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# NEWSLETTER

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## November news...!

Hello and welcome to our November and last edition for 2016!

As our year draws to a close our AGM and last meeting for the year (including guest speaker) are mere days away. Meeting details can be found on page 2, below and our Formal AGM notice including nomination form is located on page 8.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the people who have contributed to our newsletters over the past year. It is all the contributions of articles, photos, information, proof reading, feedback, research and various committee members answering my frequent pesky questions that combine to produce 10 issues each year. Without this support our newsletter would not be what it is so thank you all, very, very much!

Newsletters will return from February 2017 and our first 2017 edition will be issued on or close to February 13th. Contributions both large and small are always enthusiastically welcomed and should be sent in by Monday February 6th



Hibbertia sp.

Boulton Flora Reserve 30.10.16

Photo: J Petts

2017. Email contributions to: [wattlegum@southernphone.com.au](mailto:wattlegum@southernphone.com.au) or post to PO Box 381 Pyalong Vic 3521.

Wishing one and all a very merry Christmas, fantastic New Year and a happy, safe holiday season.

Looking forward to seeing you at our AGM and in the New Year. Many thanks and cheers to all,

Jeanine :-)

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## AGM & End of Year Celebration...

Once again our AGM will form the first part of our last meeting for the year commencing at 7:30pm on Monday November 21st. Our simple & short AGM will include the Presidents & Treasurers Reports, declaring open of all office bearers and committee positions and election of a new committee for 2017.

Following our guest speaker, members, friends & visitors are invited to bring a plate of festive food to share and stay on for an extended supper and chat to celebrate the end of our year. Tea and coffee will be provided and there may also be a little something celebratory available to drink.

## Mitchell Diary Dates..

- **MONDAY NOVEMBER 21st 7:30pm**  
**AGM, MEETING & END OF YEAR CELEBRATION**  
Owners & Trainers Bar  
Kilmore Racing Club  
East Street, Kilmore

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Mike Williams - "The Travels of Willie and Friends"**

**BRING A PLATE OF FESTIVE FOOD TO SHARE.**

**TEA, COFFEE & DRINKS SUPPLIED**

- **MONDAY FEBRUARY 20th 7:30pm**  
**MEETING**  
Owners & Trainers Bar  
Kilmore Racing Club East Street, Kilmore  
**Guest Speaker:**  
**Steve Sinclair**  
(Botanist from DELWP)



## APS Mitchell Needs You...

By Jeanine Petts

For much of this last year APS Mitchell has been functioning with a reduced committee. In addition, both our current long serving Secretary and Treasurer have advised they will be standing down at this coming AGM and are definitely not nominating for further terms. One or two other long serving committee members have also indicated they are not likely to accept nominations for further terms as well.

If you have enjoyed being a member of our group, coming along to meetings, hearing guest speakers, our garden visits, other excursions, the Annual Spring Expo & Plant Sale and reading our newsletter please give some thought to coming behind the scenes and helping out. I can definitely recommend it, it certainly is a great way to meet likeminded people, make friends and enjoy excellent company while giving back a little to an interest group you enjoy.

The committee meets for only a couple of hours a month for 10 months of the year so it's not really a large commitment. If you'd like to give a few hours of your time each month to help keep the group running please consider nominating. Just fill out the nomination section in our AGM notice on page 8 and attend the AGM on Monday the 21st of November. If you are unable to attend and would still like to help out just email or telephone a committee member (see page 7 for contact details).

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

**Commencing 7:30 pm in the  
Owners & Trainers Bar  
Kilmore Racing Club,  
East Street, Kilmore Vic 3764**

**Entry \$2.00 Gold Coin**

**Guest Speaker**

**Door Prizes**

**Plant Sales**

**Fertilizer Sales**

**(APS Mitchell Slow Release  
fertiliser \$5.00 per 500g)**

**Use of the APS Mitchell free  
Library ( See Barbara)**

**Supper & Chat**

**VISITORS VERY WELCOME**

Members & Visitors are  
encouraged to bring along  
exhibits for our Flower  
Specimen Table

Please label plants



## November Meeting & AGM: Monday the 21st 7:30 pm...

By Jeanine Petts

This month we return indoors to the refurbished Owners & Trainers Bar for our last meeting of the year.

