



Correa Mail

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WELCOME to 2021.

Greetings everyone and welcome to 2021 (I think). We are hoping for a full calendar this year and we are well under way with planning our list of speakers, excursions and garden visits. As the Covid restrictions are an ever-changing cauldron of confusion, your committee is watching closely, trying to understand and making our best efforts to return to some semblance of normal. Please bear with us.

FEBRUARY MEETING

BBQ/Members' Night

Our February meeting, scheduled for a members' night will go ahead with a difference. It will be in the shape of a BBQ at Frank and Tina's place in Highton. The club will cater the meat for the BBQ, but if you are vegetarian, vegan or Klingon, please bring such food as you require. Please also bring whatever drinks you would like, and a chair. A salad or dessert to share would be appreciated.

Gather at 7 Admiral Court, Highton from 4.30 pm., on Tuesday 16th February.

Bring your show and tell photos on a USB stick and Frank will project them on the TV on his rear deck.

Please note: Only 30 people are allowed to gather under current Covid restrictions, so Frank and Tina can have only twenty eight guests. First in best dressed. You **MUST** email Frank with your intention to attend. Frank will confirm that you are one of the twenty-eight permitted. Once the thirty maximum has been reached, Frank will inform any others that the quota is full.

Frank's email ... ftscheelings@gmail.com

2021 PLANT SALE

April 17th

As things stand, our 2021 Plant Sale will go ahead on Saturday April 17th. Plans are underway and advertising has begun. As usual, we will be looking for

lots of support on the day to help make things run smoothly. We will update you with any changes and will be asking for a commitment from you soon.

AUSTRALIAN PLANT SALE

SAT 17TH APRIL 2021, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

A large variety of native plants provided by specialist native nurseries for sale.

- Open garden
- Book sales
- BBQ & refreshments
- Kids activities

Adults \$2 each, Children free!

Wirawilla, 40 Lovely Banks Rd, Lovely Banks

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UNUSUAL BANKSIA PRAEMORSA?

by Margaret Guenzel

At our December Xmas break-up Margaret showed me some photos of the development of a flower. I found it quite interesting and asked her to tell us about it ...



Margaret writes ... This Banksia praemorsa seedling was an odd looking one that came up amongst John Mahoney's thousands of seedlings. John planted one in his own garden. He thought it might be one of the "Hot

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Pink" flowered forms. He gave me cutting material and I managed to get two to strike. My plant is now about 4m high and certainly unusual with its colour changes. Someone entered a similar form in our photo competition. I'd like to know if their's goes through these colour changes, too?



EUCALYPTUS TUCKER

I work at Werribee Zoo, driving the Safari busses. One of the things I talk about on my tours is the fencing that the works staff have done to protect the Eucalypts from being decimated by our five giraffe boys.

One guest said they understood that only koalas can eat and digest Eucalyptus leaves, because of the toxins contained therein. Not so. Giraffe love them.



As the photo shows, Harold the giraffe is stretching hard to reach the closest leaves, pressing himself so hard against the wire that he has a black mark across his chest where it rubs.

Armani, our tallest giraffe at 5.5 metres can reach these leaves because of his superior height, and his 30cm tongue! The others have to wait for the leaves to grow a bit, or until it rains and the weight of the water causes them to droop a little lower.

The zoo grows onsite almost all of the leaves that are fed out to the animals. A new plantation was started last year and once this has grown enough to be harvested, we should be self-sufficient for browse.

We grow ten species that are used to feed the Koalas, and other browsers, and they are rotated every couple of days to keep the animals from getting bored. The keepers put in a request each day for the Horticulture team to harvest what is needed.

KOALA BROWSE REQUEST:		
PLANTING LIGHT:	EUCALYPTUS SPECIES:	QUANTITY:
●	E. VIMINALIS - MANNA GUM	30 20
●	E. CAMALDULENSIS - RIVER RED GUM	20 5
●	E. GONIOCALYX - LONG LEAF BOX	30
●	E. OVATA - SWAMP GUM	
●	E. GLOBULUS - TASSIE BLUE GUM	
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●	E. ROBUSTA - SWAMP MAHOBANY	
●	E. RADIATA - PEPPERMINT	
●	E. RUBIDA - CANDLEBARK	
●	E. MELLIODORA - YELLOW BOX	10
●	E. LEHMANNII - BUSHY YATE	5

We hope to have a speaker from the Hort team at our next meeting to tell us all about the gardens, the browse plantations and native plants found at Werribee Zoo.

TEMPORARY EDITOR NEEDED

Penny and I will be away for the April and May meetings, touring outback NSW and QLD, and sailing in the Whitsundays. We will be gone for about seven or eight weeks all up.

I would love someone to take over the job of producing the newsletter for those two months. I'm happy to do a template and explain how I produce the newsletter, or you can do it with your own style and personality.

Please let us know if you would like to help out. It would be a shame for there to be no newsletter for those two months.