



# Correa Mail

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*I was unable to attend that last meeting due to illness, so I'm grateful to those who were there for the majority of the content of this month's newsletter. Ed.*

## FEBRUARY MEETING - CRADLE MOUNTAIN FLORA By Bruce McGinness

On Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup>, Geoff Lay gave a presentation Cradle Mountain's flora and dramatic scenery.

Cradle Mountain is a national park in the northwest of Tasmania and is the site of its highest mountain Mt Ossa. Many of the park's natural features carry names from classical Greek mythology – such as Pelion, Olympus, Echo and Narcissus, named in the 1830s by surveyor General George Frankland, inspired by what he considered the area's classical beauty.



**Dove Lake – Cradle Mountain National Park**  
**Photo: Bjørn Christian Tørrissen – Wiki Commons**

It is home to the world-famous overland track which Geoff walked before his knees gave up. Geoff describes himself as a bushwalker with a camera and he shared many high-quality photographs of scenery and plants taken while bushwalking along the overland track that require several days walking to access.

Geoff explained with accompanying photographs how glaciers carved out valleys and left perched tarns. The glaciers left many of the higher peaks untouched which resulted in them keeping their craggy peaks. These different landforms provide niches for many of Tasmania's unique flora to grow.

Some examples are in the genus *Richea* which can be single trunked trees to prickly shrubs which cut-up bushwalkers legs in the gullies. The stunning *Nothofagus gunnii* is a deciduous beech with brilliant green foliage in summer and spectacular displays of autumn colour. Endemic alpine eucalypts also got a mention with some interesting alpine species growing in the park.

I thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and it has inspired me to return to the area soon.

## PLANT TABLE with Bruce McGinness

*Again, I'm indebted to Bruce for these wonderful photos from the plant table at our March meeting. Thanks also to those who contributed to another great night. Ed.*



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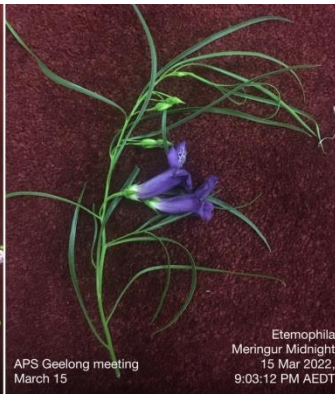
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Matt Leach  
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March 15  
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APS Geelong meeting  
March 15  
Eremophila  
Meringur Midnight  
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Matt Leach  
APS Geelong meeting  
March 15  
Correa reflexa Flared Bells  
15 Mar 2022,  
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March 15  
Eremophila maculata  
15 Mar 2022,  
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missed my little violets, and he very kindly offered to dig some out of his Dad's garden for me.

Two pots of freshly pinched violets duly arrived and were planted in my front garden into propagating sand beds in a full sun position. Despite the best efforts of my bee-keeper/demolition man, they have thrived.



**The violets in my garden**

In just a few months, my little potted violets now cover a considerable area, are flowering prolifically, and sending little runners out in every direction.

*Viola hederacea* is common and widespread in Victoria and Tasmania, along the Great Dividing Range in New South Wales and in the far south-east of South Australia. It is a lovely little ground-cover and can be used a lawn substitute. There are several species that are sold as *V. hederacea*, that may be misnamed.



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March 15  
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Carmel  
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March 15  
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Purple Splendour  
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March 15  
Hakea drupacea  
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March 15  
Banksia ornata  
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**Flower of *V. hederacea***

**PLANT OF THE MONTH**

***Viola hederacea***

No 'Plant of The Month' was chosen, so I've taken the editorial decision to choose one from my garden. I've had the native Violets in my garden for many years until recently. While they flowered every year, they were never prolific. I was telling Matt Leach how much I

**THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO .....**

These are just a few of the up-coming events that the club is running .... things that you might like to take part in. Please take note of the dates and put them in your diary so you don't miss out.



## PLANT SALE

April 9<sup>th</sup>

Our autumn plant sale is on again, Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> from 8.30 am until 4.00 pm. Once again it will be held at the home of Arthur and Linda Pape in Lovely Banks.

We have twelve growers, two book-sellers, honey vendors and a proper coffee van for those of us who love 'proper' coffee. It's going to be the best yet!

There is a long list of jobs that need to be done on the day, and before-hand. We will be asking members to give us an hour or two (or five) to help out.

We will be setting up for the sale from 1:00 pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April ... all welcome to assist. Then we'll be onsite from 7:30 on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>. We are still looking for assistance with the gate, parking and the BBQ. Please come along and give the club a little of your time. It's also a great place to pick up that unusual or hard to find plant for your garden. And it's great fun!

There will be a BBQ dinner after the sale for those who have contributed during the day.



Matt and Nicole were there to welcome us to walk us around the extensive maintained garden.

## APRIL MEETING

Grevilleas

Our speaker in April will be Neil Marriott, who'll talk to us about Grevilleas. Neil, together with Peter Olde, wrote the three volume work, 'The Grevillea Book', a must have for any plant enthusiast.

