

NEWSLETTER



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September news...!

Hello & welcome to our September 2023 edition. Apologies for skipping an August edition this year. Hopefully, time & energy will allow the completion of both an October & November issue this year.

Firstly, I would like to extend huge thanks to both Beryl & Russell Wait, also Anne & Norman Rose for opening their gardens for our group to visit. Fine weather blessed us on both days & lovely afternoons were enjoyed by all who attended. The report on our visit to 'Eremophila Park' is in this issue & I apologize for a number of missing photos, as focus turned out to be a bit of an issue on the day. A report & photos from our visit to Anne & Norman's garden will feature in either our October or November issue.

Important to note this month, is that we return to 3rd Monday of the month evening meetings, in the John Taylor Room at the Kilmore Library. Where we have a new speaker joining us to talk on native bees. Basic information can be found at right and further details on page 2. There will



Acacia lasiocarpa

Photo: J Petts

also be a computer station set up at the meeting, with online access to the new APS Vic membership system and assistance available for those wishing to renew membership or join.

Our next newsletter will be due for issue on or within a few days of Monday October 9th. Contributions big & small are hugely appreciated & always needed. If you can help out with items of interest please send them in by Monday October 2nd. Email to: j.in.wgff@gmail.com

In the meantime, happy gardening, enjoy spring & 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

Olearia lirata Snowy Daisy-bush
Photo: J Petts



Mitchell Diary Dates ..

In the interests of everyone's health, we 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.

- **September Meeting returning to 3rd Monday evening meetings: Monday September 18th Doors open 7pm Main presentation from 7:30pm Guest Speaker: Emma McLaughlin Topic: Native bees Details page 2.**
- **October Meeting Monday October 16th. Doors open 7pm. Main Presentation from 7:30pm Guest Speaker: Ian Julian Topic: Plants of the Pilbara**
- **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.

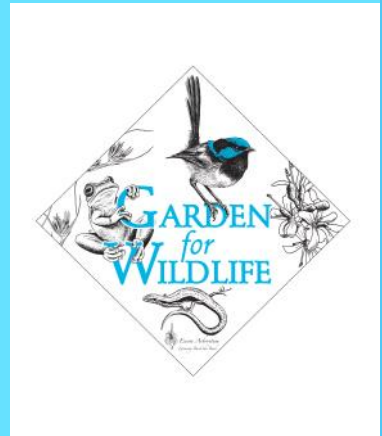
Even one wildlife-friendly garden can make a difference, but many gardens together can provide greater biodiversity along with areas of protection, habitat, and linkages across landscapes for wildlife to live and move safely.

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

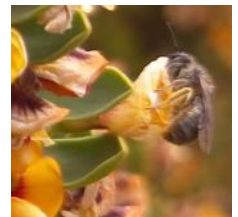


September Meeting: The Evening of Monday the 18th - Doors open 7:00pm Guest speaker from 7:30pm

This month we return to the John Taylor room where a new speaker, Emma McLaughlin, will join us with a presentation on native bees.

Emma lives in Heathcote (Taungurung Country) and is a Speech Pathologist by profession. She has a keen interest in Australian flora and fauna, and a few years ago began reading, researching, and exploring the Australian native bees. Along the way, Emma has learned a great deal on this topic. You may be surprised to find who is in your garden.... Do come along to listen to Emma and find out.

Feel free to bring flower specimens along for show and discussion (please label with species name if known). Our door prize plant raffle will follow the main presentation and the evening will conclude with chat time and supper. Tea, coffee, and home baked goodies will be available. Remember: visitors, guests and friends are very welcome at APS Mitchell meetings. Doors open 7pm with main presentation from 7:30pm.



Bee on Pea Flower
Photo:
Emma McLaughlin

Memberships...

2023/2024 renewals & new memberships are now via the APS Victoria online system 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. See the last page for further details. For those without computer access or needing assistance please do 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/>

July Meeting Report - Garden visit to 'Eremophila Park' Riddells Creek...

By Jeanine Petts

During the week leading up to our garden visit, early weather forecasts for the coming weekend had been giving the committee cause to worry. Luckily, Sunday July 16th turned out to be one of those sunny winter days, of the type that would have almost anyone wanting to be out and about in a garden.

