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THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU TO Peter Nuzum for editing this edition of 'The Correa Mail' while Penny and I take a much needed break

HURRAH!!

We are back together again. We will be meeting in the Ballroom on Tuesday 18th May at 7.30 pm – hurrah!!!!

Our guest speaker will be Ian Rogers who, for many years, was Superintendent of Parks and Gardens for Geelong Council and COGG and Geelong Botanic Gardens Curator. He has a wealth of photos and knowledge about the development of both landscaping within Geelong and development of the Botanical Gardens. And – he has a book for sale!!!

We meet in the Ballroom, Hamlyn Heights Recreational Reserve, Carey St & Bayview Parade, Hamlyn Heights. We start at 7.30 pm and go for about 2 - 2 1/2 hours depending on the guest speaker.

WELCOME

And a big welcome to 3 new members – Jennifer Morris, Catherine Pevitt and Alison Williams.

OUR PLANT SALE

Wow, what a great day we had. The crowds were amazing, people just poured in right from 8 am. And what was really tremendous was the efforts put in by you, the members. So many of you volunteered to help make the day go extremely well. I know I can speak for all the committee by saying a really BIG THANK YOU to all of you.

We had 11 growers selling their plants. We had a great book stall with a wide range of books for sale. Our regular Plant Table was run by Matt Leach and Children's Activity Stand conducted by Nicole Leach.



Matt's amazing plant table

And, of course, we had our BBQ, cooked with tender loving care by our chief chef Frank, and our canteen. What a wonderful array of goodies provided by you, the members And, my rock cakes were delicious – pity they got left behind on my dining room table. Well, I am very old and forgetful.



Enjoying a cuppa, BBQ and goodies at the canteen

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Buying plants is why we are there



And we had Stu Dio K Sculptures selling his scrap metal creations. And what innovative sculptures they were. It is amazing what can be done with some scrap metal and a welding torch.

PANGARINDA BOTANIC GARDEN

by Roger Wileman

A few weeks ago I attended the open weekend at Currency Creek Arboretum, Dean Nicolle's property, which is just north of Victor Harbour, S.A.

On the way over I turned left at Tailem Bend onto the B1, Princess Highway. After a few km south, I turned

right on to the B45 Ferry Road, which took me a short distance to the ferry across the Murray River at Wellington.



Just before the ferry, on the right, is the Hall café. I turned right here, onto the Pangarinda Drive, and a hundred metres along is the entrance to the Pangarinda Botanic Garden. The gardens are thirty hectares in size with twelve hectares planted with a fabulous collection of native plants.

This area was originally a sand dune. In September 1993 a committee of eleven members was elected to develop this weed-infested sand dune into a botanic garden. Many groups, including the Coorong District Council, other community groups, businesses, individuals, and local school children were involved. Looking at the size of this project, I don't think I have touched the surface as to how many people must have helped develop this wonderful botanic garden.



Dryandra speciosa and *Banksia sphaerocarpa* var. *caesia*.

Many of the plants have name tags on them and as the garden was originally started in 1993, many of the plants have grown to what I would call specimen size. There are very few dead plants and the walking tracks are well defined and easy walking. I spent a casual two hours in the garden, but I think a shorter walk would not have given me time to enjoy it all.



Eucalyptus erethrocorys



Eucalyptus pachyphylla

On leaving the gardens stop at the Hall cafe just down the road at the intersection great stop for food and coffee.

BANKSIA PRAEMORSA

John Bell sent us this gem, Banksia praemorsa 'High Noon', growing on his property at Torquay. Many thanks John, it looks great.

