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<p>EDITOR'S COMMENTS</p> <p>Hello everyone, this is now my sixth newsletter and I am still continuing to learn how Australian Plants react to both positive and negative to weather events.</p> <p>As a grower for Trees for Life here in South Australia the summer growing season represented a massive challenge!</p> <p>Even though the day time temperatures reached over 41 degrees the night time temperatures remained very cold – so germination was delayed on quite a few plant genus's.</p> <p>Also unfortunately there were problems with the distribution of the fertiliser this year.</p> <p>Both of these issues combined to make for a very difficult growing season – with many plants not germinating at all of if they did germinate ending up dramatically smaller than they would normally have been by the delivery date.</p> <p>As I write we have gone into another El Nino cycle so rainfall is substantially lower than it would normally be – also a lot of plant species in my garden are flowering a lot earlier than they normally would.</p> <p>Unfortunately I was not able to attend the recent Correa Crawl – of which several articles are included in this newsletter.</p> <p>Contributions from members in the way of photos or articles are welcome at any time of</p>		
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	<p>the year and can be sent to either my email or postal address above.</p> <p>Included at the end of the newsletter is a membership renewal form for those who have not renew the July 2015 to June 2016</p> <p>For those members that have not renewed and wish to renew their membership, payment may be made either by posting a cheque made at to the 'ANPSA Correa Study Group' to my home address or by doing an EFT into the study group's cheque account – the details of which are below. If paying via EFT please email me a copy of the payment confirmation.</p> <p>Bank: Westpac</p> <p>BSB: 035-002 A/C No.: 310328</p> <p>Kind regards Russell Dahms</p>	



2015 Correa Crawl East Gippsland June 6-7 Report

It was lovely to have the opportunity of catching up with so many “Correa Enthusiasts” on the weekend of June 6-7th. We were all able to join together and have a great weekend.

Firstly, we would like to express our appreciation of the work put in by Frank Flynn of the APS East Gippsland Group. As the local contact and hands on person, arrangements were made and fluidly modified to accommodate the changing local conditions. Thanks Frank.

Dot and I made our way down on the Friday, with our home again to be the campervan, this time at the Lake Tyers Caravan Park. As per our expectations, Lakes Entrance put on a

very pleasant weather pattern for the term of our stay.

Sat. 6th June.

A total of 15 visitors to the area, mostly from Vic, but also from NSW, ACT and Tasmania, blended in with the local contingent. We met up at the Lakes Entrance Primary School, carpoled and then made our way off under the expert guidance of Frank.

Happily, Dot and I were with Frank, which enabled us to ask questions and take notes as we were driven along. We headed for the Mt. Elizabeth area, coming across a red form of *Correa reflexa* early on. Once in the forest, we spotted a wallaby and then a large samba deer stag.

The unmade road first wended its way through a rain shadow area that contained a prickly species of *Acacia*.



Correa lawrenciana



Grevillea victoriae

Further on we passed into a higher, wetter zone, seeing mutton wood, *Indigophera australis*, *Grevillea victoriae*, *Correa lawrenciana* and later *Epacris impressa*.

The drive took us through an area that had been clear felled in year 2000 and now where silver wattles, woolly butts, messmates, mountain ash, tree ferns and grass trees were growing.

At that point we entered the Collins Rd. area, where the Collins Timber Mill once operated.

We could relate to that, in that Bob's father once worked at a steam driven timber mill located at Mt. Matlock during his very early childhood.

About this point we came across a green flowered, large leafed *Correa lawrenciana*s. Soon after, we came across *Prostranthera walteri* and *Correa reflexa*.



Bogged car on the way to the summit of Mt. Elizabeth



The original plan was to drive to the top of Mt. Elizabeth but the plan was quickly changed so the last climb to the summit of Mt Elizabeth was made on foot - quite a challenge due to the steepness of the climb.

There were boggy sections and in the patchy shade at the summit. There were also small, remnant patches of ice, reminding us of the weather that we did not encounter.

We all proved our fitness and arrived to the summit to see the expansive views from the top.



