

# BULOKE BULLETIN

**NEWSLETTER No. 99**  
January - February 2008

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Deadline for next newsletter – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2008

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

from 6.30pm at the home of Robin & Tony Wilson, 69 Lerderderg Road, Merrimu (Bacchus Marsh)

MEL334 C2

For travel & parking details, a map is enclosed below.

## **GARDEN VISIT & BBQ**

Members (and visitors) are asked to bring:

- either a salad or a dessert for sharing  
(*If not sure which to bring, contact Barb 5428 9369*)
- drinks
- whatever you wish to have with salad (eg cold meat, boiled eggs, tinned fish, etc).
- plates, cutlery & glasses.

***Please note that there will NOT be cooking facilities***

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

from 7pm at the Pyes  
1220 Bacchus Marsh Road, Bullengarook

## **POTTING UP FOR PLANT SALE**

Plants will be potted up for sale at our Annual Plant Sale, with members who can do so taking them home to look after them.

BYO wine, etc, for supper.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

7.30 for 8.00 pm at the Willows\*\*

## **AUSTRALIAN NATIVE PLANTS AS SOURCES OF NOVEL DRUGS**

***– talk by Simon Oviden***

Simon will outline his experiences using native Australian plants as a source of novel drugs. He will also go into some very brief detail about the history of using plant chemistry as drugs.

Simon's background is in organic chemistry, and specifically natural products chemistry. He obtained a PhD from Melbourne Uni in 1999, and spent several years here and overseas in the biotechnology field, researching for novel drug leads from natural resources.

***\*\* 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

Sunday 10th February	Cleanup Day at Melton Botanic Gardens site Contact John @ 9743 3819
Friday 22nd February	Bats in Bullengarook - Speaker - Dr Lindy Lumsden Contact Bullengarook Landcare Group Norris @ 5428 9320
Sat-Sunday 1-2 March	Australian Open Garden Scheme Plant Fair at Bolobek, Macedon
Monday 3rd March	BOCA Bird Walk in Melton - Led by Dave Torr of BOCA Contact Daryl Akers of Melton Environment Group @ 9743 2495
Wednesday 26 March	Speaker – To be advised
Wednesday 23 April	Speaker – To be advised
Saturday early May	Annual Plant Sale – in conjunction with Darley Market - Date to be confirmed
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Correas - talk on growing & propagating them

## VALE DON WEYBURY

We regret the passing of Don Weybury, enthusiastic native plant grower and APS Melton group member since inception. With Jean, Don has given strong support to the group for many years.

Don & Jean Weybury have been members of SGAP for over thirty years and received a SGAP Victoria Certificate of Commendation in 1998. Don & Jean were supporters of Keilor Plains, Central Highlands, Melton & Werribee (while it existed) district groups. In fact, Don was President and newsletter editor of the Werribee group as well as President for both Keilor Plains and Central Highlands district groups in previous years.

Their contribution to our group has been significant and noteworthy. They were present at the inaugural meeting in June 1990. In 1996, they were involved with the organisation and conducting of the Darley Flower Show & Plant Sale. In 1997, Don was elected President of our group and remained such until 1999. He was the leader through our first hosting of the APS - Vic Quarterly meeting in June 1999, which was heralded as a great success. Both Don & Jean assisted in this endeavour and donated many hours of their time towards its positive results. Don shared his extensive experience with all our members during his years with our group.

