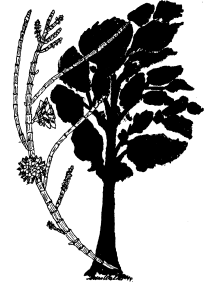


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edited by David & Barb Pye. Send contributions for next issue via [dabpye@gmail.com](mailto:dabpye@gmail.com) by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010

## **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January POTTING UP evening & BBQ**

from 5.30 pm at the Pyes, 1220 Bacchus Marsh Road, Bullengarook  
phone: 5428 9369

**Note: If 5.30pm is too early, turn up whenever you can, even if just for the BBQ.**

Plants will be potted up for sale by the group, with members who can do so taking them home to look after them. These plants will be sold at our Plant sale in May

Since the work will raise an appetite, BBQ facilities will be available. It is suggested that members bring their own meat & drinks, and a salad or dessert for sharing.

**Please note: in the event of a Total Fire Ban, the potting up will be postponed to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February ACACIAS** talk by Bill Aitchison, Acacia Study Group  
7.30 for 8.00 pm at the Willows\*\*

Acacias (or wattles) are an Australian icon, which have contributed our national sporting colours, ie green & gold. There is considerable diversity among the 1000 or so Australian species, with size ranging from groundcovers no more than 3cm high to large forest trees. Foliage varies from feathery leaves to narrow needles to broad colourful leaves with attractive young growth. In addition, many species are drought hardy, and fire retardant. These qualities make Acacias especially useful for the home garden with plants suitable for any garden large or small. Of course, many are also magnificent in flower.

## **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March Celebration of the Completion of the Encyclopedia of Australian Plants**

at Cranbourne Botanic Gardens      BYO Picnic lunch      details on page 3

**\*\* Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month - at Dunvegan at the Willows Historical park in Melton (Melway 115/C10 or 337/C9)**

**DOORS OPEN AT 7.30PM, PROGRAM COMMENCES AT 8PM**

## COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	talk on Bonsai with Natives – Maxine Edgar, Bonsai Study Group
Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April	talk on Western Australian wildflowers - a different perspective, and on Boabs and Bottle-trees and other Waterwise Australian Shade Trees - by Attila Kapitany
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	APS Melton & Bacchus Marsh Annual Plant Sale
21-22 August	FJC Rogers seminar on Grevilleas at Bairnsdale. Early bookings desirable. See note on page 3
All Year	Many activities – see page 3

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Fleur & Graham Dickinson of Gisborne

### **EREMOPHILAS – talk by Maree Goods report on October meeting by Barb Pye**

A packed house came to hear Maree Goods speak on her favourite genus – Eremophilas. Maree is co-author of the excellent publication “Eremophilas – changing gardens for a changing climate” which details the cultivation and description of every known species. Maree travels the outback of Australia regularly in search of Eremophilas and reaches many places which have never been explored by botanists before. New species of Eremophilas are constantly being described and brought into cultivation. Maree’s talk was beautifully illustrated by photos of Eremophilas taken in the wild.



One important point in her talk stood out for me – very few Eremophilas grow naturally in sand. Most grow in rocky, breakaway country or flood plains with heavier sometimes clayey soils. This explains why so many Eremophilas thrive in the soils of Melton and Bacchus Marsh. It should

not be necessary to build up special beds for Eremophilas unless drainage is quite poor.



It was a treat to attend Maree’s talk which inspired us all to grow even more species.

### **REPORT ON NOVEMBER MEETING by Barb Pye**

Our break-up meeting for the year was held at the Willows. Following a BBQ and inspection of the garden, we were entertained by Graeme Woods who gave us a rundown of his recent trip with Ros to Queensland. Thanks Graeme for a truly entertaining and amusing journey.

### **ISOPOGON FORMOSUS (grey leaf form)**

*Report on October’s plant of the month by Barb Pye*

Isopogons belong to the family Proteaceae and like most need well drained soil to succeed in the garden. The grey leafed form of the species is a low growing shrub less than 1 metre high and about 1 metre wide. It blooms profusely in spring with dusky pink flowers which are well displayed on the ends of the branches. The stiff grey foliage is attractive all year round. A well

drained sunny or semi shaded site should suit this species. It can be propagated by cuttings or fresh seed. A green leafed form of this species grows much taller and is inclined to be a leggy shrub. It needs regular pruning to keep it bushy but the grey form is naturally dense and needs no shaping. Both forms come from South Western WA.



Isopogon formosus - grey leaf form

### **MIFGS – Volunteers required**

The Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show is on March 24th - 28th. APS Victoria will have a display inside the Exhibition Building and require volunteers to staff the display. The shifts are for two hours and will include free entry to the MIFGS. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Brenda Moore at 9876 1267 but please do so as soon as you can so the roster can be finalized. This display is a static display, no selling of products and is essentially an opportunity to discuss Australian native plants & the society with the general public.