Mt. Elizabeth Summit

After the return descent to the vehicles, we dined then wended our way back to the Lakes. Dinner was at the Lakes Entrance Bowls Club, where we mingled with the multitudes to order our dinner.



After dinner we re-assembled at the Lakes Primary School, where we had a cuttings swap, a good old chat with new and established friends, then listened to the fascinating presentation by Peter Ollerenshaw on the breeding of *Correas*.

It seemed that *Correa pulchella*, *Correa alba* and *Correa Canberra Bells* would have been the major plants used in that program. Many thanks, Peter.

Sunday 7th June.

Again we car pooled and set off to explore in the area of the Log Crossing section of the Colquhoun State Forest.

Here we came across patches of both red and green forms of the "dog eared" *Correa reflexa* that displayed a distinct leaf variation plus very long stamens.



Two different *Correas* from Colquhoun State Forest

The drive then took us back to the foreshore of Lake Tyers where we were able to see the smallish flowered local form of *Correa reflexa* as well as absorbing the great view over the Lake Tyers beach.



Lake Tyers *Correa reflexa*

After our Lake Tyers cliff edge walk and a quick walk through Frank Flynn's garden, we drove off to the home of Stan and Anne Barker, where we were provided with a most enjoyable lunch and a tour of their most beautiful and spacious garden which was well worthy of ABC exposure.



Lake Tyler Cliff Edge Walk

Dot and I were extended an invitation by Elise to visit the Walker's garden. Like the Baker garden, it was a special treat to us. To be able to explore two such quality gardens on the one weekend was very special to us.

As always, the values of the weekend were people, plants and places, in that order. Thanks again to all those who put in the time, be it small or large, to help organize and make possible this most enjoyable weekend.

Thanks also to the other participants, who, like us, rolled up, helping make the get together both purposeful and socially fulfilling. If we adhere to past patterns, we look forward to the next Correa Crawl in two years' time.

Dot & Bob O'Neill



Correa 'Lemon Twist'



A friend of mine who lives locally recently sent me these two photos of what appears to be seeds on his Correa 'Lemon Twist'

New Varieties by Maria Hitchcock

Correa 'Copper Rose'

This is a chance seedling which came up in my garden. I believe it to be a *C. lawrenceana* var *rosea* x *C. glabra* var *glabra* hybrid. It's a neat dense shrub growing to about 3 metres in height. The flowers are fairly insignificant being a pale coppery rose colour with stripes but are visited regularly by birds.

It is frost and drought hardy and adaptable to a variety



of soil types. It would probably make quite a good hedge plant.

Correa 'Red Devil'

This is an unusual *C. decumbens* hybrid - quite different to 'Karwarra' and 'Pink Panther'.



It has fat bright red bells with yellow tips. The plant is a dense groundcover about 0.2m high x 1.5m wide. It is frost and drought hardy and I think it has real horticultural potential.

Correa 'Peachy Bob'

Bob O'Neill sent me the cuttings for this a long time ago and I had it named *C. pulchella* O'Neill 2.

I have had it growing in the garden for several years. It has an upright form growing to about 0.5m x 0.4m with pointed leaves and medium sized salmon peach bells. It is frost and drought hardy and apart from an occasional tip prune, generally looks after itself. I asked Bob to name it and he came up with 'Peachy Bob' which is easy to remember.



Correa 'Banrock Pearl'

Correa 'Hayley'

This is one of those vibrant orange *C. pulchella* forms that you see on the Eyre Peninsula and on Kangaroo Island. Sent to me and named by Bob O'Neill, I have had it growing in the garden for several months and although it was slow to start, it is now starting to develop new branches. It is a prostrate spreading plant growing up to 0.2m in height with very bright orange bells. It would be great in the foreground, in the shelter of a larger shrub or in a tub.

Correa 'Banrock Pearl'

Neil Marriott named this *C. reflexa* var *scabridula* variety after the property where it originated. I have had it growing in the garden for many years and it appears to be pretty well bulletproof.

It's an open shrub growing to about 50cm in height with a spread of 1 m. It is frost and drought hardy and appears to be adaptable to most soil types.



Correa 'Country Belle'

Originating in the Mole Station Nursery, it was originally named New Year but now renamed as 'Country Belle'.

