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# NEWSLETTER

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## November 2015

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## November news...!

Hello everyone and welcome to our November and final edition for 2015.

First up a big, warm welcome to the following new members:

**Shelly Moser, Kilmore**

**Glenn Cottier & Elke Seeck, Kilmore**

**Trish and Trevor Thomas, Kilmore**

**Barbara, Grant and Sarah Rawlin, Kilmore East**

**Tina Butler, Kilmore**

**Olga Jensen, Wandong**

**Tim Berkes, Wallan**

**Trish Kingley, Kilmore**

**Andrew Pharoah, Kilmore**

**Russell Wait, Riddles Creek**

We'll look forward to meeting and getting to know you all :-).

A special treat has been organised for our November meeting - for details see right and page 2.

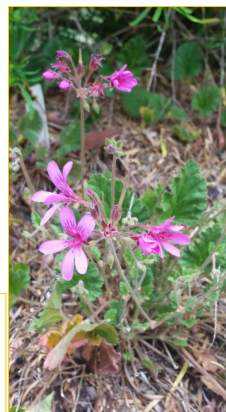
The next newsletter is due out on February 8th, 2016. All contributions are very welcome and should be sent in by Monday February 1st 2016. Email contributions to: [wattlegum@southernphone.com.au](mailto:wattlegum@southernphone.com.au)

or post to PO Box 381 Pyalong Vic 3521.

Season's greetings, very best wishes for the coming Christmas, New Year & Holiday season. Happy summer gardening and see you in the New Year.

Cheers for now,

Jeanine :-)



*Pelargonium rodneyanum*  
Magenta Stork's-bill  
Photo: J Petts

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## Thank you from Julianne...

Thank you for inviting me (to the Expo), I did enjoy the day. Would you please pass on my thanks to everyone who assisted me to unload and load my stock. It was hugely appreciated.

As you know I am not a commercial seller per se but for me it's about our native orchids and encouraging people to grow them. The plants I had for sale came from the Australian Orchid Nursery in Tyabb which is where I purchased 95% of my own plants.

The nursery is open to the public should members wish to visit. <http://www.australianorchids.com.au/>

Thanks again.  
Regards,

Julianne Diwell

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## Mitchell Diary Dates..

- **NOVEMBER 16th 7:30pm MEETING**  
**Triple Treat Night:**  
**Guest Speaker: Mike Williams - Plants of the Ayre Peninsula & APS Victoria.**

**Annual General Meeting & End of Year Celebration.**

**Bring a plate to share.**

**Come along to receive a special pre-Christmas treat... All members attending the November meeting will receive a FREE PLANT**



## Standard of the Month, November...

By Brian Weir

### **GREVILLEA bipinnatifida**

There are several forms of *G. bipinnatifida* (Grape Grevillea), a bush to 2 metre high x 3 metre wide, prostrate forms, different leaves and different coloured flowers. This smaller flower form flowers for an extended period, has huge amounts of bird attracting flowers, is frost tolerant to -4c and when staked properly is not easily damaged by our Wallan gales.

A good all rounder, *G. bipinnatifida* is one of the parents of the Robyn Gordon, Superb, Coconut Ice, Ned Kelly and more. (*G. banksii* being the other parent.)

If grown in a pot it would make a great Aussie Xmas tree with no decorations required.

*Grevillea bipinnatifida*

Photo: Brian Weir



MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE  
3rd MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
(February to November)

In the John Taylor room at  
Kilmore Library

12 Sydney Street, Kilmore

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 Monday the 16th 7:30pm...

By Jeanine Petts

As a special treat at the final meeting for 2015 the committee has generously organised a free plant for all members attending our November meeting.

We also have Mike Williams coming along to speak on plants of the Eyre Peninsula and to give an update on APS Victoria's structure. Mike will be very familiar to some as he is a long standing member of both APS Yarra Yarra and APS Mitchell, Mike was also instrumental in the establishment of our group.

Prior to Mike's talk we will be holding our Annual General Meeting. If anyone missed our previous AGM notice a second notice can be found on the last page.

A celebratory supper will round out the evening. Please bring a plate of food to share.



