



Australian Plants Society

# Yarra Yarra

Group Inc

(Incorporation No. A0039676Y)

## Newsletter December 2018

**General Meeting**  
**Dec 6. 8pm**

### Slide Show & Xmas Party

The meeting will begin with some announcements, the slide show will follow and then we will have the party. There will not be any formal flower table or plant sales. However you are most welcome to bring one or two sprigs from your garden that you want to show off.

**Members A-K please bring a savoury plate.**

**Members L-Z please bring sweets.**

The amount can be similar to the kind of plate you would bring to a garden visit.

**APS YY Committee will provide hot food & drinks.** There will be a raffle, a choice of 6 prizes. Santa will draw the tickets. So bring lots of loose change - 50c per ticket.



### Advance Notice:

### Speakers & Garden Visits for 2019

#### **Speakers:**

**Feb 7** Ron Litjens 'Faunascaping Your Garden,

**April 4** John Raynor 'Woody Meadows Project'.

We're still communicating with others to fill out the rest of the year – leaving aside August for AGM/Grand Flower Table, November for Grand Flower Table & December for Christmas Do/Slide Night

#### **Garden Visits:**

**March: Twilight Tour of the Latrobe Wildlife Sanctuary.** The tour starts at twilight i.e. 7.30 to 8 pm. A group tour costs \$150 and a total of 15 is recommended per group. We are considering going on the Thursday (Feb 28) or Friday (March 1) evening prior to our General Meeting on March 7. We will have a list at the December General Meeting to see what the interest is.

**April 14:** Joint visit with the Maroondah Group Maroondah to look at the story of Rosanna Parklands and Estate with Bev Hanson taking us around.

**May:** Rob Dunlop's Garden, possibly.



## Garden Visits: Joe Wilson & the Johnsons - Peter Smith

We rounded off this year's garden visits as we had started, with visits to two smaller-sized gardens, this time in Donvale; those of Helen and Joe Wilson and Nancy and Lee Johnson.

Joe, a former nurseryman and current Maroondah APS member, outlined in his knowledgeable and inclusive manner some of the problems of down-sizing. He and Helen have differing tastes which in a larger garden could be accommodated, but here, compromises have had to be made.

Joe acknowledged the influence of Peg McAllister on his own ideas of an Australian garden. Peg's garden was largely open with not a lot of tall, masses of daisies, flannel flowers, wahlenbergias and other small plants. Joe and Helen's garden echoed this and he emphasised that he shied away from mulch to allow plants such as the above and *Ptilotus spathulatus* and a form of *Podolepis jaceoides*, to seed and spread "en masse".

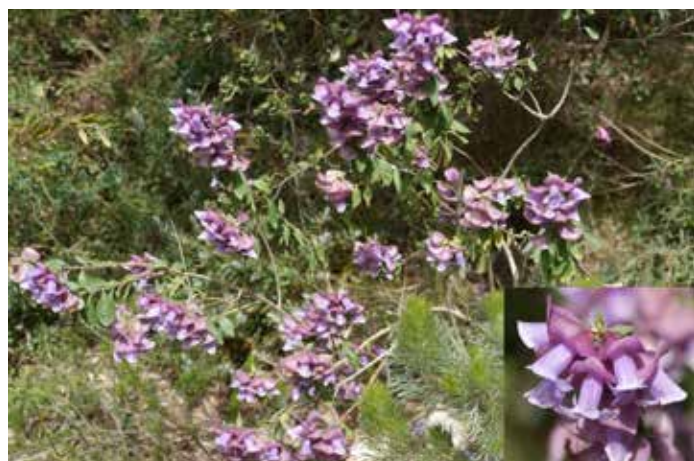
Amongst his taller shrubs/trees were both juvenile and adult foliated *Euc. lunata*, a brush cherry (*Exocarpos cupressiformis*), *Acacia cognata* and a South African *Leucospermum*. Joe's native gardenia (*Randia fitzalanii*), three different forms of *Templetonia retusa* and a *Verticordia plumosa* were also worth noting, as was his total take-over of the nature strip.