On arriving at "Eremophila Park", the home of Beryl and Russell Wait in Riddells Creek, we received a lovely warm welcome discovering that Beryl had put on a scrumptious spread of her home baked scones with jam and cream, laid out along with all the fixings for tea, coffee etc. In addition, a variety of cakes, muffins, crackers, cheeses, Hoshigaki (Japanese dried persimmon) were brought along by visiting members. (Warmest of thanks & appreciation to Beryl, Cynthia, Dawn, Debbie & apologies & warm thanks to any other contributors if I've forgotten your name.)

With around 18 guests assembled and a cuppa enjoyed, Russell and Beryl led us off to explore the garden. Russell began by showing his collection of potted *Eremophila*, some of which, are yet to be formally identified and fully described species. He went on to explain that among *Eremophila* there is a "phenomenal" range leaf variety. Included in the potted collection was one Texan species (from another genera) that is related to *Eremophila*. Also, species yet to be fully described collected from areas in Coodardo Gap WA and Doolgunna Station WA. Two other species names mentioned were *Eremophila anomala* and *Eremophila campanulata*. Russell advised that *E. campanulata* hybridizes readily and among the potted collection there were both a parent plant and a natural hybrid.

Moving out into the garden, the property has border plantings of pine trees put in by the previous owner, which, provide shelter to the gardens. One of the previously planted pines, has now been incorporated into a garden bed created by Russell and Beryl in the middle of the driveway. Their garden is 11 years old, and covers around 3 acres of the 4-acre property. Russell has built a series of raised garden beds edged with local rock, much of it coming from their neighbour's property. Soil fill was also brought in and used to build the raised, mounded beds. Gravel mulch is an additional feature on some of the garden beds.

Our journey began on paths meandering back and forth around the beds filled with *Eremophila* and other native species. Then moving out across the other side of the driveway where large beds of more mixed native plantings are laid out. A portion of the species seen and pointed out in the garden were:

Eremophila mirabilis a rare endangered species that is found in only 2 places. It bears very interesting, warty leaves and stunning spotted flowers with large showy sepals.

Eremophila platycalyx is a quite a variable species with a



View of driveway garden bed at "Eremophila Park". Photo: J Petts



Russell's potted collection. Photo: J Petts



Eremophila mirabilis Photo: J Petts

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Garden visit to 'Eremophila Park' Riddells Creek continued...

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number of subspecies and many forms now known and yet to be fully described.

Eremophila compacta subsp. *compacta* (pink form) grows into a compact bush reaching to 1m.

Eremophila platythamnus x (a specimen that was once thought to be *E. gibsonii*)

Russell's Chimera that bears 2 types of flowers (white and purple) and 2 different leaf types.

Eremophila oldfieldii subsp. *oldfieldii* grows into a large shrub to small tree reaching to 6m and bears orange to red flowers with yellow sepals.

Eremophila barbata will grow to 1.2m tall in the wild. However, in the garden, cuttings have produced a low growing prostrate plant.

Eremophila latrobei subsp. *latrobei* yellow flower form. This species is variable in form, growing to 4m x 4m. Flower colour can be white, cream, red, yellow or pink.

Eremophila neglecta forms a shrub growing to 2.5m x 2.5m. Flower colour ranges from yellow through to red.

Eremophila muelleriana bears striking deep red flowers and grey-golden leaves.

Banksia blechnifolia has a prostrate habit and is endemic to WA, found in a limited range along the south coast. It is one of the hardier *Banksia* and bears deeply lobed, upright leaves up to 45cm long. Upright flower spikes reach up to 20cm high and can range in colour from dusky pink or red, to cream & rusty orange-brown. Good drainage is required.

Grevillea nivea bears bright, blood red toothbrush flowers and attractive



Eremophila sp.



Eremophila compacta subsp. *compacta*



Russell's Chimera



Eremophila barbata prostrate form in garden.



Eremophila neglecta



Banksia blechnifolia



Eremophila muelleriana

Photos: J Petts

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Garden visit to 'Eremophila Park' Riddells Creek continued...

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divided grey-green foliage on whitish stems. It is a striking plant with a long flowering period.

Eremophila oppositifolia subsp. *oppositifolia* forms a large shrub of 5m high x 4m wide. It bears narrow, grey green leaves and it has quite a range of flower & sepal colours, ranging through white, pink and purple.

Eremophila oppositifolia subsp. *oppositifolia* 'Ray's Blue' arose in Ray Shilling's Garden and bears purple-blue flowers & sepals.

Eremophila oppositifolia subsp. *angustifolia* grows to 5m high x 4m wide. It bears long, thin, grey-green leaves that are around 1mm or less in width and flower colour varies from pink to dark maroon.