It's "that" time of year again and our usual short and simple AGM will be held at the commencement of our November meeting. Immediately following the AGM Mike Williams returns for a reprise talk and will be sharing "The Travels of Willie and Friends" with us.

Mike is a long time member of APS Vic, APS Yarra Yarra & Mitchell district groups and was also instrumental in the founding of APS Mitchell. Mike enjoys regularly taking field trips, often with other APS group members and has a wealth of knowledge on native plants to share. The tales of his travels are sure to be both informative and entertaining so do come along and join us.

A number of members will also be dining at Trackside prior to our meeting. If you would like to make a full night of it, enjoy dinner out before the meeting and leave the washing up to someone else feel free to meet at the Trackside Bistro by 6:30 pm.

RSVP to Ian Julian: Ph: 0438 270 248 or Email: [ianjulian@bigpond.com](mailto:ianjulian@bigpond.com)



*Stackhousia monogyna* -  
Creamy Candles  
Boulton Flora Reserve  
30/10/16  
Photo: Jeanine Petts

## Memberships...

For membership enquiries, information and forms and please contact Bill Barker Ph: 5783 3838 or Email: [bee.barker@bigpond.com](mailto:bee.barker@bigpond.com)

Alternatively, membership information and forms can be found at the APS Mitchell website:

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

# October Meeting Report... Wildflower Walk at Tallarook

By Jeanine Petts

Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> started out with a little early rain but by the time APS Mitchell members met at the Tallarook Cricket Pavilion the skies had cleared and the day was shaping up to be pleasantly warm. The Boulton Flora Reserve is a small reserve also known as Tallarook Wildflower Sanctuary Flora Reserve and is tucked away behind the Tallarook Recreation Reserve with the Hume Freeway bordering one side and houses of Tallarook township on another.

By 11am 8 members had arrived for the walk: Barbara, Chris, Dianne, Ian, Noel, Paul, Victoria & I. After waiting an extra 15 minutes or so (in case of late arrivals) Ian led us to the rear of the cricket pavilion, past the small turning circle parking area and up the gentle slope into the flora reserve.

Although the reserve is fenced off access is a simple matter of walking a short distance up slope from the small rear parking area and stepping through the fence. The main parking area to the front of the cricket pavilion had already provided a sample of wildflowers with Chocolate lilies



*Arthropodium strictum*  
Chocolate lily  
Photo: Jeanine Petts

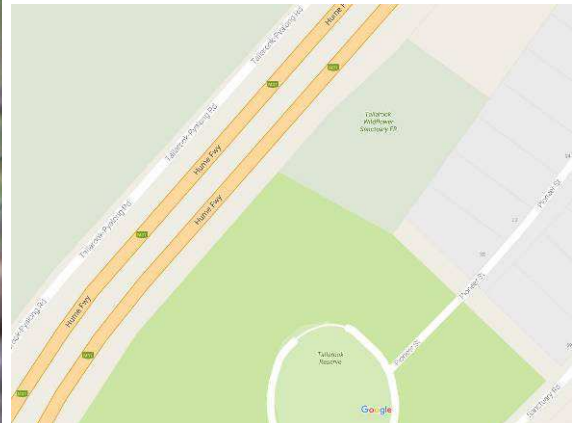


*Burchardia umbellata*  
Milkmaids  
Photo: Jeanine Petts

*Arthropodium strictum* and Milkmaids *Burchardia umbellata* easily spotted from near our cars. The short walk to the reserve fence line also revealed Cut-leaf Goodenia *Goodenia pinnatifida*, Sticky Everlasting *Xerochrysum viscosum*, Sundews *Drosera* and the Thrift-leaved (Grass) Triggerplant *Stylidium armeria*.