Lee and Nancy's garden is Lee's creation as we know Nancy creates through her art and this was evident in pieces placed throughout the garden.

Lee has achieved much in a short time with some *Eucalyptus caesia*, several *Grevilleas* and a *Callistemon 'Kings Park Special'* taking off. The daisies here were also thriving (Lee using mulch), *Brachyschome* (perhaps 'Happy Face'), forms of *Chrysocephalum apiculatum* and *Bracteantha* all showing off.

A lovely *Pimelea ferruginea*, *Philotheca 'Cascade of Stars'*, *Epacris reclinata*, *Verticordia plumosa* and a couple of amazing *Leptospermums* were full of flowers. Past Lee's trademark *Banksia baueri* to the newly planted back garden to admire more of Nancy's art work while we settled in for a lovely cup of tea. A most enjoyable day out.

Many thanks to Helen and Joe, Nancy and Lee, and all who shared their gardens with us this year. (Editor's note: Thank you Peter & Diane for all the organising, & also Lyhn for the big day out in August).



## Garden Visit continued - Images Miriam Ford



### AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR YOUR ATTENTION

Our group is desperately in need of some office bearers i.e. Vice- President, Treasurer and Secretary. We cannot function constitutionally without these positions being filled and they will all become vacant in August 2019.

It would be greatly appreciated if people could volunteer for these positions by the end of February 2019. No Experience necessary as anyone who volunteers will be given full support and guidance. We are open to informal discussions with people who might be considering it, with no obligation.

Please contact us - Mike Ridley, Joanne Cairns or Miriam Ford as soon as you can. Our phone numbers are on Page 10.

*From Miriam Ford (Leader) & Mike Ridley (Treasurer)*



## Grand November Flower Table - Report by Jill Lulham

Family	Genus	Species	Descriptions
Asteraceae	Ammobium	alata	Winged Everlasting Daisy, eastern Australia, 60cm-1m, stems grey & ribbed, outer florets white with yellow centre, perennial.
Asteraceae	Cassinia	leptocephala	Golden Cassinia, northern NSW, <3m, large heads of bright yellow.
Asteraceae	Ozothamnus	diosmifolius	Rice Flower, Qld, NSW, <1.5m, long lasting flowers, prune to prevent it becoming straggly, white (various pinks available)
Asteraceae	Ozothamnus	diosmifolius 'Royal Flush'	Rice Flower, Qld, NSW, <1.5m, long lasting flowers, prune to prevent it becoming straggly, pink form.
Fabaceae	Chorizema	dicksonii	Yellow -Eyed Flame Pea, WA, <1m.
Goodeniaceae	Dampiera	rosmarinifolia	WA, SA, Vic, to 60cm, grey stems, suckering, purple (also pink form)
Goodeniaceae	Dampiera	stricta	local plant, also Qld, NSW, 30cm x 1m, suckering habit.
Goodeniaceae	Goodenia	ovata	Hop Goodenia, all States except WA, NT, fast growing ground cover, also a shrub form.
Goodeniaceae	Lechenaultia	hirsuta	WA, <1m, large red flower, (in pot)
Goodeniaceae	Scaevola	nitida	Shining Fan Flower, WA, 2m x 1m, blue
Lamiaceae	Dasymalla	terminalis	Native Foxglove, WA, <1m, deep pink, best in a pot.
Lamiaceae	Dicrastylis	globiflora	WA, 0.4m, white, woolly appearance (in pot)
Lamiaceae	Prostanthera	aspalathoides	NSW, Vic, SA, WA, <1m, yellow form (in pot)
Lamiaceae	Prostanthera	cryptandroides	Qld, NSW, 1-2m, white to lilac with purple spotted throat (in pot)
Lamiaceae	Prostanthera	cuneata	Alpine Mint Bush, Vic, NSW, ACT, <1m, white purple throat (in pot)
Lamiaceae	Prostanthera	eckersleyana	Crinkly Mintbush, WA, <1m, purple (in pot)
Lamiaceae	Prostanthera	florifera	Gawler Ranges Mintbush, SA, 0.25cm, pink with maroon dots, rare & endangered (in pot)
Lamiaceae	Prostanthera	serpyllifolia	Thyme leaf Mintbush, NSW, Vic, SA, WA <1m, yellow (also be red or green) (in pot)
Lamiaceae	Prostanthera	serpyllifolia ssp. microphylla	Small leaf Mintbush, NSW, Vic, SA, WA, 0.5m-1.6m, bright pink to red (can be blue-green) (in pot)
Lamiaceae	Prostanthera	monticola (was walteri?)	Buffalo Mintbush, Vic, NSW, 1-2m, white (also purple) (in pot)
Malvaceae	Commersonia (was Rulingia)	hermaniifolia	Coastal NSW, <1.5m, leaves wrinkled on top, hairy beneath, small starry flowers white aging to pink, floriferous.
Malvaceae	Thomasia	macrocarpa	Large fruited Thomasia, sw WA, <1.5m, pink to purple.
Malvaceae	Thomasia	purpurea x solanacea	sw WA, <1m, pink-purple, hardy.
Malvaceae	Thomasia	solanacea	WA, 0.5-3m, white
Myrtaceae	Callistemon	citrinus 'Endeavour'	3m, bright red, good for hedging, hardy.
Myrtaceae	Callistemon	'Kings Park Special'	3-5m, bright red, more floriferous than similar C. 'Harkness', can prune hard.
Myrtaceae	Callistemon	pallidus 'Silver Cloud'	<2m, yellow, coloured new growth on leaves, frost hardy.

