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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

First, the members who have been active in making this club function must be acknowledged and thanked. The committee members: Matt Baars, Carmel Addlem, Denise Cromer, Sheila Deakin, Frank Scheelings, Matt Leach, Phil Royce, Ade Foster and Dianne Royce who make the time to discuss the planning and administrative requirements of the club.

Denise Cromer is not seeking re-election and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the work she has put in. Denise has served as a committee member for a long time in various stints.

Our secretary for the past two years Phil Royce is not seeking re-election and I would like to thank him for all that he achieved and the enthusiasm and dedication he brought to the position.



Club President – Bruce McGinness

The club newsletter is always produced to a high standard and provides an important service. Being a perfectionist Ade Foster spends a lot of time getting it up to a standard that he and the club can be proud of.

Our treasurer Frank Scheelings has been a long-standing member who continues to contribute in many ways to the club. The position of treasurer is an essential

position and we are grateful for the service that Frank provides.

Matt Leach our Vice President is an active contributor to our club and with Nicole makes a formidable team that adds to the lovely dynamic of our club.

The members who prepare the supper are the engine room of the club meeting who work below deck keeping the meeting on course. Folk start getting edgy by 9pm if they aren't in the kitchen by then.

The members who turn up to meetings and functions throughout the year are the most important part of the club because without you we wouldn't have a club. Having a good number of people turn up to meetings makes the presenter feel valued after all the work they put in their presentation. It is timely to thank the members Frank Scheelings, Matt Leach, Tony Cavanagh, Nicole Leach and Roger Wileman who gave high quality presentations to the club in the past year.

Projector and screen: The committee decided to purchase a new projector; Ade researched the projectors available and selected a quality projector that so impressed our next speaker Cathy Powers she went out and purchased the same model for herself. The quality of the images Cathy projected with our new projector was first class. Ade also installed a projector screen on the meeting room ceiling, which was cunningly purchased as a roller blind. The screen has made a big difference to the quality of the presentations.

This year has been a busy one and what follows is a brief overview to thank the people involved.

October 27 Doug McKenzie's garden in Ocean Grove This was a fabulous garden to visit with many unusual plants on display. Thank you Matt Baars for coordinating the visit.

Garden visits to member's gardens - In September Matt Leach led a tour of the Kevin Hoffman walk, which he and Nicole play a very important part in its upkeep,

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design and administration; this was followed by a tour of Matt and Pam Baars' garden, which never disappoints. In October, Frank and Tina Scheelings and Ade and Penny Foster opened their gardens to members to show off their design skills. Thank you for opening up your gardens to members. We are grateful that we have these skilled horticulturalists in our club to show us around their gardens.

Matt and Pam Baars hosted the 2018 Christmas party. Thank you to Matt and Pam for allowing us to rampage through your garden, a good time was had even though the great lemon tart baking ball disaster happened there.

Alpine Field Trip February 2019 - This was a successful four-day trip attended by 14 members. I always learn a lot when I go out in to the field with our knowledgeable members. Thank you to Ade for organising the bus and driving us up to the mountain, even when the CD player refused to play his country and western music. (*Editor's note: It was just country music, not western*) Frank consequently gave a club presentation highlighting the flora and fauna we observed with his and other members wonderful photography,

Two high profile speakers were invited to present to the club.

1. Maria Hitchcock: Correas--March
2. Dean Nicole- Eucalyptus--April

Thank you to Roger and Sheila for billeting these two speakers and picking Maree up from the airport.

Plant Sale April 27th - This year's plant sale was another success; thank you to Arthur and Linda Pape who allow us to hold the plant sale at their property. The venue works so well to host the plant sale and we are very fortunate to be able to have the sale there.

A big thank you to everyone who helped out with the preparations and the sale, it is a big task and it is a credit to the club that we run such a big event so successfully every year.

Bruce McGinness
August 2019

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

In accordance with our club rules, the AGM was conducted at our last meeting on 20th August. After presentation of the President's Report and the Treasurer's Report, all committee positions were declared vacant and nominations were called for all positions.

