinita in mid-ground Photo: B. Mau

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anthemoides Chamomile Sunray

Eucalyptus pauciflora Snow Gums underplanted with a variety of species including *Brachyscome multifida* Cut-leaf Daisy.

Other combinations included *Pultenaea pedunculata* 'Pyalong Gold' with *Dichelachne crinita* Long-hair Plume-grass

Shrubs planted in the garden include:

Acacia acinacea Gold Dust Wattle that is loaded with massed flowers when in bloom.

Correa glabra Rock Correa planted as a hedge.

Correa reflexa var. *speciosa* Native Fuchsia forms a spreading shrub to 1m high.

Cryptandra amara Bitter Cryptandra is a subshrub that can be prostrate or may be more upright reaching 1m high. Pearly white flowers can appear from winter to spring, sometimes into early summer.

Dillwynia sericea Showy Parrot-pea bears masses of flowers along the top of its stems.

Grevillea alpina Mountain Grevillea about which, Mike Williams mentioned there is a very showy form to be found at the Highcamp Flora Reserve, alongside the Northern Highway.

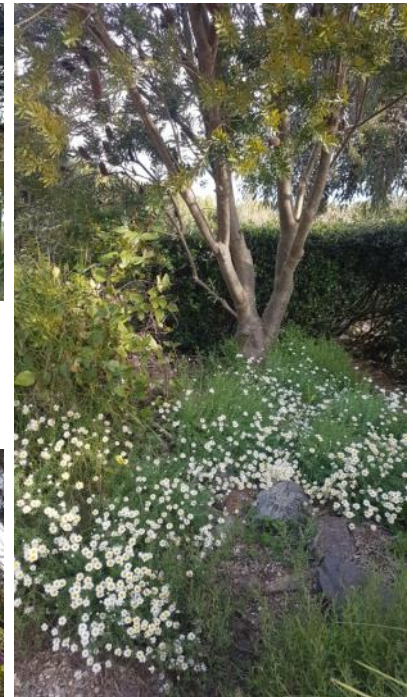
Indigofera australis Austral Indigo on which, Norbert commented that Barbara's planting looked like a very large specimen. It turns out that it is actually 8 plants together in a grouping.

Olearia ramulosa Twiggy Daisy-bush is variable in habit, growing from 0.03m to 2m high.

Ozothamnus obcordatus Grey Everlasting forms an erect to spreading



Above: *Banksia marginata*
Right: *B. marginata* underplanted with *Rhodanthe anthemoides*.
Photos: B. Mau



Above: *Eucalyptus pauciflora* underplanted with *Brachyscome multifida* Right: *Eucalyptus pauciflora* in flower.
Photos: B. Mau



Acacia acinacea Photo: B. Mau



Correa glabra Photo: B. Mau



Correa reflexa var. *speciosa*
Photo: B. Mau



Cryptandra amara Photo: B. Mau

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shrub that may reach around 1.5m high. Its flowers are produced late spring to early summer.

Senna artemisioides subsp. *filifolia* occurs mainly in the north-west of Victoria, but with outlying populations north west of Melbourne. Flowers are produced during winter & spring.

To round out the main presentation, some images of wildlife in the garden were among the final grouping shown. Water set up in gardens helps attract and provide for wildlife, with an Echidna being one of the regular visitors to a bowl set low down in Barbara's Garden. Grey Kangaroos abound, as do birds including Rosella, and a Grassland Copper Butterfly was photographed on *Pimelea*.

In closing there was some brief general discussion on where local species can be sourced, in addition to those previously mentioned (Valley of 1000 Hills Nursery (details page 12) & Euroa Arboretum (details page 13) there is also:

Denise's Tallarook Trees (mentioned by Janis) 22 Lodge Street, Tallarook. Email: tallarooktrees@yahoo.com.au Ph: 0422 625 973

Western Plains Flora at Wildwood (Contact Ian Taylor: 628 Wildwood Road Wildwood, Vic 3429 Ph 03 9740 3179).

Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary & Nursery at Latrobe University Bundoora (see details on page 13)

A & B Trees in Heathcote (Contact Liz Spillane, Email: abtrees3@tpg.com.au Ph: (03) 5433 2236).

Goldfields Revegetation in Tannery Lane Mandurang (Contact Ashely or Karin. See details on page 13).

Next, we moved right on to the



Dillwynia sericea Photo: B. Mau



Grevillea alpina Photo: B. Mau



Indigofera australis Photo: B. Mau



Olearia ramulosa Photo: B. Mau



Ozothamnus obcordatus Photo: B. Mau



Senna artemisioides subsp. *filifolia* Photo: B. Mau



Grey Kangaroo Photo: B. Mau



Echidna Photo: B. Mau



Rosella feeding on *Correa glabra* Photo: B. Mau



Grassland Copper Butterfly on *Pimelea humilis* Photo: B. Mau

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evening flower table, first up were some specimens from Ray's Garden:

Hakea bucculenta is a WA species that grows to at least 3m wide x 4m high and is spectacular in flower, bearing large, 200mm long racemes of red to red-orange flowers.