### **COMPLETION OF THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA**

The Friends of the RBG Cranbourne and the Australian Plants Society, Victoria Region are inviting anyone who is interested to come and celebrate the completion of the *Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants Suitable for Cultivation* after over 30 years of enduring endeavour.

The authors Rodger Elliot, David Jones and the illustrator Trevor Blake will be in attendance with their 'partners-in-crime' — Gwen, Barbara and Beryl.

This Celebration will be held from 12:00 noon on Sunday 14 March, 2010 at the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne in the Woodlands Picnic Area adjacent to the Australian Garden. It will be a BYO Picnic Celebration and it will be

wonderful to have everyone together on this very special day.

Volume 9 of the Encyclopaedia will be available from 1 February 2010 and will be on sale at the Celebration. Please register your interest with Nicky on phone 0401 975 191 or by email [apsvicsec@yahoo.com.au](mailto:apsvicsec@yahoo.com.au) and check the APS Victoria website <http://www.apsvic.org.au/> for more details.

### **SHOWS, CONFERENCES, PLANT SALES, etc for 2010**

*info supplied by Nicky Zanen, APS Victoria Secretary*

#### **27-28 February - Open Garden Scheme Plant Fair,**

Lubra Bend Homestead, 135 Simpson Lane, Yarra Glen. \$10.

**14<sup>th</sup> March 2010 – Celebration to welcome Volume 9 of the Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants.** Details on page 3 in this newsletter.

#### **Melbourne Day Group Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

Attila Kapitany wowed the audience at ASGAP 2009, and has been invited to speak on Succulents. 10.30 am in Field Naturalists Hall, Gardenia Street, Blackburn Mel 47, K10.

#### **MIFGS 24 to 28 March 2010**

#### **APS Geelong Autumn Plant Sale, 10 & 11 April 2010**

at 'Wirawilla', 40 Lovely Banks Rd, Lovely Banks. \$2 entrance. Melway 431:D6.

#### **10<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 from 1.00 pm., APS Victoria Committee of Management Meeting**

in conjunction with APS Geelong Plant Sale. Venue to be advised,

**APS Foothills host June Quarterly Gathering** tentative date 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June in Bayswater.

#### **Maranoa Open Day, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2010.**

Plant sales, tours, nature trail, environmental displays. Free BBQ. Hosted by City of Boroondara. Mel 46, G7.

#### **FJC Rogers Seminar 2010: - 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2010 in Bairnsdale.**

– Grevillea Hybrids, Cultivars and New Species.

***If you wish to go, book in soon. Early booking attracts a discount, and the numbers are limited. People were turned away from the last FJC Rogers seminar (on Eremophilas). Registration form enclosed with this newsletter.***

**Open Gardens – open from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm. Most charge \$6.**

23-24 January Wilgaree 31 Russell Cres, Sorrento Mel 157:B10.

30-31 January Bev Fox, our APS Victoria Treasurer. 6 Camellia Cres, The Basin. Mel 65:D8. Restful well designed garden illustrates the rich variety of Australian plants that can be grown on a normal suburban block.

13-14 March Anderson Garden, 98 Bradleys Lane, Warrandyte. Mel 23:C12.

20-21 March Mon Reve, 35 Hampden Rd, Armadale. Mel 58:J8.

20-21 March Fern Gully, 25 Kennedy St, Glen Waverley. Mel 71:D1. Swale in front, waterway and billabong at rear.

20/21 March Lemon Tree Cottage, 59 Ferguson St, Upwey. Mel 74:K9.

10,11 and 12 April Attila Kapitany, 1 The Lough Court, Narre Warren North. Mel 109:A10. Mostly succulents, but includes *Chorisia speciosa*.



**Eremophila glabra Steep Point**

**LOCAL NATIVE PLANT NURSERIES**

(within 30 minutes from Melton)

Melton Native Nursery (John Forrester), 505 Harkness Road, Melton 9747 8884 (Weekends only)

Newport Lakes Native Nursery, 2 Margaret St, Newport, 9391 0044 (discount to APS members, indigenous flora)

Suntuff Natives, Barb & David Pye, 1220 Bacchus Marsh Road, Bullengarook 5428 9369 (Ring first)

Western Plains Flora (Ian Taylor) 628 Wildwood Road, Wildwood, Melway383 K2, 9740 3178 (indigenous flora, retail section closed during summer)

Wild about Wattle, Visit Wattle Display garden (West Melton) by appointment only. Call Esther: 0411 148 874. (Plants for sale, orders welcome)

**SEMILOCAL NATIVE PLANT NURSERIES**

(approx. 1 hour from Melton)

Vaughan’s Australian Plants, 1060 Port Arlington Road, Curlewis 5250 5592



Acacia cognata

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