It appears to be a hybrid of *C. reflexa* var *speciosa*. It grows to about 50 cm x 50 cm - has very dark green foliage, long bright red bells and flowers in Autumn and Winter. So far it seems to be both frost and drought hardy and can withstand a full sun position.



Please visit my website

www.correacollection.weebly.com for an extensive photo gallery, a diary, details of new introductions and a complete list of Correa cultivars.

Maria Hitchcock

Strange Correa Problem! Gill Muller

We are into our fourth year at Port Elliot, and the last 4-5 months has seen a strange problem happening with some of my Correas.



Correa decumbens



Correa 'Ivory Dancer'



Correa 'Lemon Twist'

The ones particularly affected are C. 'Green Dream', C. decumbens, C. 'Ivory Dancer', C. 'Prolific' and various seedlings that I have planted out.

The symptoms can be seen in the above photos, there is distortion and discoloration of the leaves, and on all the affected plants the buds have either aborted, or if a flower has opened it is quite distorted.

A number of leaves have holes in them, I think that is earwigs or weevils.

It is occurring throughout the garden, so not one particular area. The C. 'Prolific' and C. 'Green Dream' have been in for three years, grown and flowered really well previously, I have successfully taken cuttings from C. 'Prolific', it would be impossible now to find healthy material.

I have studied the leaves with my hand lens, I can't see any sign of an insect or mite, but I sprayed them all with Yates Success Ultra in case, and there was no improvement. My soil is in places slightly alkaline, these symptoms don't look to me like a pH problem, but I have given all the affected plants a dose of iron chelates, and when that had no effect, I fed them with Powerfeed for Natives, again, no change.

My soil is very good, I haven't had to feed the natives in the ground and the growth since we have been here is really impressive.

I have a large number of C. pulchella forms, none of them are affected at all. The C. 'Green Dream' is next to, as in touching, an extremely healthy, prolifically flowering C. 'Lemon Twist', with a very healthy, flowering C. 'Marian's Marvel Mini' also very close by.

All C. glabra, C. lawrenciana and C. reflexa var speciosa forms are also doing well.

I have some new plants I'd like to plant out, I am hesitant to do this without knowing what the problem is. The affected plants are so bad I am going to have to remove them, I would just really like to know what is wrong!

Gill Muller

Correa Crawl – 2015 David Pye



Barb and I had a pleasant weekend with the Correa Study Group at Lakes Entrance during Queens Birthday in June.

On Saturday we visited Mt Elizabeth where *Correa lawrenceana* and *Grevillea polychroma* stood out.



Correa lawrenceana



Grevillea polychroma



What is Joan looking for?

On Saturday night, Peter gave an excellent talk on breeding Correas.

Some of his plants have been released to the market and may be seen on his website: <http://www.bywongnursery.com.au/> Many are available in general nurseries. We also had a cutting swap on the night and expanded our Correa collections.



Peter meets Grevillea Lady P.

On Sunday, we visited, Log Hollow near Lakes Entrance, Lake Tyers Beach and had an excellent lunch at Northfield Park, the home and garden of Ann and Stan Barker. As well as lunch we spent much time exploring their extensive garden which had many treasures.



Various forms of *Correa reflexa* were seen on both days. It was a great weekend and we look forward to the next Correa Crawl. Thanks to everyone involved and especially Frank Flynn and Bob O'Neill who organised the weekend.



Open Gardens Canberra

Thanks to the initiative of founding president Shirley Pipitone, Open Gardens Canberra has been established to take the place of the now closed national organisation. Shirley aims to create a community of garden lovers in the Canberra region. Open Gardens Canberra will open at least ten gardens in Canberra and the surrounding region in 2015-16. For a small annual fee, members will have free entry to all gardens opening under the Open Gardens Canberra banner. Shirley can be contacted at president@opengardenscanberra.org.au. Details will also be available soon through the website opengardenscanberra.org.au, which is now being developed.

Membership Renewal

A reminder if you have not renewed your membership of the 2015 – 2016 year please fill in the included the separate membership form and either post or email it back to me with your payment.

Thankyou

Russell Dahms



A special site during the 2015 Correa Crawl