**Images p. 5: Clockwise from the top -Melaleuca fulgens, Prostanthera cuneata, Dasymalla terminalis, Verticordia plumosa, Callistemon pallidus 'Silver Cloud' & Prostanthera eckersleyana**



October Flower Table: Images Ben Eaton



*Grand Flower Table continued - Please excuse smaller font to fit to page*

Family	Genus	Species	Descriptions
Myrtaceae	Calothamnus	quadrifidus	One-sided Bottlebrush, sw WA, 1.5-2.5m, red (also yellow form)
Myrtaceae	Calytrix	tetragona	Fringe Myrtle, Tas - Rocky Cape form, prostrate, white (in pot)
Myrtaceae	Chamelaucium	uncinatum	Geraldton Wax, WA, <4m, deep mauve ('Purple Pride?')
Myrtaceae	Chamelaucium x Verticordia	Paddy's Pink'	C. uncinatum x V. plumosa, <2m, spicy fragrance, prune lightly to keep shape, popular cut flower.
Myrtaceae	Darwinia	taxifolia ssp. macrolaena	east coast NSW, <1m, some shade, small profuse red flowers (in pot)
Myrtaceae	Kunzea	ambigua	Tick Bush, east coast NSW, Vic, 2-3m, honey-scented, cream (also pink form)
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca	fulgens	Scarlet Honey Myrtle, WA, <1.5m, prune for shape, floriferous, large brushes, orange form
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca	wilsonii	Violet Honey-Myrtle, SA, Vic, 1.5m spreading, neat foliage, magenta pink
Myrtaceae	Thryptomene baeckeacea	'Pink Cascade'	WA, low form
Myrtaceae	Verticordia	mirabilis	Gibson Desert WA, SA, <1m, red, grafted (in pot)
Myrtaceae	Verticordia	plumosa	Plumed Featherflower, <1.5m, pink, mauve, more hardy than most.
Proteaceae	Conospermum	triplinervium	Tree Smokebush, WA, 0.5-4.5m, growing in sand
Proteaceae	Eucalyptus	cernua	Red-flowered Moort or Nodding Gum, was E. nutans, WA. 2.5m, red flowers, mallee, can coppice.
Proteaceae	Eucalyptus	woodwardii	Yellow-flowered gum, WA, <10m, mallet (no lignotuber), yellow
Proteaceae	Grevillea	'Bonfire'	G. johnsonii x G wilsonii, 2m x 2m, good screen, fine foliage, coral red
Proteaceae	Grevillea	'Bronze Rambler'	rivularis x 'Poorinda Peter', spreading ground cover to 4m, bronze new growth, pink toothbrush flowers
Proteaceae	Grevillea	caleyi x ?	possible hybrid, prostrate 3m spread, attractive foliage, pink-red toothbrush flowers
Proteaceae	Grevillea	'Elegance'	longistyla x johnsonii, 4m x 4m, long flowering, waxy pink-red flowers
Proteaceae	Grevillea	'Fire Sprite'	G. longistyla x G. venusta, 3m x 5m, fast growing, orange to pink-red, long flowering
Proteaceae	Grevillea	magnifica	sw WA, to 4m, was subsp. of petrophiloides, flower stems above foliage
Proteaceae	Grevillea	wilsonii	Native Fuchsia, sw WA, <1.3m, very prickly foliage, bright red flowers.
Rutaceae	Geleznowia	verrucosa	WA, <1m, warty bumps on stems, yellow flowers at ends of branches, good cut flower.