Hakea multilineata is somewhat similar to *H. bucculenta* and *H. francisiana*. It is differentiated by bearing its pink flowers in racemes of 50-70 mm along stems with long linear leaves that have numerous parallel veins.

Grevillea Peaches and Cream "Spinebills love it".

Leionema lamprophyllum is a member of the Rutaceae family and commonly known as Shiny Phebalium or Shiny Leionema. It grows as a compact shrub reaching 1.5-2m high. There are 4 subspecies, 2 of which are found in Victoria, others are in NSW and ACT.

Correa sp. a *C. reflexa* cross.

Correa reflexa 'Longfellow' bears 4cm long red flowers with green tips.

Chorizema varium is a very showy species from WA with a low spreading habit.

From Garrick's Garden, which, he mentioned is a small garden, two species were:

Grevillea Billy Bonkers is a low growing shrub reaching 1m high x 1.5-3m wide. It bears pink flowers that occur much of the year and has ferny foliage. Tolerates both frost, dry periods, is fast growing and good for cut flowers. Prefers a sunny spot in well-drained soil.

Lysiosepalum involucreatum is a compact shrub in a group of genera known as Lantern Bushes. This species is endemic to the Sterling Range region in



Hakea bucculenta
Photo: Brian Walters
https://anpsa.org.au/plant_profile/s/hakea-bucculenta/



Hakea multilineata
Photo: Ben Walcott
https://anpsa.org.au/plant_profile



Grevillea 'Peaches and Cream'
Photo: Brian Walters
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Leionema lamprophyllum Photo: Alan Fairley
<https://resources.austplants.com.au/plant/leionema-lamprophyllum-syn-phebalium-lamprophyllum/>



Chorizema varium Image:
<https://www.gardeningwithangus.com.au/chorizema-varium-flame-pea/>



Grevillea 'Billy Bonkers' Image:
<https://www.gardeningwithangus.com.au/grevillea-billy-bonkers-grevillea/>



Lysiosepalum involucreatum
Photo: Brian Walters
https://anpsa.org.au/plant_profiles/lysiosepalum-involucreatum/

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WA, growing to 0.30-1m high x 1m wide and bears purple flowers during spring, summer and autumn. It grows in sunny open positions to part shade, tolerates most frosts and extended dry periods.

From the garden of Mike Williams came:

Prostanthera calycina, which grows on the Ayre Peninsula in SA under harsh, dry conditions.

Remaining species discussed were:

Grevillea Fireworks x Pink Pixie produces flowers twice every year.

Eremophila Maculata x hybrid

Last on the agenda was our evening plant raffle, with the prizes of three different *Acacia* species donated by Mike Williams, which were:

Acacia trigonophylla, a WA species that grows up to 3m and is "really unusual", bearing interesting leaves and is very showy in flower.

Acacia verniciflua a form (subspecies) local to Toolleen, which, has fairly fine curved phyllodes that "zig-zag" along weeping branches.

Acacia amoena is another showy Wattle that is endemic to eastern parts of Victoria, NSW and a small region in south eastern QLD. Globular, deep yellow flower heads are produced in racemes of around 20 heads that extend from the phyllode axils. It forms an erect to spreading shrub ranging in height from 0.5-4m. Flowering occurs late winter to mid spring.

The lucky winners were: Janis, Jim and Mary.

Norbert closed the meeting with a reminder there will be no night meeting during July. Instead, a garden visit is being organised and details will be advised in the July newsletter.



Prostanthera calycina
Photo: Norbert Ryan



Acacia amoena Photo: P. Symes
<https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/d778ce83-6cc7-4d80-86ea-16e85819ff1e>



Acacia trigonophylla
Photo: R Hotchkiss
<https://www.anbg.gov.au/photo/api/id/a/5358>



Acacia verniciflua Toolleen form
Photo: J. Petts



**Save the date: Expo and Plant Sale
Saturday October 14, 2023**



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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Russell & Beryl Wait.

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/>

Phone: 0419 878 950 or

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July 22 & 23 - Cranbourne Friends RBGV Autumn Plant Sale. 10am-4pm. Wide range of plants, plant lists available one week before sale. Website: <https://rbgfriendscranbourne.org.au/>

September 2 - APS Cardinia Region Group Plant Sale. Akoonah Park, Princes Hwy, Berwick. Sale located in the undercover fruit & vegetable market area. 9am-3pm.

September 9 & 10 - APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants

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

September 16 & 17 - ANGAIR Wildflower Show & Art Show. Anglesea Memorial Hall, McMillan St, Anglesea. Wildflower Display, indigenous plant sales. 10am-4pm.

