



*Themeda triandra*  
Kangaroo Grass  
AUSTRALIAN PLANTS  
SOCIETY  
BALLARAT DISTRICT

# Australian Plants Society Ballarat District Newsletter – Nov 2020

**MONTHLY MEETINGS ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> 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

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held later this month.

**Details** will be circulated as soon as they are finalised.

**All** elected positions are declared vacant.

**Many** holders of elected positions are willing to continue.

**Nomination** forms will be provided with the meeting notice.

**The** AGM agenda, Treasurer's Report and President's Report will be circulated prior to the meeting.

**We must have a Secretary if we are to continue to function as a society.**

## **ACTIVITIES**

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 us know!

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*Eriostemon australasius*, photographed by Jennifer Johnson in her Ballarat garden.

## MEMBERSHIP NOTE

Thank you everyone who has already renewed their membership for 2020-21, and a reminder that if you haven't, memberships are due. Ainslie Whyte, Treasurer, APS Ballarat District  
Email: ainsliwhyte@gmail.com ... Ph: 0419 830765

## THE HASTIE GARDEN AT ELAINE IN OCTOBER

Boronias are now in full bloom. The hardiest species here is *Boronia heterophylla*, the Red Boronia. Cultivars of it such as *B. 'Just Margaret'* are also tough. One of the most attractive in flower is *B. anemonifolia*, unfortunately its leaves have a most repellent aroma!

Waxflowers including *Phylotocas* and *Chamelauciums* and their various cultivars and hybrids are making a good show.

Most of the *Prostantheras* have finished flowering. The recently released small, pink-flowered cultivar of *Prostanthera rotundifolium* 'Mini Pink' retains its flowers for quite a long time. It is a good variety for a small space or a pot.

The Western Australian paper daisy, *Xerochrysum bractiatum* is coming into flower a bit later than usual, perhaps because of the wetter weather.

### BALLARAT WILD PLANTS

Matt Pywell, of 'Ballarat Wild Plants' (435 Joseph Street, Ballarat), has a stock of quite a few indigenous plants. His nursery is not open regularly, but is open by appointment by calling him:

**0409 388 014**

### TEN TEAR FLASHBACK

From the November 2010 Newsletter



*Dryandra quercifolia*  
(now: *Banksia heliantha*)

One of the many specimens on display at the October 2010 Native Plant Show and Sale.

Picture: Fon Ryan

All *Dryandras* are now merged into the genus *Banksia*. As there was already a *Banksia quercifolia*, *Dryandra quercifolia* was changed to *Banksia heliantha*.

*Grevillea*  
'Royal  
Mantle'  
flowering  
prolifically in  
the garden of  
Phyllis  
Wright at  
Creswick.  
The  
background  
planting is  
*Lomandra*.



Phyllis  
Wright has  
this  
*Diploleana*  
*augustifolia*  
out in  
flower,  
growing in a  
pot in her  
garden at  
Creswick.





Bruce Cadoret & Alison Everingham show us (right & below) three shrubs in their garden that are responding prolifically to this year's Ballarat spring weather.

Right, *Astartea* 'Winter Pink'



*Prostanthera nivea*, Snowy Mint Bush



*Pimelea nivea*

**From Rhonda Humphries at Nintingbool, near Haddon**

*Following the early spring rains the bush has come alive with colour. It's a great time of year. Our bush is classified as Heathy Dry Forest or Sclerophyll Forest. You sometimes wonder how all these delicate species can survive in these poor soils. This one is Pink Bells, *Tetratheca ciliata*.*







Golden Bush-pea, *Pultenaea gunnii*, in full flower at Nintingbool. (See more detail at bottom page 3.)  
Photo: Rhonda Humphries

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

Deadline for December Newsletter: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020



**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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