*Xerochrysum viscosum*

Sticky Everlasting

Photo: Jeanine Petts

## Memberships...

Those members who joined APS Mitchell at the 2014 Expo and received two years membership for the price of one, these memberships have now expired as of Expo 2015 (recently completed), unless they have renewed their memberships prior to the expo (only one member to date has done so).

If members have not renewed and would like to renew, they can do so by Direct Deposit to APS Mitchell: BSB 083-644 Account No. 17-010-5884 (Please include your surname and post code as reference/transaction details) or by sending a cheque made payable to: APS MITCHELL INC. Posted to: APS Mitchell Treasurer (30 Eastern Ridge, Wallan, 3756). Alternatively they could call the treasurer (Ph: 5783 3838) to make other arrangements.

Cheers, Bill

## October Meeting Report "Acacias"

By Jeanine Petts

The warmer weather and longer daylight brought out a good number of members to our October meeting including eight newly joined members who signed up at the Spring Expo. It was a great pleasure to see so many new faces.

Before handing over to Bill Aitchison for the evening's presentation Neil had an additional announcement to make and related the sad news that Dr Russell Best has recently passed away. Russell was a senior lecturer at Victoria University, co-author of the books *Macedon Ranges Flora* and *Plants of Melbourne's Western Plains*. He had long been an active member of the Australian Plant Society and was also well known for his work with the Barrm Birrm Nature Reserve in Riddells Creek and the NatureShare database. A good number of our group members have fond memories of Russell Best and the "famous ferret night" in July 2013 when he visited as guest speaker to talk about citizen science and NatureShare. At the beginning of the evening Maureen had discovered what she thought might be a rat in the kitchen but on closer inspection turned out to be a ferret. The local ranger was contacted and collected the animal but not before Russell had taken a photo of the interloping ferret and used the image in part of his talk to demonstrate making a citizen science observation and how to record the observation at [www.natureshare.org.au](http://www.natureshare.org.au).



The Famous Ferret, July 2013  
Photo: Russell Best

[www.natureshare.org.au](http://www.natureshare.org.au)

The image can still be viewed today: [http://natureshare.org.au/observations?display=photos&photos\\_only=on&species=Mustela+furo](http://natureshare.org.au/observations?display=photos&photos_only=on&species=Mustela+furo)

[http://natureshare.org.au/observations?display=locations&photos\\_only=on&species=Mustela+furo](http://natureshare.org.au/observations?display=locations&photos_only=on&species=Mustela+furo)

Russell will be missed by many and I am sure the rest of APS Mitchell will join with me in extending condolences to friends and family.

### Acacias...

Bill Aitchison commenced his presentation by mentioning he last spoke to our group in July 2010 so would give a different talk this visit and discuss the Acacia Study Group, some of its activities over the last five years and finish up with "A Wattle in your garden in flower every month of the year".

Bill is the current leader of the Acacia Study Group which has members from all around Australia and even a couple of overseas members. The group was established in the 1960's and currently has 120 members. Its aims are to further knowledge about the cultivation, propagation and conservation of *Acacia*. Regular newsletters are issued recording the activities, experiences of the group members and providing information on cultivating acacias, keeping up to date on scientific knowledge of the genus and reporting on field trips to various parts of Australia. Membership of the study group is available to all APS Victoria members and details can be found at:

[http://www.apsvic.org.au/study\\_groups.html#acacia](http://www.apsvic.org.au/study_groups.html#acacia)

The group also has a website (part of ANPSA) <http://anpsa.org.au/acaciaSG/index.html>.

The most recent field trip was made just a few months ago in August 2015 to the Northern Tablelands NSW. This area was previously visited by the study group in 2012. For the current visit the group had the benefit of a very knowledgeable local from Armadale NSW by the name of John Nevin lead the trip. Maria Hitchcock who is known as "The Wattle Lady" was also there. Over the 2 day weekend 51 different species were recorded – nearly all of the species known to be in the region. Among the species found were:

***Acacia neriifolia*** – Oleander Wattle, named for having a leaf shape similar to Oleander but fortunately is not poisonous.

***Acacia leptoclada*** – A bipinnate leaved Acacia which also strikes well from cuttings, some cuttings have been known to root within a few days.