As a result, our committee for the 2019/2020 year is ...

President:	Bruce McGinness
Vice President:	Matt Leach
Treasurer:	Frank Scheelings
Secretary:	Peter Nuzum
Editor:	Ade Foster
General Members:	Deborah Peeters, Carmel Addlem, Sheila Deakin, Matt Baars, Dianne Royce.

Congratulations to all our committee members. It's great to see some 'new blood' and we look forward to a successful year in 2019/2020.

PLANT TABLE with Arthur Pape

The plant table was hosted by Arthur Pape. Thanks to Matt Leach for taking notes in my absence.

John and Barbra Bell brought along several specimens, including *Eucalyptus tetraptera*, *Hakea invaginata*, *Banksia praemorsa* yellow and port wine coloured flowers, *Olearia pimeleoides* and *Hardenbergia violacea* white flowered form and *Hakea bucculenta x francisiana*.



White Hardenbergia from Ade's garden

Bruce had *Olearia homolepis*, *Dodenea boroniifolia*, *Acacia adunca* and *Eucalyptus caesia x orbifolia*. Joy Sutton brought *Acacia aphylla*, and *Eucalyptus leucoxydon*. Deb Peters bought in *Acacia* 'Buchan Blue', *Eremophila oppositifolia* 'Hardy Harry', *Grevillea* 'Lemon Daze'.

Frank Scheelings brought in *Grevillea* 'Superb', *Diplolaena grandiflora*, *Schultzia oligandra*, *Chamaelucium uncinatum*, *Grevillea zygaloba*, *Grevillea* 'Thorny Devil', *Thryptomene saxicola*, *Thryptomene baeckeacea*, *Thryptomene* 'FC Payne', *Hypocalymma xanthopetalum*.

Matt Leach bought in *Acacia verniciflua*, *Acacia leprosa* 'Scarlet Blaze' (as did Chris Tournier), *Chorizema*

cordatum, Davesia rhombifolia, Dryandra nobilis, Hakea trifurcata, Grevillea endlicheriana, Grevillea tetragonoloba, Phebalium bullatum, Phebalium stenophyllum, Phebalium festivum, Eremophila santalina and Pandorea 'Theodore'.

PLANT OF THE MONTH – *Pandorea 'Theodore'*

Helen Day was the door prize winner picked out and she choose Pandorea 'Theodore' that was brought in by Matt Leach. Matt writes ...

Pandorea 'Theodore ' is the Pandorea pandorana species of Wonga Vine that is a hardy, fast growing plant which likes full sun but will tolerate some shade. In the wild, P. pandorana can climb to some 10 metres into the surrounding trees given the opportunity. The variety 'Theodore' was found in the Queensland town of Theodore about 230 km west of Bunderberg.

The flowers of Theodore are the largest of all the *P. pandorana* varieties. They are about 30mm long and are produced in masses late winter into spring. *Pandorea 'Theodore'* has small fine pinnate leaves from 5-7 leaflets up to 150cm and twining stems that are also fine and usually quiet rigid.



The flowers on Matt's Pandorea Theodore

This plant is hardy to drought once established and frost tender usually killing off all flowers except the ones produced under the verandah. Once frosts are over the plant soon recovers into a vigorous climber that is pruned 3-4 times before frosts come back again. This plant is climbing up a verandah post facing north in a very small raised bed of mainly ironstone, and receives some supplementary water through summer. Our plant is probably around 15 years old. Sadly, it is rarely seen for sale, which is a real pity.

ANNUAL PHOTO COMPETITION

Each year in conjunction with the AGM we run a photo competition for our members entertainment. This year, as every year, the standard of the photographs was amazing. Here are this year's winners ...

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS



First place went to Joy Sutton's beautiful photo of a Boab flower taken early one morning in Kunanurra.



Second place was this *Eucalyptus laevis* commonly known as the Darling Range ghost gum by Barb Bell



Third place went to Matt Leach for this great shot of the flower of *Dryandra speciosa*

AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS.