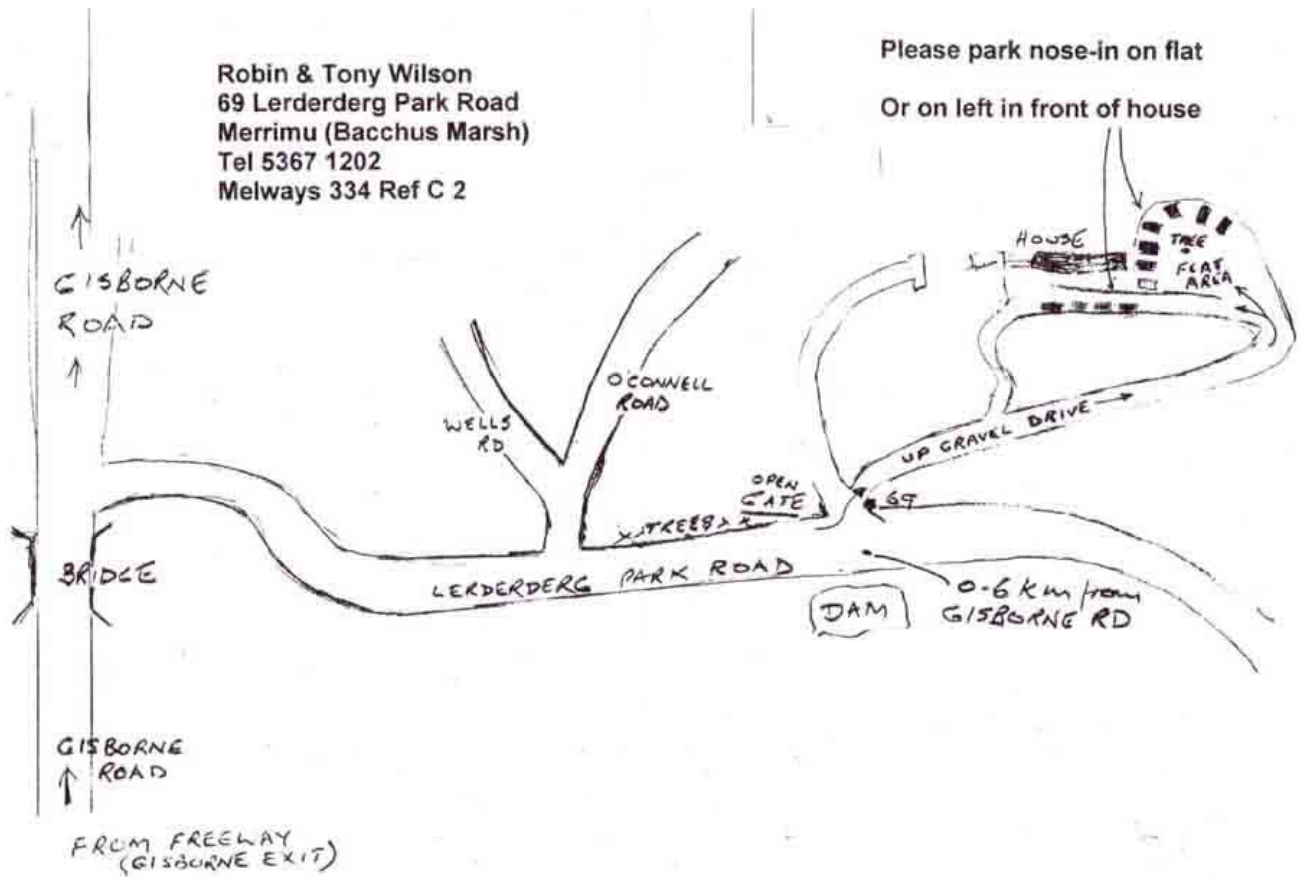
Our sympathy is extended to Jean and their family.

## NOTES FROM JANUARY'S COMMITTEE MEETING

Due to the Fred Rogers Symposium (Eremophilas) being held during the first weekend in October, and the view that an Autumn Plant Sale is more appropriate for our area, it was agreed that the Annual Plant Sale date be moved to Autumn. It was decided that the sale be held on the earliest available Darley market date in May. The actual date will be decided when the Darley Market calendar becomes available in late January.

It was decided to continue to publish a newsletter with photos in colour. It was agreed to propose a new fee rate for the APS Melton & Bacchus Marsh component of membership, with rates per household relevant to whether members receive their newsletter by Email or posted. The suggested rates are \$10 for Email newsletter and \$15 if posted. Members' comments are welcome.

A day excursion to visit gardens in Maryborough is planned for October, and other garden excursions will be planned if members want them.



Further details are available on the following web address

<http://maps.google.com.au/maps?f=d&hl=en&geocode=&time=&date=&ttype=&saddr=Main+St+Bacchus+Marsh&daddr=69+lerderderg+park+road+bacchus+marsh&slD>