***Acacia betchei*** – Which has reddish leaves and is found in the region of Glen Innes. Growing at an elevation of 1000m and experiencing an average of 93 minus 12c frosts per year the red colouration is thought to equate to anti-freeze protection.

***Acacia ixodes*** – A new observation record for the area.

For their 2014 field trip the study group visited the Barakula State Forest north of Chinchilla in Queensland. The

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name Barakula means Big Timber, and the forest with an extensive road system and covering 260,000 hectares is said to be the largest State Forest in the southern hemisphere. Len Hubbard acted as guide on this field trip. Over the 3 day trip every one of the 56 known species in the region was found. There are 4 species are endemic only to Barakula, these are: ***Acacia chinchillensis***, ***Acacia handonis***, ***Acacia barakulensis*** & ***Acacia striatifolia***.

Some other species seen were:

***Acacia flexifolia*** – Seen being visited by a Bee Fly. *Acacia* are pollinated by insects.

***Acacia semilunata*** – Common in the Darling Downs Queensland and were conspicuously in flower at the time of this visit.

***Acacia spectabilis*** – Grace Lithgow (of Chinchilla) has written a book mentioning *A. Spectabilis* as “tasty in cooking” citing use in fritters and pancakes.

***Acacia leichhardtii*** – Also received a mention (in Grace’s book) as good for floral displays.

***Acacia debilis*** – Found along creeks and gullies in sandy conditions. Also holds well in floral displays (add vinegar to the water to extend duration of display).

Moving on from field trips Bill advised the Study Group also has a photo library and went on to light heartedly let us know it includes “some of the worst photos of Acacias you’ll ever see”. The first image of the now well known Red Wattle – *Acacia leprosa* “Scarlet Blaze” is among the collection. Bush walkers at Wilhelmina Falls in Murrindindi first discovered and photographed the lone specimen in 1994. The image showed the red form in the foreground with the usual yellow form in the background. Another image shown was *Acacia purpleopetala* an endangered species from Irvine Bank in Northern Queensland which only grows in a limited area. A stunning image by Chris Clarke (of the Keilor Group) taken in Bendigo of *Acacia acinacea* was up next. It showed the Gold Dust Wattle the in full bloom filling and lighting up the forest understorey.

From time to time the Study Group also has cause to write letters regarding issues relating to Acacias. One letter written was to the WA Premier and Environment Minister on the subject of protecting *Acacia shapelleae* and *Acacia adinophylla*. These two species are endemic to the Helena and Aurora Range which is located one days drive from Perth. The range is a geological feature of banded ironstone formation under threat from “mining interest”. Subjects of another letter have been *Acacia phlebophylla* from Mackey Lookout Mt Buffalo, *Acacia maidenii* from Orbost and *Acacia victoriae* found near Kings Canyon which is grown to produce wattle seed for bush food. The letter was written in response to Government proposing to ban the propagation of *Acacia* due to the psychoactive alkaloid Dimethyltryptomene (DMT) known or suspected to be found in some species.

Occasionally the Study Group receives and answers questions via email. One question was from a gentleman in America wanting to use *Acacia* seed for culinary purposes. As he was unable to buy *Acacia* seed in America but had access to some plants he wanted to know if *Acacia podalyriifolia* seed is safe to eat. Enquiries were made on the gentleman’s behalf and a response was made that it probably was safe to eat. As the man was familiar with the symptoms of food poisoning he decided to go ahead with a personal trial and later reported that he made and consumed several litres of Wattle Seed Ice-cream over a the period of a week or so with no ill effect.

There have been a number of group leaders over the years with the previous group leader being Esther Brueggemeier. Some leaders and members have had plants named after them, *Acacia desmondii* – The Des Nelson Wattle is one. Des Nelson is also connected with the Olive Pink Botanic Gardens Alice Springs. In Bruce Maslin’s case along with *Acacia masliniana* Bruce has also had rust fungi named after him. *Acacia masliniana* is found at the edges of salt lakes. The galls found on Wattles are the result of rust fungi such as *Endoraecium*

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*Acacia spectabilis*  
Photo: Brian Walters  
[www.anpsa.org.au](http://www.anpsa.org.au)



*Acacia leprosa* “Scarlet Blaze”  
Photo: Brian Walters  
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*podalyriifolium* and *Endoraecium maslinii*.