First place to this interesting image of a foraging echidna by Frank Scheelings.



Second place was this great shot of an Alpine Katydid in threat posture by Matt Leach.



And in third place this lovely image of Allied Rock Wallabies taken on Magnetic Island by Grahme Parkes.

AUSTRALIAN LANDSCAPES



This wonderfully Australian image of water in the Purnululu National Park in the south-eastern Kimberley was taken by Joy Sutton and won first place in the landscapes category.



Second place went to Nicole Leach for this great shot taken from Aqueduct Track near Falls Creek.



And third place went to Grahme Parkes for this image of the thrombolites from Lake Clifton in W.A

As always, there was a really wonderful collection of photographs from our many-talented members. The winners were worthy of the accolades they received. 😊

NEXT MEETING: September 17th

Ade and Penny will show some photos from their recent holiday in and around Geraldton, WA. Ade photographed hundreds of flowering plants and will show a selection on the big screen.

OCTOBER MEETING: Landcare Projects

More info in the next newsletter.

AROUND THE GROUNDS:

7th September – APS Wilson Park’s Spring Plant Sale at Wilson Botanic Park, Berwick, in conjunction with the City of Casey who will be holding a Garden Expo. There will be a range of Australian plant growers stalls together with stalls that feature other aspects of gardens such as nursery supplies and garden equipment.

14th September – Committee of Management Meeting at 10.00 am and APS Victoria AGM at 2.00 pm. Auditorium, Royal Botanic Gardens, Cranbourne.

14th & 15th September - APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo, Eltham Community & Reception Centre, 801 Main Road, Eltham. 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Check website <https://apsyarrayarra.org.au> for plant lists.

21st & 22nd September 50th Anniversary of Anglesea Wildflower Weekend and Art Show. Celebrating the area’s remarkable biodiversity and wildflowers. Held at the Anglesea Memorial Hall, 3 McMillan Street, Anglesea 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

21st & 22nd September - APS Bendigo Flower Show. Kangaroo Flat Primary School Gym, Freeman Drive, Kangaroo Flat, Bendigo. 9.30 am to 4.00 pm.

24th September to 20th October 2019

Maranoa Gardens Florilegium – Town Hall Gallery
360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn. Free entry.

Twelve local artists from the Balwyn Community Botanical Art Group have painted an exquisite series of plant specimens picked by the curators of Maranoa Gardens in Balwyn.

These intricate botanical paintings have been created to document the fascinating florae of the Maranoa Gardens, one of the oldest surviving gardens to exclusively feature Australian native plants. Filled with watercolour paintings and drawings in pencil, pen and ink, this exhibition celebrates the collective artistic achievement of these dedicated botanical artists.

PROPOSED CLUB EXCURSIONS/WEEKENDS AWAY

Little Desert Weekend – 14th and 15th September.

The club is planning to run a trip to Little Desert on Friday 13th, Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th September. As most members know the park is a great spot for flowers and wildlife. Locations to visit can be organised depending on participant’s mobility (car and foot). We are going to stay at the Little Desert Lodge:

457 Nhill-Harrow Road, Nhill Vic 3418, Ph: 5391 5232

<https://littledesertlodge.com.au/>

There are a variety of accommodation options:

- Camping: unpowered, \$10 per night per person, There is an amenities block and a camp kitchen with BBQ cooking facilities and a refrigerator.
- Camping: powered, \$40 per site for 2 people, an extra \$20 for each extra person.
- Two cabins with four bunk beds and ensuite, \$90 per room.
- Standard twin motel type rooms \$120
- Top of the range garden view accommodation \$140-\$200 night depending on the number of guests.

