



Arthropodium strictum

Australian Plants Society Waverley

October / November 2018

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Meetings Third Thursday of month, Ground floor, Wadham House, 52 Wadham Parade, Mt Waverley (Melways Map 61 E12) Commencing 8pm

APS Waverley Group Events

OCTOBER Thursday 18th

Meeting - Marilyn and Geoff Bull : "Mt Augustus National Park. WA"

NOVEMBER Thursday 15th

"In the Wild" – Members' photos.

DECEMBER - Friday 7th

Christmas Break-up at:

*Po Hing restaurant,
29-31, Centreway, Mount Waverley VIC 3149*

Booking made for 6-30pm.

Other Events

2019 September 30th to 4th October

ANPSA 2019 Conference hosted by Western Australia Albany, WA.

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Supper Roster

<i>October 18th</i>	<i>Mirini Lang</i>
	<i>John Watson</i>
<i>November 15th</i>	<i>Graeme Stone</i>
	<i>Margaret Duncan</i>

Please swap if unable to attend

August: Visit to Mirini Lang's garden



Saturday, 11th August, was not the best of days for a garden visit. But our small group managed to seize a window of sunshine in between showers, to view member Mirini's garden. Mirini's carefully thought out plantings somehow enlarged the area and produced the random effect of a native garden, which we all love. Mirini, a landscape gardener herself, worked with landscaper Phillip Johnson, to create her garden which has evolved over about fourteen years. Near the letterbox was a *Correa pulchella*, *Grevillea lanigera* and *Hibbertia scandens*. Along the fence-line next to the neighbour's garden were two prostrate acacias: *Acacia cultriformis* and *Acacia pravissima*. These were shaded by

Hakea laurina.

The garden slopes gently down from the footpath and a lined swale helps deal with any overflow after heavy rain. The taller growth more or less screens the house and the slope carries medium shrubs, running down to prostrate plants at path level. A *Kunzea baxteri* was in early bud and *Thryptomene calycena* was a mass of white bloom. Considering the time of year, many plants were in flower, including *Correa pulchella* (salmon pink), *Gastrolobium celsianum* (thick and lush), *Chorizema cordatum*, *Acacia fimbriata*, *Thomasia purpurea*, *Correa* 'Lemon Twist' (*C. reflexa* x *C. alba*), and *Banksia spinulosa*.

Occupying most of the space on the east-facing side of the house were King's Park Callistemons and *Melaleuca diosmifolia* alongside the fence, and many self-sown ferns looking very healthy and

thick under the side entrance decking. Further down, near the compost and mulch section, were the fish-ferns *Nephrolepis exaltata*; these were well protected by the radiant *Acacia boormanii*, of which there were two, at their absolute peak. These framed the useful patch of buffalo-grass lawn. An *Acacia pycnantha*, our national emblem, was there as well and would be a picture when in flower. A very healthy -looking *Senna artemisioides* was overlooking the pond.



Garden View



Fernery & Watercourse



**Virginia at base of watercourse
with *Epacris impressa***

The pond was fed by a trickling stream coming down from the fernery on the western side of the house, same highly protected by its own screening and ventilation. Phillip Johnson had meticulously placed Castlemaine slate on the path and steps with the perfect selection of groundcovers and small shrubs to create a natural effect. A persicaria added to the authenticity and the total effect, which has taken years, was so picturesque. We were aware of Mirini's great interest and knowledge of ferns which stems from her childhood so we weren't surprised to see such a collection in this garden. Tree fern stumps had dendrobiums spilling over and several orchids were just as settled as the ferns. Outside the fernery, a large *Scleranthus biflorus* had a full-flowered *Epacris longiflora* sprouting from its centre, alongside a yet to flower *Pimelea ligustrina*; also *Epacris impressa* (cream) near the pond and *Ziera prostrata*.

We do thank Mirini and Russell for inviting us to their home and garden; this was certainly one of the gems of suburbia.

Virginia Barnett

August: Lynsey Poore - "Botanical Riches of Western Australia's South West Coast"



Lyndsay Poore is a regular speaker at our meetings, frequently about Western Australian wildflowers. In this talk she took us to the area around Esperance with its granite outcrops, pure white granitic sand beaches and poor granitic soils. She showed us some of the the places she and her husband visited and the plants to be seen there.

The map overleaf shows the location of the places mentioned and below there is a selection of photographs for each placed visited.



Conospermum incurvum



Adenanthos sericeus



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Calytrix decandra



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Banksia pulchella

Plants of Lucky & Thistle Bays



Grevillea coccinea



Stackhousia monogyna



Calothamnus villosus



Lasiopetalum discolor



Anthocercis visco



Plants of Kepwari Walk Trail



Labichea lanceolata



Hakea nitida



Plants of Esperance Lookout



Eucalyptus tetraptera



Daviesia alternifolia

September – Grand Plant Table

Spring is always a great time in the garden for flowers. Despite our dry winter our plant table was covered in many beautiful flowers. Here is a sample:

Graeme Stone



Dendrobium speciosum
“*Sydney Rock Orchid*”

Graeme’s grows on the South side of an old paling fence.



Grevillea “Ned Kelly”

Graeme says this plant flowers all year.



Thomasia purpurea

A shrub about 1M high. Flowers in spring. Grows in clay.

John Watson



Indigofera australis
“*Austral Indigo*”

John’s plant is a dwarf variety.



Chorizema cordatum
“*Heart-leaf Flame Pea*”

Likes morning sun but not hot sun.



Hardenbergia Mini Ha Ha

This is a dwarf, compact, shrubby variety of *Hardenbergia violaceae*

Jenny Kelso



Hardenbergia comptoniana



Grevillea flexuosa
"Zigzag Grevillea"
Shrub 2-3M high.



Derwentia perfoliata
"Digger's Speedwell"

Margaret Duncan



Hypocalymma angustifolium
"Pink-flowered Myrtle"



Micromyrtus ciliata
"Fringed Heath Myrtle"



Hypocalymma xanthopetalum

Marlee Petrie



Prostanthera species
Marlee was unsure of particular species of Prostanthera she grows. It may be *P. ovalifolia* which is widely grown in Melbourne gardens.



Baeckea species
Marlee was unsure of particular species of Baeckea she grows. This is *Baeckea linifolia*.



Chrysocephalum semipapposum
"Clustered Everlasting"

Mirini lang



Thryptomene calycina
"Grampians thryptomene"
As the flowers on this shrub age they change colour from white to pink.

Virginia Barnett



Gastrolobium celsianum
"Swan River Pea"
Virginia's specimen grows in full sun.



Pandorea pandorana "Golden Showers"

Jenny Kelso



Calothamnus quadrifidus
“One-sided Bottlebrush”

Jenny’s specimen get northern and western sun.



Marianthus erubescens
“Red billardiera”

Plant of The Month - August

Guichenotia ledifolia



This specimen was grown by Anne Kerr.

A native of the low rainfall areas of Western Australia, *Guichenotia ledifolia* is a small attractive shrub around 1 metre high and wide. It can be used as an ornamental feature plant, as a background plant in larger mixed plantings and as a low screen, barrier or informal hedge.

Nodding blue-purple or pink flowers appear from mid winter into spring and are highlighted against the plant’s narrow leaves which are covered in fine blue grey downy hair.

Grows best in a well drained soil in a dappled shade to sunny position. Pruning after flowering helps create a more dense growth habit. Bird and

insect attracting.

Propagation is from cuttings.

Some of the flowers on our August Plant Table