A database of common names is also something the Study Group is working on. In some cases the same plant can have many different common names. *Acacia stenophylla* which has 19 different common names and 18 different species with the same common name “Black Wattle” are just a couple of examples. Some other common names are:

**Cat Bush - *Acacia pentadenia*** which is found in the Frankland State Forest WA earned the common name from its offensive odour.

**Reindeer Bush – *Acacia aphylla***, so named for it’s antler like foliage.

**Hairy Pod Wattle – *Acacia glandulicarpa***

**Jumping-jack Wattle – *Acacia enterocarpa*** named after the firework.

A final Study Group item of interest is it’s association and reciprocal membership with The Wattle Day Association. The Wattle Day Association has a long history dating back to around 1910. Jack Fahey was the first president of the association and the current president is Terry Fewtrell. Terry Fewtrell is quoted as saying Wattle Day (September 1<sup>st</sup>) should become our Australia Day as “Wattle and National Wattle Day are unique celebrations of Australia, uncluttered by historical or cultural baggage because wattle comes from our land and is a symbol of that land”. Currently January 26<sup>th</sup> is also viewed as “invasion day” and is culturally divisive so September 1<sup>st</sup> would be a more unifying option. Events to celebrate Wattle Day are held all around the country, one event is held at Hurstbridge on the last weekend in August each year at which APS Yarra Yarra host a display. In the past Wattle Day was much more widely celebrated than it currently is today in 1913 it was common for trains to be decorated with Wattle for the day. There is also a “Golden Wattle Award” which is given in recognition of an individual’s contribution who has brought “Gold” to Australia through their actions or achievements. The most recent recipients were Mick Fanning & Julian Wilson, recognised and honoured for their courage, mateship and fortitude in facing the recent shark attack at Jeffreys Bay in South Africa.

Lastly – **A Wattle in your garden in flower every month of the year...**

**January:**

- *Acacia implexa*
- *Acacia elata*

**February:**

- *Acacia provincialis* - Previously known as *A. retinoides* form
- *Acacia uncinata* – An arching species that flowers January through to mid year.

**March:**

- *Acacia linifolia* – Flowers February to October.

**April:**

- *Acacia terminalis* – Has red glands, more sugar in the nectar so is attractive to and pollinated by birds. A pink variety “Pink Sunshine” from Tasmania might be released in Autumn next year.

**May:**

- *Acacia fauntleroyi* – Has Minni-ritchi type bark and flowers from January through to June/July.



*Acacia implexa*

Photo: Judy Allen

[www.natureshare.org.au](http://www.natureshare.org.au)



*Acacia provincialis*

Photo: David Francis

[www.natureshare.org.au](http://www.natureshare.org.au)

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By Jeanine Petts

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## June:

- *Acacia beckleri*
- *Acacia trigonophylla*

## July:

- *Acacia chrysocephala* – A small growing acacia.

## August:

- *Acacia imbricata*
- *Acacia boormanii* – Suckers and can be weedy.
- *Acacia guinetti*

## September:

- *Acacia fimbriata* Dwarf form – Grows to 2-3m high. The tree form usually grows 8-10m.
- *Acacia fimbriata* Crimson Blush – Grown for the foliage.
- *Acacia covenii*
- *Acacia acinacea*

- *Acacia gordonii* – From the Blue Mountains west of Sydney and now an endangered species due to urbanisation. Some were planted at the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne but Swamp Rats were attracted to and ate the roots so have since been replanted in a different area of the gardens.

## October:

- *Acacia triptera*

## November:

- *Acacia subulata* – Has a pleasant aroma, attractive foliage and is fast growing.
- *Acacia caerulescens* – Rare and from the Buchan region.

## December:

- *Acacia muelleriana*

## January – December:

- *Acacia longissima* – Flowers 12 months of the year and can always be seen in flower at Maranoa Gardens.



*Acacia boormanii*  
Photo: D Langlois  
[www.anpsa.org.au](http://www.anpsa.org.au)



*Acacia acinacea*  
Photo: J Petts



*Acacia triptera*  
Photo: David Francis  
[www.natureshare.org.au](http://www.natureshare.org.au)

Parting notes of interest...