Car pooling is an option, but passengers will have to fit in with the driver’s itinerary; some members are returning Monday morning with others planning to return on Sunday. Please contact Bruce McGinness ASAP if you are interested. bsmcginness@gmail.com

The Pomonal Wildflower Show, October 5 and 6 is a must attend for plant lovers and The Grampians flora is always interesting. We plan to camp or use cabin accommodation at Halls Gap Gardens Caravan Park. Hall’s Gap is a three hour drive from Geelong, so the weekend is doable or you might like to come up a day or two earlier. We can car-pool for bush exploration.

Maranoa Gardens Day Trip – 19th October. The Maranoa Gardens in Balwyn were designed as a botanical display to exhibit plants in a range of habitat styles and show the flora of Melbourne but also other regions. We will also visit the Maranoa Gardens

Florilegium at the Town Hall Gallery in Hawthorn. See the write-up in 'Around The Grounds' (previous page) for a little more information.

EUCALYPTUS LEUCOXYLON. By Roger Wileman

Eucalyptus leucoxylon gets its name from the Greek, "leucos" meaning white and "xylon" meaning wood. It goes by the common name of Yellow Gum in Victoria, but is called Blue Gum in South Australia. The type species was collected in the Mount Lofty Ranges, South Australia in 1849.

E. Leucoxylon is a species of Eucalyptus endemic to South Australia and Victoria, but is found in a small outlying location north of the Murray River near Balmoral N.S.W. It has five sub species over its large range varying in height between 6m and 25 m. It occurs in a variety of soils and conditions, from sandy inland areas to heavy coastal clay. At Point Addis, near Anglesea, it is exposed to the Bass Strait salty air, and grows as a very low tree of 2 to 3 metres.

E. Leucoxylon is a very important honey tree as it flowers in almost any month of the year. In nature, some trees will be in full flower, while those beside are without a single flower. These will be in full flower at another time of the year.

The bark at the base of the trunk up to about 2m is coarse and dark especially in older mature trees. The rest of the trunk and the upper branches are smooth, white, cream or bluish in colour. The bark colour varies throughout the year, with the period between Christmas and Easter the most spectacular.



The flowers of the different species of *E. Leucoxylon* vary in colour and size from small white, yellow, pink, to large red, as in *ssp. megalocarpa*. The timber has been used for rural sheds, fence posts, fire wood and in some instances mine supports as it grows in gold mining areas like Rushworth, Stawell, Ararat and the Brisbane Ranges.

Euc. Leucoxylon ssp. stephanie - The type species was collected north of Yanac towards Murrayville on 15th May 1985 and was named after Kevin Rule's daughter, Stephanie who accompanied him on many field trips. A tree to 15 m from sandy areas in S.E. South Australia, Meningie, the Little and Big Deserts, Balmoral and near Mt Arapiles. Flowers are white, rarely pink and it is rarely grown as other sub species are more desirable. At Mt Arapiles it grows on rocky outcrops as in most other locations it prefers sandy soil, which would indicate it would be more drought tolerant. *Ssp stephanie* and *ssp. leucoxylon* inter grade in the Balmoral, Black Range area Vic.



160 year old *ssp. pruinosus* growing on mine tailings at Great Western

E. leucoxylon ssp pruinosus – the name refers to the waxy juvenile leaves, buds and fruit. The type species was collected from Salt Creek, South Australia, in January 1849. It is a tree to 25 m with white flowers. It occurs from far North and upper south east of South Australia and in Victoria around Jeparit, Warracknabeal, east of Rushworth, Heathcote, Little Desert, Brisbane Ranges, and is common east and west of Stawell. This is a beautiful single trunked tree with a mainly white trunk, changing colours with patches of grey, cream and pink. The Juvenile leaves are blue in colour making it a very spectacular tree, although too big for most gardens. For me, this is the pick of all sub species.

E. leucoxylon ssp. megalocarpa – The type species was collected by J. Boland on the 1st of May 1970, at Dingley Dell. It is named from the Greek-" Meglo" meaning big and "Carpos" meaning fruit. It is the largest fruited form with pink or red flowers that come true to colour from seed. It is of strictly coastal occurrence from Robe in South Australia to south of Mt Gambier and near Nelson River inlet in western Vic. This species is often sold in nurseries.