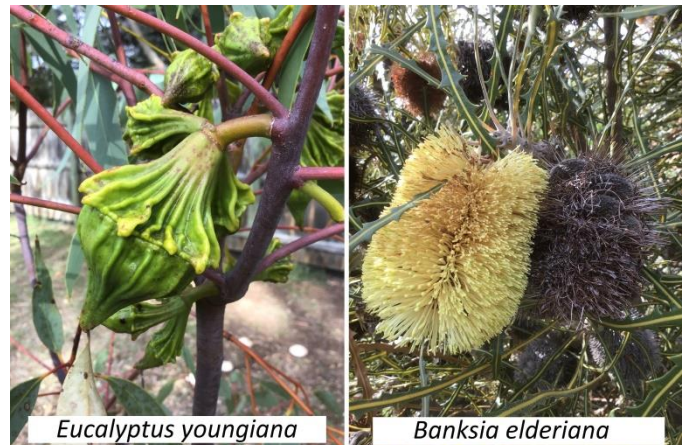
## 2022 MEETINGS

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| <b>April 19<sup>th</sup></b>  | - | Neil Marriott – 'Grevilleas'                          |
| <b>May 17<sup>th</sup></b>    | - | Royce Raleigh – 'Lesser Known Plants for the Garden'. |
| <b>June 21<sup>st</sup></b>   | - | Miriam Ford – Prostantheras                           |
| <b>July 19<sup>th</sup></b>   | - | TBA   |
| <b>August 16<sup>th</sup></b> | - | AGM and Photo Competition                             |
| <b>Sept 20<sup>th</sup></b>   | - | David Pye – 'Dryland Eucalypts'.                      |

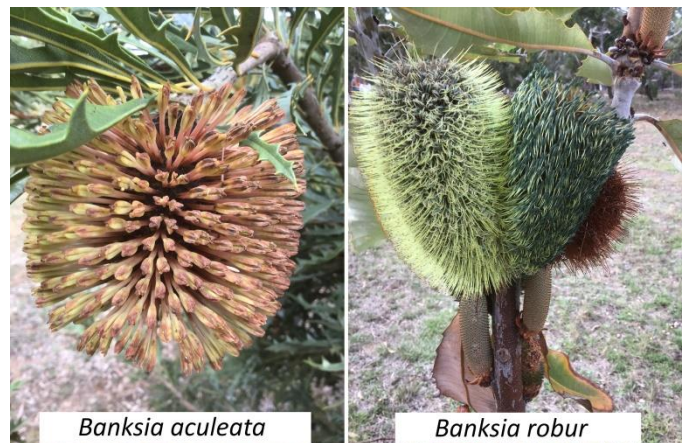
## A VISIT TO INVERLEIGH

by Roger Wileman

On Sunday the 20th our club members had an opportunity to visit the Leach's wonderful native garden at Inverleigh.



The majority of the plants are mature, which to me is a benefit, as I can relate to the size that the plants will grow. We must always bear in mind that the vast majority of native plants respond well being pruned.





The local kangaroos need to be educated on how to prune plants correctly. I think the boundary fence has been up graded and the kangaroo problem is not as bad as previously.



We all enjoyed morning tea and cake after our walk around this really beautiful native garden. Roger

#### COMMITTEE VACANCY

With Phil Royce's retirement we find ourselves looking for a member or two to join our committee. The task is not onerous or difficult (or even scary). If you think you might like to help us out have a chat with any of the committee members and they'll set you mind at rest 😊

#### EXTINCT ORCHID HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

An article in The Age caught my eye and I'll summarise it here with a link to the full article by Miki Perkins. It was dated April 1<sup>st</sup>, but I think it's genuine.

The Mignonette or Cobungra Leek-orchid, *Prasophyllum morganii*, was first collected from a single population near Cobungra in the sub-alpine region of Victoria in 1929 but has not been found since 1933. It has long been considered extinct.

Backhouse and Jeanes record the Cobungra leek-orchid as a small, lemon-scented orchid which was known to grow in open forests of Snow Gum, *Eucalyptus pauciflora* subsp. at about 1000 m above sea level . It

was found on the sunny side of a small ridge running down to a creek, where the soil was clayey with a little quartz and sandstone. There were only fifteen plants known in this original population. Its flowering period is November to January.



An alpine Leek-orchid – *Prosophyllum alpestre*?

Following the bush-fires in the summer of 2019-20, scientists carried out an extensive survey of the orchids in the area and collected a species of an orchid first found in the Kosciuszko National Park in 2000, called the Kiandra Leek-orchid, *Prasophyllum retroflexum*.

Careful comparison between this orchid and preserved specimens of *P. morganii* held at the National Herbarium show that the two are the same species. So the extinct orchid has been hiding in plain sight.

Read the article here ....

[https://www.theage.com.au/environment/conservation/victorian-orchid-s-supposed-extinction-a-case-of-mistaken-identity-20220331-p5a9lx.html?msclkid=0583994ab14411ecab00089802503feb&fbclid=IwAR0AuwHbr7WCGzoGbWBAeV8KCJ8cEL\\_T827rPdCjxE3dGiexwp07DsAuSno](https://www.theage.com.au/environment/conservation/victorian-orchid-s-supposed-extinction-a-case-of-mistaken-identity-20220331-p5a9lx.html?msclkid=0583994ab14411ecab00089802503feb&fbclid=IwAR0AuwHbr7WCGzoGbWBAeV8KCJ8cEL_T827rPdCjxE3dGiexwp07DsAuSno)

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