- Most *Acacia* appreciate tip pruning and the best times to prune are after flowering or after seeding if you are collecting seeds.
- There is a website available which has a free online keys to identify *Acacia* – Lucid Central:

<http://www.lucidcentral.org/en-us/keys173:/searchforakey.aspx>

<http://keys.lucidcentral.org/key-server/player.jsp;jsessionid=35F73C65A96AAA1B020CCB0811C93F36?keyId=100>

# *APS Mitchell Expo 2015*

*By Brian Weir*

After the last table was stored under the stage, the last boxes loaded onto Barb's truck & Mike's ute I was able to pause, take a deep breath, a couple actually, look around and ponder the future. What I had seen was not good for APS Mitchell, a lot of us still at the hall at 4-30 pm had arrived there at 6-30 am and we were all well and truly knackered. We need more help, we are all getting a tad long in the tooth, so any new or old members please feel free to jump in and, take a turn on the committee at the AGM in November. We need some new blood or the group will begin a down hill spiral that will be unstoppable.

Having said that I believe the 2015 EXPO was our best yet, we had 2 new stalls to add to the existing 5, an old sponsor returning to make 3 sponsors, Kilmore Art Society and BirdLife Australia were represented.

Sponsoring the expo were:

**The Mitchell Shire Council**

**Coles Wallan**

**OPSM Whittlesea**

If you are having trouble reading this ring **Vaness Manley (Manager)** on **9716 3268** for an appointment.

Thank you all for the support and hope to see you again in 2016.

**Just briefly running through the stall holders that attended:**

For the fifth consecutive year Ironstone Park Nursery-

Thanks Pete, Pete was working under adverse conditions with wife Joan in hospital recovering from a very serious illness. We at APS Mitchell wish you a full and speedy recovery Joan, get out of hospital quick and back into the garden.

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, cheers mate.

John Forrester, spectacular Anigozanthos that were so healthy they were literally hopping out the door. Plants of that quality bring people back and back, thanks John.

APS Mitchell were supported by Steve & Deb Fowles who gave us 240 assorted plants on consignment, Jeanine's state of exhaustion at the end of the day was testament to the quality of these plants.



APS Mitchell Expo 2015  
Photo: Brian Weir



APS Mitchell Expo 2015  
Photo: Brian Weir



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## *APS Mitchell Expo 2015 continued...*

By Brian Weir

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We sold our plants again, some of the most magnificent grevilleas known to man and a few weeds ☺. Must mention and say a public thanks to Lorraine who had been very ill for 2 weeks prior to the expo but still attended and worked damn hard.

Janet Hand had her bird calls echoing through the hall which sounded great, amusing many kids that went looking for the Kookaburra.

Kilmore Art Society were well represented with Maureen Runge and other local artists exhibiting their works.

### **The New Sellers**

Julianne Diwell brought along a magnificent display of orchids which were very popular with the public as I noticed many plants heading out the door to new homes.

Eremophilas were sold at the expo for the first time (in numbers) 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.

This year as well as showing flowers we had seeds, seed capsules and foliage that the kids could touch, Neil reports the young ones really enjoyed the experience.

Ian & Neil manned the book stall and did quite well with many sales.

Neil, Jasmine & myself started the expo a week early handing out many hundreds of flyers at the Wallan market, well Jasmine & I did Neil was too busy watching the passing art Parade.

Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> finally rolled around and we were greeted by a fine cool morning, not the rubbish weather that had been forecast, beauty.

If anybody has a video of the 2 fellas who will remain nameless putting up the banner in front of the hall will make a quid on YouTube I bet.....

At 7-30am I was getting pretty toey, the 2 main stall holders had not arrived meaning there were 12 empty tables in the middle of the hall, I thought under the stage rolled up in a little ball would be a good spot to spend the day.

Hallelujah, Mike & Pete arrived, my heart slowed, the sun started shining, I closed the doors to under the stage from the outside. The



APS Mitchell Expo 2015  
Photos: Brian Weir



APS Mitchell Expo 2015  
Photos: J Petts

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## *APS Mitchell Expo 2015 continued...*

*By Brian Weir*

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rest of the day was a bit of a blur, not getting to rest up too often the sellers were kept busy most of the day, time flew by then we were packing and cleaning.

