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**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

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MONTHLY MEETINGS ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY at ROBERT CLARK HOTICULTURAL CENTRE GILLIES STREET ENTRANCE – GATE 3 or 4 Meetings, activities and events suspended due to COVID-19 until further notice

FURTHER DETAILS SEE INFORMATION BOX



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

Ballarat group could undertake? Please let us know! Gladys Hastie... Email: johnhastie37@bigpond.com ... Phone: 5341 5567

## **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: ainsliewhyte@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!

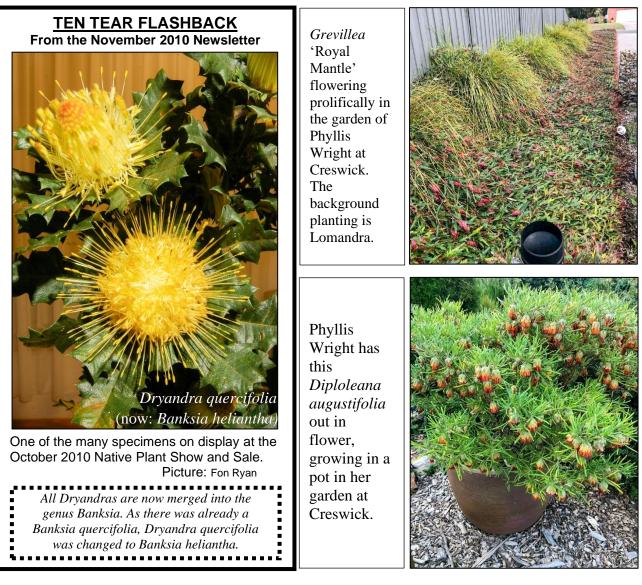
Waxflowers including Phylothecas and Chamelauciums and their various cultivars and hybrids are making a good show.

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



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: 25th 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 <u>MEETING VENUE</u> 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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