Ian had brought along and made available a number of copies of the leaflet *Wildflowers of the Foothills and Mountains of Northeastern Victoria*, these proved a very handy, easy to carry and use guide for identification. Our group happily wandered, slowly drifting around, chatting and flower spotting with some of us taking photos until we found our way to the top of the rise. Along the way we spotted

Google Maps image & Satellite view of Boulton Flora Reserve AKA Tallarook Wildflower Sanctuary:



*Goodenia pinnatifida*  
Cut-leaf Goodenia  
Photo: Jeanine Petts



*Xerochrysum viscosum*  
Sticky Everlasting  
Photo: Jeanine Petts



Step through the fence to enter reserve.  
Photo: Jeanine Petts

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# October Meeting Report continued...

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Grey Parrot-pea *Dillwynia cinerescens*, Grey Everlasting *Ozothamnus obcordatus* and either Leopard or Tiger Orchids *Diuris sulphurea*. There were also plenty of Sun-orchids *Thelymitra sp.*, to be seen as well including a few Salmon Sun-orchids *Thelymitra rubra* just budding up too. There were more beautiful drifts of *Arthropodium strictum* and in places these were interspersed with *Wahlenbergia*, more Sun Orchids, Billy-buttons possibly *Craspedia variabilis* and Clustered Everlastings *Chrysocephalum semipapposum*.

Further species found were Wattle Matt Rush *Lomandra filiformis*, Button Everlastings either *Helichrysum scorpioides* or *Coronidium scorpioides*, Stinking Pennywort *Hydrocotyle laxiflora*, Twining Fringe Lily *Thysanotus patersonii*, *Hibbertia sp.*, Common Rice Flower *Pimelea humilis*, Creamy Candles *Stackhousia monogyna* and Yam Daisy *Microseris lanceolata*. It turned out we were a little early for the Blue Pincushions *Brunonia australis* but with the amount of buds popping up it was set to be a mass display in only a week or so. Another beautiful plant only in evidence by its buds was the Blue Finger-flower *Cheiranthra cyanea*.

While walking, Ian had been hearing Choughs calling and at the top of the rise we were lucky enough to spot a newly feathered fledgling. As we concluded our walk and returned to the cricket pavilion we also noted a small but eye catching stand of Fringe Myrtle *Calytrix tetragona*.

Those of us who were able to stay on to lunch together found a shaded table toward the rear of the pavilion. Ian brought out the tea and coffee then a leisurely, conversation filled lunch was enjoyed by all which was nicely rounded out with shared chocolate (thank you Noel) and other yummy treats (thank you Chris).



*Dillwynia cinerescens*  
Grey Parrot-pea  
Photo: Jeanine Petts



*Ozothamnus obcordatus*  
Grey Everlasting  
Photo: Jeanine Petts



*Diuris sp. sulphurea?*  
Tiger Orchid?  
Photo: Jeanine Petts



*Lomandra filiformis*  
Wattle Matt Rush  
Photo: Jeanine Petts



*Thelymitra sp.*  
Sun-orchid  
Photo: Jeanine Petts



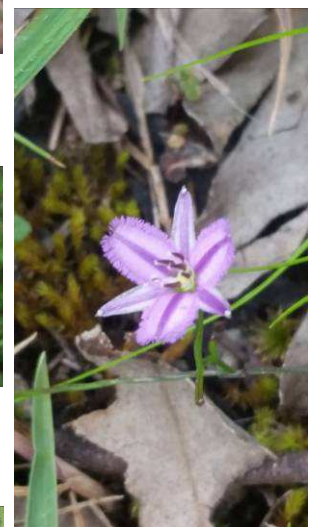
Button Everlasting  
Photo: Jeanine Petts