A thank you to Jeanine, Janis & Barbara for growing tube stock plants, hanging baskets & making floral arrangements, well done ladies.

A big thank you to all committee members who gave so much of their time during the year also on set up Friday and at the expo.

Thank you to the club members who helped on both days and bought along flowers, nuts and foliage.

Special thanks to Cynthia & Ben Tennent for so much hard work, Ben's 5<sup>th</sup> Expo- think that must qualify him for a honorary membership.

Thank you to Noel Cunningham also for giving a hand packing up when we were all done in.

APS Yarra Yarra & Mike Williams, we would not have an expo without your backing. Thank you.

The BIGGEST thank you I saved till last is for Ros & Graeme Woods who for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year brought their magnificent flowers, seeds & foliage to the expo, helped name & arrange, working for several hours, thanks guys for everything.

That's it for another year, if anyone has any ideas for improving the expo please seek out a committee member so we can try and make it happen.

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

Thank You all,

Brian Weir

PS: Fertilizer sales were down 65% we missed the hard sell, Dianne.



APS Mitchell Expo 2015  
Photo: Brian Weir



APS Mitchell Expo 2015  
Photo: J Petts

## *Congratulations to all our Expo 2015 Raffle Winners...*

**Standard Grevillea - Valerie Ryan (Kilmore)**

**OPSM Hanging basket garden hamper & sunglasses - Ray Barnes (Eltham, APS Yarra Yarra)**

**Native Plant Hanging Baskets - Peter (Sunbury), Marg Brissett (Broadford), Anne Rose (Heathcote Junction), Fran Grindby (Broadford), Gwen Rosenberg (Wallan), Trish Thomas (Kilmore)**

**Book (Donated by APS Vic Book sales) - Norbert Ryan (Hidden Valley)**

# Bushland Flora in Mitchell Shire...

By Paul Piko



There are Chocolate Lilies (*Arthropodium fimbriatum*) in Hidden Valley  
Photo: Paul Piko



Most *Epacris* have finished flowering for the year; this small one still going in Hidden Valley  
Photo: Paul Piko



First of the Hidden Valley Sun Orchids - the Spotted Sun Orchid, *Thelymitra iscioides*  
Photo: Paul Piko



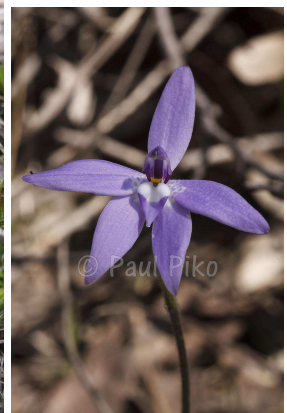
This is *Caladenia moschata* (Musky Caladenia) at the great flora site in Hidden Valley  
Photo: Paul Piko



Dinner time for *Drosera* (Sundew)  
Photo: Paul Piko



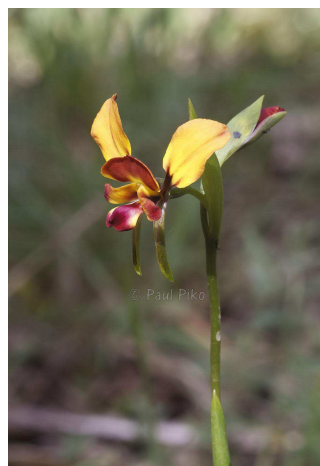
Photo: Paul Piko  
This prostrate *Acacia* was found on the hillsides in Hidden Valley  
Photo: Paul Piko



*Glossodia major* (Wax-lip orchids) in Hidden Valley  
Photo: Paul Piko



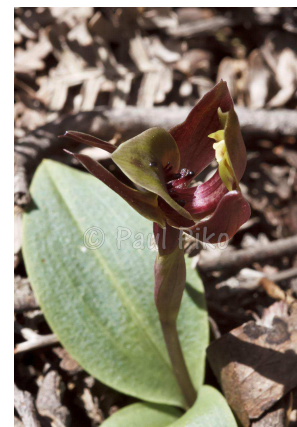
This *Hibbertia* (Guinea Flower) was flowering in Hidden Valley  
Photo: Paul Piko



