



Australian Plants Society Ballarat District Newsletter – July 2020

**MONTHLY MEETINGS ON THE 2ND WEDNESDAY
at ROBERT CLARK HORTICULTURAL CENTRE
GILLIES STREET ENTRANCE – GATE 3 or 4
FURTHER DETAILS SEE INFORMATION BOX**

Meetings,
activities and
events
suspended
due to
COVID-19
until further
notice

PRESIDENTS

REPORT: John Hastie

As it appears the COVID-19 restrictions may not be removed completely before the end of the year, we need to consider whether the Spring Flower Show is to run or to be cancelled. This should not be a decision made just by the Office Holders. All members can have a say; by email, by telephone, or even in person to the President, or the Treasurer or committee.

Some other APS groups are arranging 'Outdoor activities': Garden visits, excursions, etc. Have you any ideas for activities the Ballarat group could undertake? Please let me know.

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Hakea drupacea in flower in the Hastie garden at Elaine, brightening the Winter Solstice, along with about another 60 species and cultivars out in flower on the day.

Photo: The Hasties

The Annual General Meeting is due to be held on the second Wednesday in August (12th) this year. All positions become vacant so think about what you can offer. **We need more members to become involved in the running of our Group; as Office-bearers or Committee members.**

If COVID-19 restrictions are still in place the AGM may need to be **postponed**, or perhaps held in an **outdoor venue**.

Membership Note

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed their membership for 2020-21, and a reminder that if you haven't, memberships are due.

APS Victoria have let us know that for any members who are experiencing financial hardship due to Covid-19, APS Vic will waive their component of the 2020-21 subscription (\$35 for individuals and \$40 for families).

If you are in this situation and wish to ask for the waiver, (whether you are about to renew or have already renewed), please contact me so that I can forward your details to APS Vic. Any request will be confidential, with the information only for the Ballarat Treasurer and the APS Vic Secretary.

Ainslie Whyte, Treasurer, APS Ballarat District Branch

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From Maja Zweck

I am currently working on the exciting 'Care for the Rare' project collecting some of Victoria's rare and threatened seed or plant material for propagation at the RBGV Cranbourne. Once the plants are grown, they will be delivered to Botanic Gardens already participating in the project.

The Australian Gardens in Shepparton, Colac and Dandenong Ranges Botanic Gardens were the first to join, and now we welcome **Ballarat Botanical Gardens** and Sale Botanic Gardens to the Care for the Rare project. These Botanic gardens will eventually house their own collection of some of Victoria's rare and threatened flora endemic to each of their regions. It's a wonderful way to not only strengthen connections with regional botanic gardens within the state, but to also create greater public awareness of our beautiful rare and threatened flora.

I have exhausted our living collections here at Cranbourne and the RBGV Melbourne, and also the Seedbank at the Melbourne Herbarium. Many of the plants are quite obscure and I am seeking your expertise in the hopes of securing more species from our list. Do you know of the locations of wild populations or anyone who may be cultivating some of the species on the attached list? I would greatly appreciate key contacts to liaise with if you know of anyone who may be able to help. I look forward to hearing from you when your time permits. (See list on page 5.)

Maja Zweck, Horticulturalist (Nursery)

Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Cranbourne

(The list of 86 species for Ballarat will be circulated to APS Ballarat District members at a future date.)

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From Stephanie Davison

The Murnong SEED Citizen Science Project is up and running. This is an exciting project for those of us who are interested in native vegetation and the fascinating little Murnong daisy in particular.

We are looking for home gardeners, community groups and schools to join the Citizen Science Team helping Federation University researchers investigate the Murnong story around Ballarat. Together we'll explore the growth and distribution of the two local species, analyse their nutritional and medicinal value and build up stocks for education and revegetation projects.

If you are not located 'around Ballarat' (a one-hour drive) but still interested in the project, there is an option to sign-up to the project mailing list to receive updates. We are hoping that in future years we may be able to expand the project to a geographically wider region.