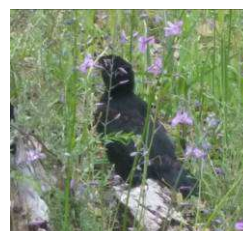
*Hydrocotyle laxiflora*  
Stinking Pennywort  
Photo: Jeanine Petts



*Wahlenbergia sp.*  
Bluebell  
Photo: Jeanine Petts



*Thysanotus patersonii*  
Twining Fringe lily  
Photo: Jeanine Petts



Fledgling Chough  
Photo: Jeanine Petts

## APS Mitchell Expo 2016 Report ...

By Ian Julian



Expo 2016 Photo: Ian Julian

Although visitor numbers were down and with all that seemed to go wrong for Expo 2016, the group can still consider it a success. With OPSM Whittlesea our only sponsor and losing some of our exhibitor suppliers we still managed an impressive display with feedback from attendees being very positive.

APS Mitchell extends a very large thank you to APS Yarra Yarra & Mike

Williams, whom without we would not have our Expo. I would also like to thank all the members who helped with the set-up and pack-up, we have had a much greater member input this year we should embrace this to grow the Expo 2017. Even with low visitor numbers plant and book sales were strong. We also thank the Kilmore Art Society and Janet Hand from BirdLife Australia for their participation.

The raffle prize winners were: 1st prize - The standard *Grevillea* provided by Brian and Lorraine Weir went to Cath Burke of Kilmore and 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - The OPSM Hamper went to H Miles of Kilmore.

If you are having trouble reading this ring OPSM on 9716 3268 or book online for an appointment.

We will review the Expo and planning for 2017 starts now, the committee would like feedback and contributions of ideas from all our members.

I would like to thank the stall holders for their support and hope to see you again in 2017. Just briefly running through the stall holders that attended:

For the sixth consecutive year Ironstone Park Nursery- Thanks Pete & Joan.

Mike Cincotta from La Trobe Indigenous Nursery once again proved how popular tube stocks are with the public. Mike had an excellent range of plants and cheers mate.

John Forrester, spectacular *Anigozanthos* that were so healthy they were literally hopping out the door. Quality plants bring people back and back, thanks John.

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## *APS Mitchell Expo 2016 Report continued...*

*By Ian Julian*

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APS Mitchell were supported by Steve & Deb Fowles who gave us 240 assorted plants on consignment.

Brian and Lorraine Weir with their standard *Grevilleas* and the donation of the raffle prize, a special thank you from APS Mitchell.

*Eremophilas* were sold at the Expo for the second time this year and who better to do it than one of Australia's best *Eremophila* guru's Russell Wait. Russell is co-author of *Australia's Eremophilas: Changing Gardens for a Changing Climate*, he can back up his sales with expert advice which I hope you were able to take advantage of.

For the first time Phillip Vaughan from Vaughan's Australian Plants with their impressive display and quality of plants certainly a boost to the Expo and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Kilmore Art Society were well represented with Maureen Runge and other local artists exhibiting their works and Janet Hand had her bird calls echoing through the hall which sounded great.

APS books were again very popular with thirty four books being sold, a worthwhile presence at the Expo



Expo 2016 Photo: Ian Julian

A very big thank you is extended to all the committee members who gave so much of their time during the year to organize the APS Mitchell annual Expo. Also thank you to all the members who assisted with the set up on the Friday and at the Expo on the Saturday especially with the cleanup.

Hope I haven't missed thanking anyone, if I have, sorry.

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## Reminders, APS Victoria Diary Dates & Other Events

### Thank you

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

**A BIG THANK YOU TO:**  
Ian Julian,  
Maureen Runge.

### APS VIC DIARY DATES...

**November 20 2016** - APS Maroondah 50th anniversary lunch. Karralyka Centre, Ringwood. Cost \$25 per person. Contact:

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

or ring Sue on (03) 9872 3583.