Scrophulariaceae	Eremophila	ovata	NT, <1m x 1m, fast growing, can sucker, lime green new growth, short-lived, long flowering, purple flowers
Scrophulariaceae	Eremophila	'Beryl'?	possibly 'Beryl's Blue', (Russell Wait), possibly nivea x caerulea, <1.5m, grey foliage, lilac flowers
Scrophulariaceae	Eremophila	cuneifolia	WA, <1m, long flowering, purple flowers, pink calyx, grafted. (variable colours)
Scrophulariaceae	Eremophila	enata	WA, 0.3m, spreading, serrated leaves, purple to pink flowers.
Scrophulariaceae	Eremophila	mackinlayi	Desert Pride, WA, 1-2m, felt like leaves, purple, blue, pink flowers.
Scrophulariaceae	Eremophila	muelleriana	Round-leaved Eremophila, WA, 1m open shrub, deep purple flowers.
Scrophulariaceae	Myoporum	'Snow Drift'	bateae x floribundum?, NSW, Vic, fragrant at night., small white flowers like snow along top of branches.



Flower Table Images - Ben Eaton



Images: Paddy's Pink, *Eucalyptus cernua*, *Kunzea ambigua*, *Anigozanthos*, *Xerochrysum bracteatum*, *Eremophila 'Beryl'*

## APS Yarra Yarra Growers - Propagation Update

**W**e have been sowing seeds (Hakeas & Peas mostly), putting in tip cuttings (mostly mint bushes) & potting on various tip cuttings or germinated seeds. We have been testing out some of the batches of seed given to us by Mike Williams earlier this year – we spent some time sorting out and storing these seeds in alphabetical order. They are now housed in the temperature controlled storage room at the Latrobe Wildlife Sanctuary & Indigenous Nursery. Mike had a large array of seeds in tubes collected by him or Max on various trips to WA and generously donated to us. Some were from some time ago, some were not dated so we have tried several of them. There are lots of interesting species amongst them so we are embarking on some exciting adventures of discovery - are they viable and are they really what they say they are?

We have had very successful germination of *Kennedia carinata*, *Kennedia coccinea* and *Acacia binervia*, vintage 1988. We have also tried a variety of other special *Acacia* – *Acacia pulchella* (two varieties, collected by Mike), *Acacia drummondii* (two varieties, from Nindethana), lots of different Hakeas, several from Paul Kennedy's garden (*H. pandanicarpa* ssp *crassifolia*, *circumalata*, *constablei*, *gibbosa*, *eriantha*, *dactyloides*, *prostrata*, *trifurcata*), some from Miriam's (*H. multilineata*, *H. petiolaris* ssp *trichophylla*) and others collected by Mike & Max (*H. minyma*, *cucullata*, *scoparia*, *bakeriana*). Many have germinated well and been potted on and are doing famously as you will see from the photos. We expect them to be available in tubes for the 2019 Autumn sale, larger pots for the Expo.