Eremophila spuria x *foliosissima* is a hybrid collected in 1995. Russell commented that when propagating this one, he performed 100 grafts before 1 took.

Eremophila caperata x *ionantha* is a natural hybrid. Russell had noticed his garden specimen was looking poorly, and managed to successfully propagate it just prior to the original plant expiring.

Glycocystis beckeri is closely related to *Eremophila* and produces large amounts of sticky resin that bees harvest, using it to make propolis. It bears small white flowers and the foliage is sweet smelling.

Eremophila xantholaema is identifiable by its yellow throated flower.

Eremophila purpurascens bears sepals that age to purple. Flower colour ranges from pink, red to purple.

Eremophila accrescens forms a shrub growing to 2m high x 2.5m wide bearing pale blue to lilac flowers with



Grevillea nivea



Eremophila oppositifolia subsp. *oppositifolia*



Eremophila oppositifolia subsp. *oppositifolia* 'Ray's Blue'.



Eremophila oppositifolia subsp. *angustifolia*



Glycocystis beckeri



Eremophila xantholaema



Eremophila accrescens



Eremophila lachnocalyx

Photos: J Petts

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Garden visit to 'Eremophila Park' Riddells Creek continued...

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white to pink sepals that enlarge after flowering.

Eremophila lachnocalyx is a grey-leaved shrub growing to 2m x 2m. It is notable for having fluffy sepals with a woolly texture that birds collect to line nests with. Flower colour ranges from lilac, through deep lilac, and sometimes pink.

Chamelaucium 'Supermum' is a hybrid cultivar of the WA Waxflowers *Chamelaucium uncinatum* x *Chamelaucium megalopetalum* and doesn't like heavy soils. The specimen was covered in reddish-pink buds that were not yet open and quite ornamental themselves.

Verticordia staminosa is now considered a "Threatened" species and is endemic to south-western WA. There are 2 subspecies, one of which, has two forms. It is a small shrub growing to between 0.20m to 1m high depending on subspecies/form.

Thryptomene strongylophylla is Endemic to WA, north of Perth up into the Geraldton region. Masses of small pink-purple, sometimes bluish flowers occur late autumn into spring.

Pimelea physodes Qualup Bell is a stunning species when in flower and is endemic to a limited range in the Fitzgerald National Park region of WA. Successful specimens in cultivation are usually grafted.

Eremophila longifolia grows as a variable large shrub to small tree that can reach 8m high x 5m wide. Flowers are sometimes produced on old wood, with flower colour ranging from red, orange or yellow.

Hypocalymma angustifolium can grow to 0.6m - 0.9m high x 0.9m - 2m wide and is endemic to the south west of WA. White to pink flowers occur in winter to mid-summer.

Eremophila waitii gets pruned regularly and responds with magnificent growth. Russell advised that it grows well planted straight in the ground propagated from cuttings.



Verticordia staminosa



Thryptomene strongylophylla



Pimelea physodes



Hypocalymma angustifolium



Eremophila waitii



Eremophila waitii

Photos: J Petts

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Garden visit to 'Eremophila Park' Riddells Creek continued...

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Eremophila microtheca is a shrub with small greenish leaves that grows to 1.5m. Flower colour can be lilac or pink.

A lovely Myrtaceae member, possibly a *Baeckea* species.

A gorgeous free flowering *Grevillea* that was a chance seedling sprung up in the garden.

Philotheca verrucosa Bendigo Wax-flower is found in both single-flowered and a double-flowered form such as the specimen growing in Russell & Beryl's Garden. It grows to 1m x 1m and bears aromatic foliage. White to pink flowers that open from pink buds occur from July to November. A very showy shrub that requires excellent drainage and grows in full sun to part shade.

An eye-catching species closely related to genus *Darwinia* that is possibly *Homoranthus porteri*. *H. porteri* was previously known as *Darwinia porteri* and is endemic to a small area in coastal north-eastern QLD. It forms a small shrub growing to 1m high. Red to creamy white flowers occur primarily in autumn and sporadically at other times.

Kunzea baxteri pink form grows to a medium to large shrub 2-4m wide x 1.5-2.4m high. It is more commonly known to have bright crimson flowers, hence, the common name of Scarlet *Kunzea*. Flowers are held in dense spikes during late winter into spring.

After a thoroughly enjoyable tour of Russell & Beryl's lovely, expansive garden, and with the sun much lower in the sky, we finished our visit enjoying the delicious afternoon tea and chatting with excellent company. Many thanks, and with deep appreciation to Beryl & Russell for their time, generosity and wonderful hospitality. Likewise, thank you to all who came along making it a most pleasant visit.