September 23 & 24 - APS Bendigo Flower Show. Victory College, Kairn Rd, Strathdale (Bendigo).

September 23 & 24 - APS Grampians host APS Vic September COMM



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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 tube 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...

ANPSA Biennial Conference 2024 – Melbourne

<https://apsvic.org.au/anpsa-biennial-conference-2024/>

“Gardens for Life”

Hosted by Australian Plants Society Victoria

30th Sep – 4th Oct 2024

Held at the Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre, the conference topics include Gardens for Wildlife and Habitat, Restoration and Revegetation of Wetlands, Grasslands and Verges, Care for the Rare, Insects and Biodiversity, Garden Design, Indigenous Food Plants and many more.

Tours before and after will go to Victoria’s best wildflower areas and day excursions will feature new botanic gardens, private gardens and wild areas.

To register your interest go to:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeseytb9Z872EABLHpeWypQ_rqiEGfmbqDA-jG9PRYKhgUPFA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

A promotional video can be viewed at:

<https://youtu.be/8ApdryKllwA>

Read most recent news & information in the July 2023

“Gardens for Life” newsletter:

<https://apsvic.org.au/documents/ANPSA/2024/ANPSA%202024%20Newsletter%2020230701.pdf>

**Nurseries
further
afield...**

Edendale 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>

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>

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 10am to 4pm. Ph:(03) 5439 5384
Email: info@goldfieldsrevegetation.com.au Website: <http://www.goldfieldsrevegetation.com.au/index.asp>



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2023/24 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & ENROLEMENTS WILL BE VIA THE NEW ONLINE SYSTEM AT www.apsvic.org.au

(A combined District Group and APS Vic membership is required for insurance purposes)

Multiple district groups may be joined under one APS Vic membership (see the APS Vic website for details of other district groups fees (district group fees may vary from group to group)).

Membership Types:	Fees: Note: Membership Year = July 1—June 30		
	APS Victoria	APS Mitchell	Total
Single	\$38.00	\$10.00	\$48.00
Couple/Family (2 adults & 2 dependents)	\$44.00	\$12.00	\$56.00
Student	\$29.00	\$10.00 (single)	\$39.00
Organisation	\$48.00	\$10.00 (single)	\$58.00
Optional Australian Plants Subscription	4 issues:		\$20.00

Membership Instructions – Joining or Renewing:

Go to <https://apsvic.org.au/membership> where a link to detailed instructions for renewing or joining can be found on the page, along with a link for renewing members to login.

If **renewing** APS Vic and/or District Group membership/s as an existing member, you will need the email address you used when joining, and your membership number, which, can be found printed on the envelope your *Growing Australia* magazine arrives in. Alternatively, contact our membership officer for your membership number if needed. Once logged in, check your details are correct before proceeding further with your renewal. You can update your details through the process if necessary.

When renewing or joining: Select your preferred APS Vic membership category, optional *Australian Plants Journal* (if desired), and your district group or groups from the drop down menu. (NB *always* click on the district group drop-down box to ensure that the correct option has been selected: single, household etc.)

To register for Neutrog if you have not previously registered, and wish to do so: Click on *Register for Neutrog*. (Members of participating District Groups can receive a Neutrog newsletter & buy Neutrog products through the [Neutrog online store](#) at special member prices, which are much lower than retail prices.)

Remember to check your totals to be paid are correct, along with your email, name, and postal address etc. before clicking submit. Please note that: Payments are made direct to APS Vic & banking details are made available during the online process.

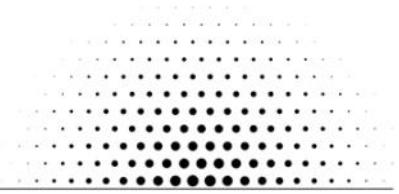
Card payment is preferred by APS Vic. Paying via EFTPOS (bank transfer) or Cheque is available.

- If paying by card (the preferred method), membership will be immediately renewed; if by another method, membership renewal will be confirmed once the deposited amount has been reconciled.
- If paying by EFTPOS (bank transfer), include your membership number and name in the transaction reference.
- If paying by cheque, write your membership number and name on the back of the cheque.

For anyone wishing to join or renew who does not have online/internet access, our membership officer can assist. Please contact: 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:

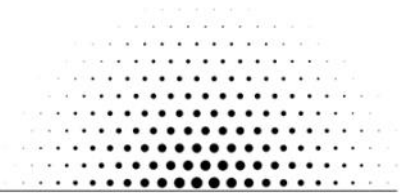
- Sending Covid-19 safe plan to all members with the meeting groups notice
- A copy of the Covid-19 Safe plan with the meeting registration book
- Limit numbers to current DHS prescribed restriction number's
- Update all members as circumstances change

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 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

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