In the meantime we have also been putting in a lot of tip cuttings of various mint bushes, *Prostanthera* species as well as some *Westringia*. As we are hosting the 2020 FJC seminar we need to get the plant propagation going now so as to have a good array of species for sale. Mike Williams has also been working hard and between us we have over 50 different *Prostanthera* species underway. Thank you to various members who have been most generous

with their plant material – Craig Dodgson, Bruce Grose, Pat Cameron, Jenny Hedley, Karen Guifre & moi. We also have material coming from Interstate, particularly from sources within the Cradle of Incense\* (an area within NSW centred around Dubbo/ Wellington, the Burrendong Arboretum, established by George Althofer, which once housed an enormous collection of Australian Mint bushes – 1/3 of Australia's species occur within this area).

There will be a short presentation on what we are doing for this 2020 FJC Rogers Seminar at the Christmas Slide Show so you will know more about what we are doing and how you can assist.

***There will also be a gift for each of you who come to the APS YY Christmas Party*** – a thank you from the APS YY growers on behalf of the APS YY committees for your enthusiastic participation & assistance throughout the year. You will have a choice – APS Vic Paper Daisies (*Xerochrysum bracteatum*), *Rhodanthe chlorocephala* ssp *rosea* (WA paper daisy), *Swainsona formosa* (Sturt Desert Pea) or Rottneest Island Daisy (*Trachymene coerula*).

*\*Cradle of Incense by George W Althofer, 1978*





## APS Yarra Yarra & other Diary Dates for 2019

**1 December 2018** – APS Victoria Committee of Management, cnr Ballarto Rd and Botanic Dr, Cranbourne at 10.00 am.

**2 March** – APS Maroondah host APS Victoria Committee of Management Meeting and one day event at Federation Estate, 32 Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood. (Coincides with Mullum Mullum Creek Festival).

**16 & 17 March** - Cranbourne Friends Autumn Plant Sale – 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. (Mel 133 K10)

**13 April** - APS Yarra Yarra Native Plant & Book Sale. At Eltham Senior Citizens Centre, 903 Main Road, Eltham from 10 am to 4 pm.

**27 April** – APS Geelong Australian Native Plant Sale at 'Wirrawilla', 40 Lovely Banks Road, Lovely Banks. (Mel 431 D6). Entry is \$2 per adult or \$5 per car, children free of charge. From 8.30 am to 5.00 pm (sale is one day only). A BBQ, tea, coffee and refreshments, book sales, childrens' activities and a great selection of native plants.

**4 May** - APS Mornington Peninsula Plant Sale, from 10 am to 3.30 pm, at Seawinds in Arthurs Seat State Park, Purves Rd, Arthurs Seat 3936. For further details call 0428 284 974.

**4 May** – Cranbourne Friends Annual Lunch in Tarnuk Room, Australian Garden. Guest Speaker is Dean Stewart.

**11 May** APS Melton & Bacchus Marsh Plant Sale at St Andrew's Uniting Church, Gisborne Road, Bacchus Marsh. From 9 am to 1 pm. (date to be confirmed)

**15 June** – APS Geelong host Committee of Management meeting.

**27 & 28 July** - Cranbourne Friends Winter Plant Sale – 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. (Mel 133 K10)

**14 & 15 September** - APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo, Eltham Community & Reception Centre, 801 Main Road, Eltham. 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Check website <https://apsyarrayarra.org.au> for plant lists.