To find out more and register your interest visit www.federation.edu.au/murnong

Stephanie Davison, Federation University Australia, Mt Helen Campus (Ballarat)

The Hastie Garden at Elaine

On the Winter Solstice we took a walk round the garden checking for flowers. Some of the flowers were photographed. The four plants pictured are in the list below. **Can you identify them?**

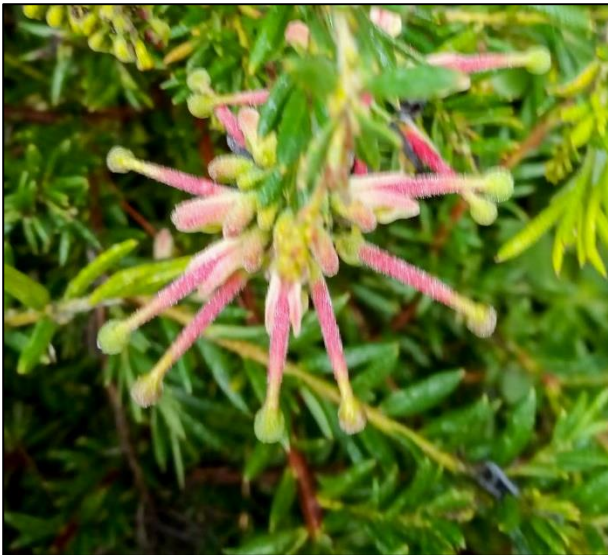


Acacia aphylla, *Acacia iteaphylla*, *Acacia podalyreaefolia*, *Anigozantos* 'Bush Ballad', *Ammobium alatum*, *Banksia marginata*, *Brachyscombe multifida*, *Callistemon* 'Endeavour', *Calothamnus quadrifidus*, *Chorizema cordatum*, *Correa alba*, *Correa decumbens*, *Correa lawrencianum*, *Correa pulchella*, *Correa pulchella* 'Coffin Bay Pink', *Crowea* 'Bundalong Compact', *Crowea exalata rubra*, *Eremophila brevifolia*, *Eremophila* 'Eyre Princess', *Eremophila* 'Kalbarrie Carpet', *Eremophila* 'Spitfire', *Epacris impressa*, *Goodenia ovata*, *Grevillea lanigera* (three cultivars), *Grevillea* 'Winpara Gem', *Hakea drupaceae*, *Hakea petiolaris*, *Hardenbergia* 'Free'n'easy', *Hibbertia cuneiformis*, *Isopogon cuneatus*, *Kunzia baxterii* (pink and red), *Kunzia ericoides*, *Melaleuca pulchella*, *Myoporum bateae*, *Philotheca myoporoides*, *Templetonia retusa*, *Thryptomeme* 'F.C.Payne', *Westringea glabra*.

As well as the above, there were about an additional 15 *Correa* cultivars and 4 or 5 *Eremophilas*.

Photos: The Hasties





From Rosemary Barr

Photos from my garden at Buninyong.
Grevilleas 'Hills Jubilee'(left) and 'Robyn Gordon' (right), and *Banksia* 'Giant Candles'(?)
 All flowering beautifully and bird attracting in **Winter**. Love my garden!



Betty McGuinness's Mount Helen Garden

Plants flowering in my Mount Helen garden on a classic Winter Solstice day 2020.

Correa (several) including: 'Dusky Bells', 'Ice Maiden' ('Pink Mist' x *Correa Alba*), one with very-white bells with a touch of pink at the base, another with off-white bells has been flowering for months and the flowers on 21 June were looking a little tired. A beautiful surprise for me was a correa that has flowered for its first time, it has greenish/yellowing bells, almost iridescent (photo above). Jean Arnott suggests it is *Correa glabra*. *Eremophila* 'Magic Blush', *Eremophila nivea* x *christophorii*, *Eremophila nivea*, *Grevillea* 'Peaches and Cream', *Hardenbergia violacea*, *Thrytomene* (possibly *hyorhytis* variety), *Prostanthera* sp. (low spindly shrub), *Westringia* 'Wynabbie Gem', *Westringia* sp..



Correa 'Ice Maiden'

Photos: Betty Mc Guinness

Ian and Patti McGregor's plants flowering on the Shortest Day in their Buninyong garden

It was surprising to find how many plants were flowering, but most had only a few flowers. There are about 40 on this list.

Acacia iteaphylla, *Banksia* 'Cherry Candles', *B. spinulosa* 'Giant Candles', *B. ericifolia*, *Boronia corulescens*, *Brachiscome multifida*, *Correa reflexa*, *C. glabra*, *C. pulchella*, *C. 'Fat Bastard!'*, *B. 'omg'*, *Crowea exalata* 'Edna Walling', *C. saligna* 'large-flowered form', *Eremophila aureivisca*, *E. cuneata x fraseri*, *E. folioissima*, *E. glabra*, *E. glandulifera*, *E. hygrophana*, *E. mackinlayi*, *E. nivea*, *E. platycalyx*, *E. racemose*, *Eutaxia cuneate*, *Grevillea* 'Bush Lemon', *G. 'Peaches and Cream'*, *G. 'lolipops'*, *G. presides x fililoba* 'Ellabella', *Hakea decurrens*, *H. laurina*, *Hibbertia vestita*, *Hibiscus* 'West Coast Gem', *Kunzia baxteri*, *Ozothamnus diosmifolius*, *Philotheca myoporoides* 'Winter Rouge', *Rhodanthe chlorocephala*, *Thryptomene saxicola* (Payne I), *Scaevola aemula*, *Syzygium australe* 'Winter Lights', *Verticordia grandis*, *Westringia glabra*, *Westringia* 'Wynyabbie Gem'