The Wallflower/Donkey Orchids, *Diuris orientis*  
Photo: Paul Piko



*Chiloglottis valida* (Bird Orchid) can be green to purplish-brown. This one in Hidden Valley  
Photo: Paul Piko



This Bird Orchid, *Chiloglottis valida*, is growing in moist leaf litter in Hidden Valley  
Photo: Paul Piko

# Bushland Flora in Mitchell Shire continued...

By Paul Piko



The Wax-lip Orchids, *Glossodia major*, in Hidden Valley  
Photo: Paul Piko



Pink Fingers, *Caladenia carnea*, are dotted across a hillside in Hidden Valley  
Photo: Paul Piko



Very impressed with new orchid site. Here's a Maroonhood, *Pterostylis pedunculata*  
Photo: Paul Piko

## Thank You to APS Mitchell Stalwarts...

By Lorraine Weir

Almost from the inception of APS Mitchell, our club has had the backing of Ros & Graeme, firstly Graeme as a guest speaker (3 times) then 5 consecutive years of supplying flowers, seeds and foliage for our annual flower and plant expo.

For several years Ros supplied us with her beautifully photographed and presented native flower cards on consignment. They also opened their garden for APS Mitchell members to visit, the ones who made the effort still talk about it's beauty.

The Woods have decided the time to leave their magnificent Gisborne home and garden has arrived, almost 4 acres of garden filled with some of the rarest grevilleas, banksias, hakea plus much, much more. They will not be lost to us completely as they are intending to stay in the area and wherever they purchase a new home grevilleas will follow (and a few "weeds" for Ros ☺).

Every member at APS Mitchell would like to say "thank you so much, enjoy the next phase of your lives to the fullest" Enjoy your thank you gifts and we will see you in the near future.