**21 & 22 September** 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Anglesea Wildflower Weekend and Art Show. Celebrating the area's remarkable biodiversity and wildflowers. Held at the Anglesea Memorial Hall, 3 McMillan Street, Anglesea 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

**5 & 6 October** - APS Grampians Group Pomonal Native Flower Show, Pomonal Hall. 9.30 am to 5.00 pm on Saturday, 10.00 – 4.00 on Sunday.

**19 October** APS Mitchell Plant Expo and Sale. Kilmore Memorial Hall, 14 Sydney Street, Kilmore. From 9 am to 3 pm.

**26 & 27 October** Cranbourne Friends Spring Plant Sale – 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. (Mel 133 K10)

**ANPSA 2019 Conference** – Blooming Biodiversity – **30 September to 4 October**, hosted by Wildflower Society of Western Australian in Albany, WA. Pre and post conference tours between 21 September to 11 October. Key Speakers include Professor Stephen D Hopper AC – AJ Swaby Address and Gregory John Keighery Keynote Conference Speaker. Details [www.bloomingbiodiversity.com.au](http://www.bloomingbiodiversity.com.au). Bookings open January 2019.

**24 & 25 October**, 2020 13<sup>th</sup> FJC Rogers Seminar on *Lamiaceae*, Subfamily *Prostantheroideae* (with a focus on the Australian mint bush family Prostanthera & Westringia with some allied genera) co-ordinated by APS Yarra Yarra. Latrobe University. Bundoora. Melbourne.

*Images: p. 8 Rhodanthe chlorocephala in Jiffy Pots, Xerochrysum bracteatum & this page -Verticordia plumosa with pollinator.*



## Committee, Newsletter Contributions & Neutrog Orders

### **The APS Yarra Yarra Committee:**

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### **Some APS YY Committee Meeting Dates:**

General APS YY Com Meeting: **22 Jan. 2019** Adrian's  
Next FJC 2020 Com meeting: **Feb. 2019. TBA**

### **Contributions to the 2019 February APS YY News to Miriam by 25 January please**

**Email:** miriamdfc30@gmail.com OR post to Newsletter editor APS Yarra Yarra PO Box 298, Eltham 3095

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### **NEUTROG ORDERS**

Attached is a form with all the products we can order from Neutrog. The prices are much cheaper than in retail stores. However we have to order a minimum amount to have it delivered free.

Bush Tucker, Seamungus, and GoGo Juice seem to be the ones good for natives, but if you have a mixed garden feel free to order the other products too. Please note, Whoflungdung is not available until next year, so don't order that on this form.

**You will need to fill in your details on the form, and email it back to [apsyarrayarra@gmail.com](mailto:apsyarrayarra@gmail.com) by 1st December**, and also deposit the correct amount into our account by that date:

Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000 Acc 150676625

Please put your surname and 'Neutrog' in the bank Reference line so we know who & what it's for.

The form (PDF) can be filled in online (rather than having to print it). Please save a copy for your records, attach and email it back to us. (Or print and deliver to Jill's letterbox 30 Banoon Road, Eltham before 1st Dec.) Jill will collate all the orders and if all the amounts tally, will send off the order soon after.

Delivery should be within 2 weeks of ordering, and you will need to collect from my place. I will be in touch when it arrives. Any problems, please let me know. Jill Ph. 0430 513 433



### **Meeting Particulars: Visitors always welcome**

**When:** 8 pm 1st Thursday each month (except January). Doors open 7.30 pm. Come early for plant sales.

**Venue:** Orana building, Araluen Centre. 226 Old Eltham Rd, Lower Plenty.

**Guest Speaker:** Learn more through talks and discussion by expert speakers

**Audience etiquette:** No interruptions to the speaker during the talk, questions (one only per person) at the end when requested.

**Flower Table Specimens:** Bring along your flowers, labelled if possible

**Plant Sales:** Members may buy or sell their own plants, unusual varieties are often available

**Chairs:** Members please help set up chairs from 7.30 onwards and put away again after the meeting.