Possibly a *Baeckea* sp.



Grevillea chance garden seedling.



Possibly *Homoranthus porteri*



Philotheca verrucosa double flowered form.



Kunzea baxteri pink form

Photos: J Petts

Spring Expo & Plant Sale...

Can you help please?

Volunteers & flower specimens needed...

APS Mitchell

Annual Spring Expo & Plant Sale

Saturday October 14th, 2023

9 am - 3 pm

Wallan Multi-Purpose Community Centre. 42-80 Bentinck Street, Wallan VIC 3756 ([See map](#)) [Get directions to Wallan Multi-Purpose Community Centre](#) ›

Parking available in front of the Wallan Multi-Purpose Community Centre, on Bentinck Street, and Wedding Drive.

Native Plant & Flower Displays

[Gardens for Wildlife](#)

Native Plants & Book Sales

[APS Victoria - Books](#)

Joan & Peter Broughton, [Ironstone Park](#) - Unusual Native Plants

[Goldfields Revegetation](#) Indigenous & non – indigenous tube stock

[Mike's Native Nursery](#)

[Russell Wait](#) Eremophila & Books

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

Website www.apsmitchell.org.au

Contact aps.mitchell@gmail.com

Supported by: Dr Bell, **Bendigo Bank**, **Bunnings Craigieburn**, Crimp Hair Lounge Wandong, Kilmore Auto Electrical, Kilmore Smash Repairs, Leah Mae (Jeweller), Maureen Thomas (Artist), Wandong IGA.

Wallan & Kilmore
Community Bank* branches



Expo and Sale help Wanted

Friday 13th October - setup, time from 12pm

- Supper/Dinner provided at the end of set up day.
- Friday - bring your plant samples
- Activities: room setup, labelling and setup display plant samples.

Saturday 14 October -

- Help with stalls
- Serving tea & coffee
- Selling Raffle Tickets
- Meet & greet

No experience needed!

For more info contact Ian 0438 270 248

Thanks to everyone who has already confirmed to help. Your time & effort is deeply appreciated and needed.



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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Debbie Packham,
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Russell & Beryl Wait
Brian Weir.

APS VIC DIARY DATES...

APS Victoria endeavours 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 Email: heathcoteaps@outlook.com

September 23 & 24 - APS

Bendigo Flower Show.

Victory College, Kairn Rd, Strathdale (Bendigo).

September 23 & 24 - APS

Grampians host APS Vic September COMM & AGM -

AGM 2pm Saturday
September 23, Pomonal Hall, Ararat-Halls Gap Rd, Pomonal.

September 30 & October 1 -

APS Grampians Pomonal Native Flower Show.

Pomonal Hall. 9am - 4pm.

October 7 - APS Echuca

Moama Native Flower

Showcase. Echuca Masonic Lodge Hall, 426 High St,

Echuca. Flower show, native plant sales, basket weaving display, floral art and painting sales. 9am - 4pm.

October 21 & 22 - APS

Ballarat Spring Flower Show - NOTE: CANCELLED FOR 2023.

October 21 & 22 -

Cranbourne Friends RBGV Spring Plant Sale.

Wide range of plants, plant list available one week before sale. 10am - 4pm

www.rbgfriendscranbourne.org.au



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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>

Diary Dates & Other Events continued...

On behalf of the Wallan Environment Group (WEG), the Mitchell Bicycle Users Group (MBUG) and the Friends of the Bendigo-Kilmore Rail Trail (FBKRT), we would like to invite you to a:

Wildflowers Walk at Hidden Valley,

to take place from 10am to 12noon, Sunday, 24th September, 2023.

Details in the brochure below. There may or may not be many wild flowers out, given the lack of rain - however, it is a good opportunity to have a guided walk through the reserve and to experience what it has to offer. We will have signs along Lucca Way.

Hope you can make it,
Claudia

10am, Sunday 24th Sept, 2023

Walk among wildflowers on the Hidden Valley Rail Reserve

A future rail-trail?

A chance to see spring wildflowers, experience the rail reserve's beauty and hear how this could become a lasting recreational asset for the whole community.

Meet at the end of Lucca Way, Hidden Valley



Presented by:
Wallan Environment Group
Mitchell Bicycle Users Group
Friends of the Bendigo-Kilmore Rail Trail

More details and to RSVP:
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2023/24 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & ENROLEMENTS ARE NOW 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.

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