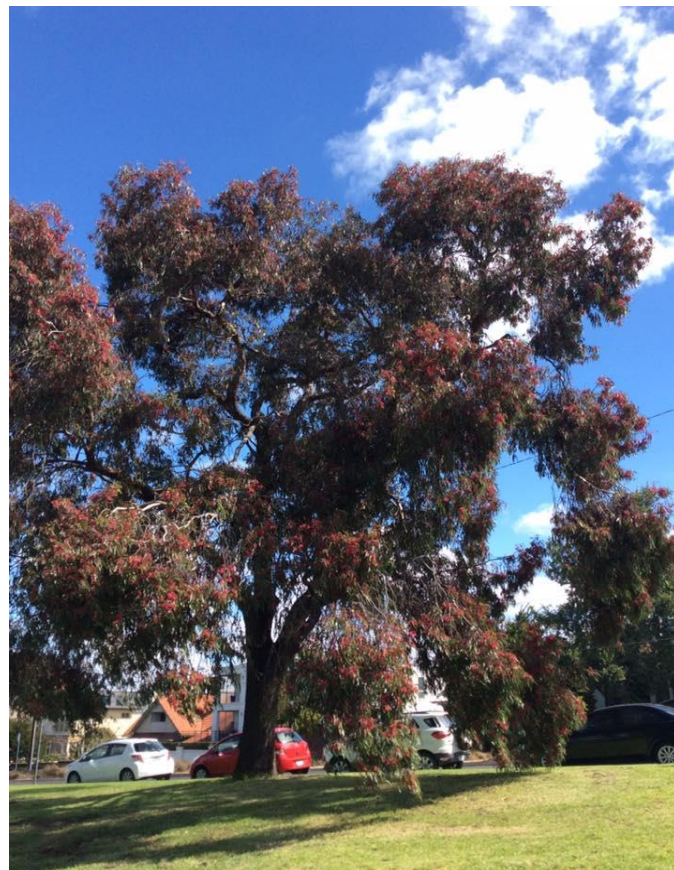
E. leucoxylon ssp. connata – The type species was collected by Kevin Rule in 1991. The epithet '*connata*' referring to the "connate" seedling leaves where each opposite pair of leaves are joined at the base around the stem. These connate leaves occur only occasionally and can also be found in other populations of *E. leucoxylon* and *ssp pruinosa*. Dean Nicolle does not regard *ssp connata* as a distinct sub-species. There are some beautiful examples of *E. leucoxylon. ssp connata* in McArthur's Road, Balliang where it crosses the Little River.



The connate leaves of *ssp. connata*

E. leucoxylon ssp. bellarinensis - Common name: Bellarine Peninsula Yellow Gum. The type species was collected by Kevin Rule on 4th August, 1996, in the grounds of the Anglican church in Ocean Grove. A tree to 12m, it occurs in scattered populations around Jan Juc, Torquay, and west of Bells Beach, always coastal on heavy clay soils. It is usually multi-trunked and of poor shape. The flowers are white to cream. This sub-species may have been more abundant in past years, but with large areas having been developed for residential purposes only remnant trees survive.

E. leucoxylon and *E. sideroxylon* can hybridize, the seedling trees having dark furrowed trunks resembling *E. sideroxylon* with the upper branches and flowers resembling *E. leucoxylon*. There are some beautiful examples of these hybrids along the Western Beach in Geelong, between Griffon Gully and Glenleith Ave. These tree were planted by the West Geelong volunteers in about 1910.



A hybrid from Griffon Gully

GREVILLEA 'JELLY BABY'

by Ade Foster

Those of you who know me know I love Grevilleas. I'm no expert, no ardent collector ... I just love 'em. I bought this little *Grevillea lavandulacea* x *G. alpina* 'Jelly Baby' at our plant sale last year to 'fill a gap', as one does. It's a small mounded plant currently only about 250mm x 250mm and, as you can see, has masses of flowers which contrast with the grey green foliage.



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