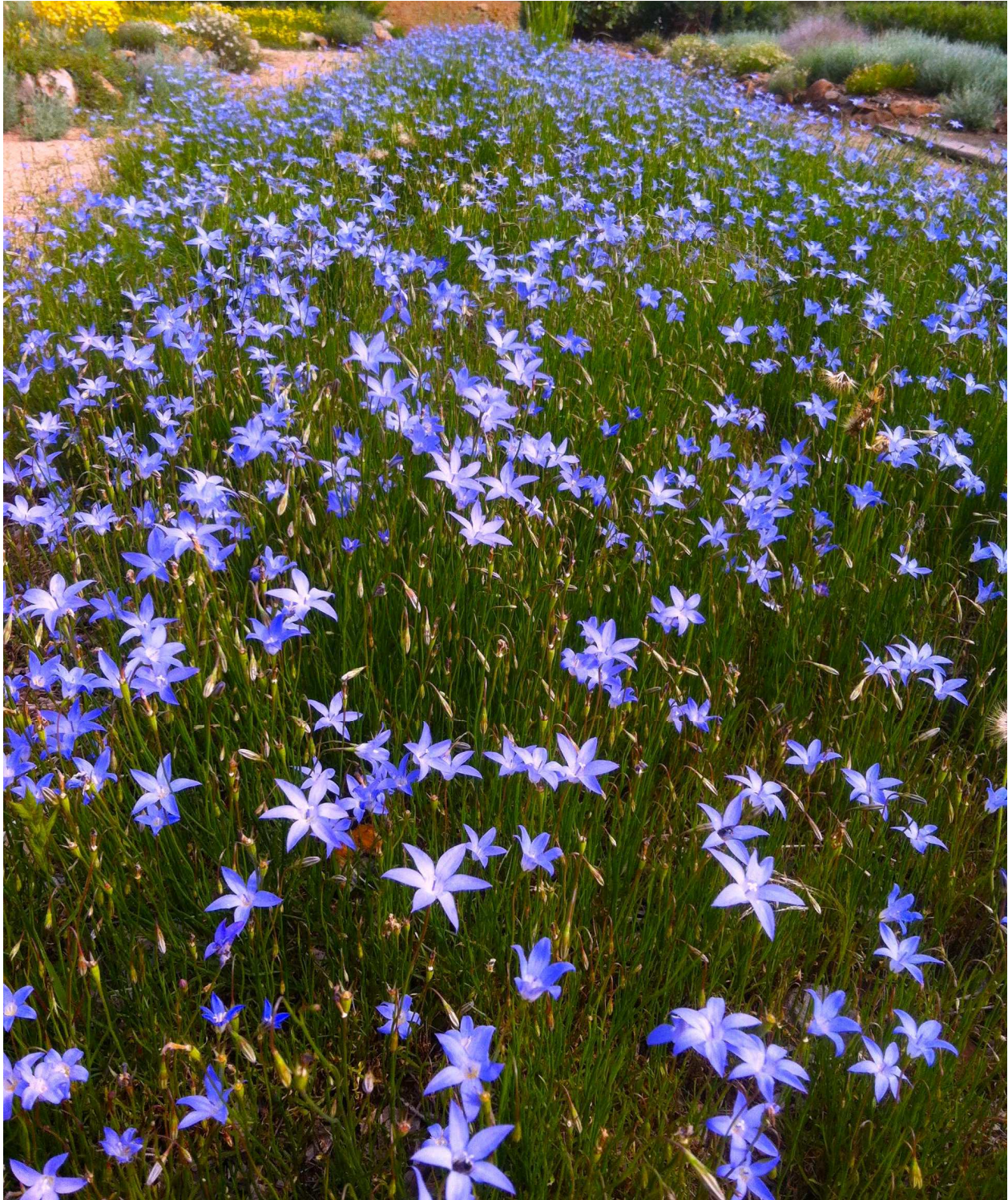


Ros & Graeme Woods being presented with their gifts by APS Mitchell President Neil Humphreys

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## Garden Guide- What's to do in November...

By Barbara Mau



Weeds?.... never!

The charming Austral Bluebell in a mass planting is 'Heaven on Earth' to the initiated!

Until next time I wish you all Happy Gardening, a wonderful Christmas with family and friends, and a Joyous 2016.

*Wahlenbergia stricta*, Austral Bluebell  
Photo: Barbara Mau

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## Reminders, APS Victoria Diary Dates & Other Events

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### APS VIC DIARY DATES...

**November 15-20** - 28th ANPSA Biennial Conference, Canberra. "Bush Capital, Garden City". Website: <http://anpsa.org.au/conference2015/>

**October 8-9 2016** - FJC Rogers Seminar in Hamilton "Native Terrestrial and Epiphytic Orchids".

### OTHER EVENTS...

**Plant Sale at Vaughn's Australian Plants** - Sale starts October 16 at 2 locations:  
HALLS GAP ARARAT RD  
POMONAL (see the sign) Call Phillip 0412 632 767  
919 BANNOCKBURN  
SHELFORD RD TEESDALE Call Katherine 0423 904 470  
10 x140 mm POTS FOR \$60  
SAVE 50% CASH ONLY (Some stock and Grafted plants not included). Only While stocks last. No holds or postage.

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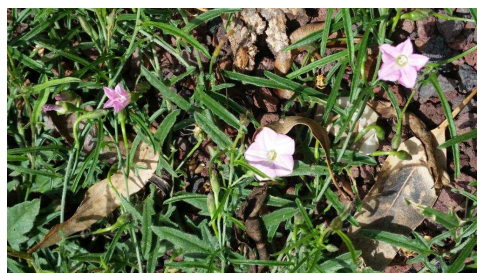
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## Query Corner...

A *Convolvulus* has sprung up in my garden at Pyalong. I suspect it is a local species possibly *Convolvulus angustissimus* ssp. *angustissimus*. Can anyone help confirm this?



### Newsletter contributions:

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## APS Mitchell Group Inc. Annual General Meeting

The Australian Plants Society, Mitchell Group Inc. Annual General Meeting 2015 will be held as part of our monthly general meeting commencing 7:30 pm on November 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 in the John Taylor Room at the Kilmore Library, 12 Sydney 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
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plant Sales
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**Name of Nominee:**..... **Signature:**.....

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**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 mail to: PO Box 541, Kilmore, Vic 3764 by November 9, 2015 or presented at the Annual General Meeting.