**June 11-22 2017** - ANPSA 12-Day Natural History Kimberly Camping Tour

**January 12-20 2018** - ANPSA 2018 Conference, Hobart. Pre- and post- conference tours to King Island and Tasmanian Alpine areas.

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### OTHER EVENTS...

**November 19 & 20 2016** - Garden Designfest 2016. Full details at Open 10am - 5pm

**November 24 - 26 2016** - A Three-day Symposium on Kangaroo Paws, Bloodroots, Cottonheads & more. Full program & registration form available at [www.rbg.vic.gov.au/support/support-groups/friends-of-rbg/cranbourne/activities](http://www.rbg.vic.gov.au/support/support-groups/friends-of-rbg/cranbourne/activities) or contact Roger Elliot for further information Ph 8774 2483 or email:

[rgelliot@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rgelliot@optusnet.com.au)

**November 26 & 27 2016** - Open Gardens Victoria:

Loretta Child's Garden, Big Hill, 889 Skyline Rd, Christmas Hills. Set on 5 hectares of bush this garden comprises mostly native and indigenous plants. The garden consists of a number of garden rooms, each unique in outlook and plant palette. Spaces are linked by hard-landscaping features and water features or sculptures. Spectacular views to the Yarra Ranges. Open 10am - 4:30pm. For full and up to date details of Open Gardens Victoria visit [www.opengardensvictoria.org.au](http://www.opengardensvictoria.org.au)

## Committee & Contact Information

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### Committee Members

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Vice President:	Barbara Mau	5781 0984
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Treasurer/Memberships:	Bill Barker	5783 3838
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Group Librarian:	Barbara Mau	
Plant Sales:	Brian & Lorraine Weir	5783 2912
Newsletter Editor:	Jeanine Petts	5785 1434

## Saving Scented Orchids...

The Australasian Native Orchid Society Victorian Group Inc has launched '[Saving Scented Orchids' Pozible Campaign](#) and already received pledges totaling 34% of our \$13,900 goal. And six new members and encouraging messages of support through our campaign website.

[Saving Scented Orchids campaign](#) is raising funds to return the sweet scented endangered orchids Sunshine Diuris, or Fragrant Doubletail (*Diuris fragrantissima*), and Small Golden Moths (*Diuris basaltica*) to Melbourne's western grasslands. This project will improve grassland habitat condition through weed control, provide pollinator food by planting grassland herbs, and grow more grassland orchids to return to the wild. **Double the money! Every \$1 donated will be matched by the Victorian government if we reach our target by 23 November 2016.**

Read about us at <http://anosvic.org.au/savingscentedorchids> and stay in touch via Facebook and Twitter.

Please share our Saving Scented Orchids project via your networks and newsletters, and on facebook and twitter.

### Newsletter contributions:

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**For inclusion in the next Newsletter please forward contributions prior to the first Monday of each month.**



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## APS Mitchell Group Inc. Annual General Meeting

The Australian Plants Society, Mitchell Group Inc. Annual General Meeting 2016 will be held as part of our monthly general meeting commencing 7:30 pm on November 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 in the Owners & Trainers Bar at the Kilmore Racing Club, East Street, Kilmore.

Nominations for the following committee positions are currently being sought:

(Please tick applicable nomination)

<input type="checkbox"/>	President	<input type="checkbox"/>	General Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	Group Librarian
<input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plant Sales
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer/Memberships	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter Editor

**Name of Nominee:**..... Signature:.....

I Confirm I am a financial member of Australian Plants Society, Mitchell Group Inc.

Address:.....

Telephone:.....

**Name of Nominator:**..... Signature:.....

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**Name of Seconder:**..... Signature:.....

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Nomination forms can be received by the Secretary via email to: [aps.mitchell@gmail.com](mailto:aps.mitchell@gmail.com)

by November 20th, 2016 or presented at the Annual General Meeting.