Ozothamnus diosmifolius - a blaze of colour in a mainly green garden. Photo: the McGregors

Care For the Rare Ballarat Botanical Gardens species List 2020



TEN YEAR FLASHBACK

FROM THE July 2010 NEWSLETTER

Lance & Judith Lewis

In appreciation of the service you have given the Society for Growing Australian Plants Victoria, the society is pleased to award you this

Certificate of Commendation

The above award recognised the Lewises' contribution to SGAP Victoria over many years, particularly Lance's contribution as delegate from APS Ballarat District and Lance's and Judith's involvement in the planning and running of the 1995 ASGAP Conference in Ballarat.

They joined (the now named) APS Ballarat District in 1981. They have contributed much time and effort here as well, in many roles.

Acacia aspera subsp. *parviceps*
Acacia lanigera var. *lanigera*
Acacia williamsonii
Amphibromus pithogastrus
Amphibromus sinuatus
Austrostipa breviglumis
Ballantinia antipoda
Bossiaea vombata
Cardamine lilacina s.s.
Carex aff. *bichenoviana* Volcanic Lakes
Cassinia ozothamnoides
Chenopodium desertorum subsp. *desertorum*
Comesperma polygaloides
Coronidium gunnianum
Craspedia canens
Cullen parvum
Cullen tenax
Cymbonotus lawsonianus
Cyperus concinnus
Dermocybe canaria
Dermocybe cramesinia
Dianella longifolia var. *grandis*
Dipodium pardalinum
Dipodium variegatum
Distichium capillaceum
Diuris behrii
Diuris gregaria
Diuris punctata
Diuris x palachila
Duma horrida subsp. *horrida*
Encalypta vulgaris
Eucalyptus aggregata
Eucalyptus brookeriana
Eucalyptus conferta
Eucalyptus yarraensis
Euphrasia scabra
Gahnia microstachya
Geranium solanderi var. *solanderi* s.s.
Glycine latrobeana
Goodenia lineata
Gratiola pumilo

Grevillea micrantha
Grevillea obtecta
Grevillea repens
Hovea asperifolia subsp. *spinosissima*
Lachnagrostis adamsonii
Lachnagrostis punicea subsp. *punicea*
Lachnagrostis robusta
Lepidium hyssopifolium
Leucochrysum albicans subsp. *tricolor*
Leucopogon microphyllus var. *pilibundas*
Levenhookia sonderi
Lomandra micrantha subsp. *tuberculata*
Microseris scapigera s.s.
Pimelea hewardiana
Pimelea spinescens subsp. *spinescens*
Platylobium alternifolium
Poa amplexicaulis
Poa sallacustris
Podalepis linearifolia
Prasophyllum fosteri
Prasophyllum lindleyanum
Prasophyllum sp. aff. *Validum*
Prasophyllum suaveolens
Ptilotus erubescens
Pultenaea graveolens
Pultenaea reflexifolia
Pultenaea weindorferi
Rumex crystallinus s.s.
Scleranthus brockieii
Senecio behrianus
Senecio campylocarpus
Senecio cunninghamii var. *cunninghamii*
Senecio glomeratus subsp. *longifructus*
Senecio psilocarpus
Sticherus tener s.s.
Swainsonia behriana
Thelymitra basaltica



A Winter Solstice flower in the garden of APS Ballarat District member Betty McGuinness, Eremophila 'Magic Blush'. Photo: Betty McGuinness

Thanks to all those who contributed reports or items for this issue

Deadline for August Newsletter: 29th July 2019



AFTERNOON TEA or SUPPER

Members please have a cuppa at home for arvo tea or supper

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

The **SECOND WEDNESDAY** in October, November, December, February, March, at 7-30pm
 The **SECOND WEDNESDAY** in April, May, June, July, August, September at 2-00pm

MEETING VENUE

ROBERT CLARK HORTICULTURAL CENTRE, Ballarat Botanical Gardens

Access: GILLIES St. ENTRANCE – GATE 3 or 4 (or from Wendouree Parade, **Afternoon Meetings only**)

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