



Australian Plants Society
Loddon-Murray Group
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Flowering at Koraleigh by Lorraine Mathews.

What a summer it has been, its really sorted out our gardens. We have all lost plants and it didn't matter how much water we gave them, 48c was just too much, on saying that, it is also surprising how well and how tough many of our Native Plants are.

Banksia menziesii is just starting in shades of pinky gold.
 Banksia speciosa continues on with it subtle green flowers.
 Eucalyptus erythrocorys has bright red bud caps falling off to reveal a yellow green flower.
 Eucalyptus pachyphylla has delicate burgundy buds with cream flowers.
 Eucalyptus macrocarpa is just budding up always magnificent whether in flower or not.

Banksia menziessii



Eucalyptus erythrocorys



Eucalyptus pachyphylla



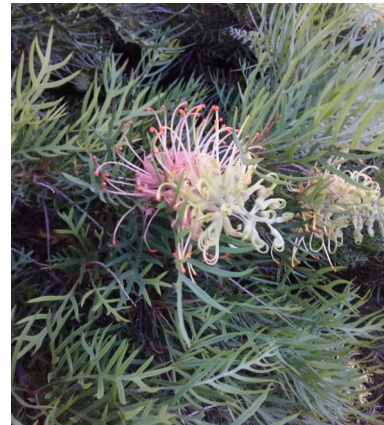
Eucalyptus macrocarpa



Banksia speciosa



Grevillea peaches & cream



FLORAL ART by Lorraine Mathews



In November 2018 the Floral Art Group held their Christmas meeting at our place. About 12 members under the guidance of Jeannie Finlayson and Marg Crilly created beautiful arrangements from the variety of Natives we had, it was quite surprising how very different each one was.

Our first outing for the new year 18th Jan was dinner at the Mystic Park Hotel. It was a hot night, one of many this summer. We had a good attendance with a lovely meal prepared by the new owners of the hotel. Don and Lorraine Mathews presented the owner with a bunch of cut native flowers which she promptly put in a vase and displayed it in the dining room.



Murray Street Commission Flats Project

The NDCH contacted our group back in January expressing interest in us helping them with a gardening project at the Kerang Murray Street Commission Flats so when we were told the project was to begin myself and Anne hall went along to see what it was all about and if our group could be of service. On Thursday March 7th Anne and I met up with Anna from NDCH and some of the residents at the commission flats and began the plantings. Over the two consecutive Thursdays we spent a few hours planting and could immediately see how much better the flats looked. Although we were planting exotics we feel there will be scope to promote natives into the plantings as they don't have an overall plan in place as yet.

We are hoping that as the project progresses we will be able to make suggestions as to plant selection and landscaping ideas and when the NDCH grant money dries up that maybe we can take on the project to help promote our group and growing natives. The progression of the project also hinges on the interest and enthusiasm shown by the residents and our involvement can also nurture that.

Once it becomes clear where the project is heading and know what involvement is required from us we will update everyone.

Linda

Linda reports from the last general meeting 22.02.19 the specimen table had the following:-
Eremophila "big polly" Eremophila Subterifolia.

Clanthus Sturts desert pea

Melaleuca spicigera

Senna australis

Eucalyptus caesia silver princess

Eucalyptus woodwardii

Grevillea growing in Lions garden

Eremophila growing in Lions garden



For those of you that have access to Face Book Loddon Murray APS has a page where you can see some of our activities that have or will take place. www.facebook.com/APS Loddon Murray/

Also APS Vic web site has a lot of information. www.apsvic.org.au with the password for members listed on page 2 of March 2019 Growing Australian.

2019 PROPOSED CALENDAR
LODDON MURRAY APS

Wednesday April 17th General Meeting 7.30pm @ Lions Clubrooms
arrangements to be made for Murrabit Market
Supper Duty Beinvenus and Mathews

Saturday April 20th Display stall at the Murrabit Market

Wednesday May 8th Committee meeting at the Beinvenus 11.30am

Wednesday 15th--Friday 17th May Trip to Cranbourne Botanical Gardens.
including going to Bob and Dot O'Neill's garden on 15th @ 2.30pm

Saturday May 25th Outing to Tulla Natives, Tullakool.

Wednesday June 26th AGM 7.30pm @ Lions Clubrooms
Guest speaker (to be confirmed)
Supper Duty B Matthews and J Hewitt

Wednesday July 24th General Meeting 7.30pm @ Lions Clubrooms
Guest speaker MMFNI members
Irene Poyner (also an APS member and David Thompson
Supper Duty M Kostanski & Hall family

Aug/Sept/Oct— Outings to be confirmed

Wednesday Oct 23rd General Meeting 7.30pm @ Lions Clubrooms
Guest speakers Maree & Graeme Goodes
Supper Duty Maplestones and Parkers

November—APS Bendigo hosts APS Vic Comm. Date and details yet to be confirmed.

November / early December Possible visit Wirra-lo Wetlands in Spring,
there will be environmental water flows in autumn taking place.

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Thank you to the contributors to the newsletter for this edition.
Without these contributions the newsletter would not be possible.

There was a propagating day held at Teague's 24th March and it was attended by about 12 persons. A very enjoyable time was held, having BYO lunch first and then into the pots of soil with cuttings taken from samples either brought from gardens and also some from the Teague garden. A relaxing afternoon with plenty of talk and good company. Here is Linda and Marion hard at work.



This photo is typical of these fellows (hard at it) it was given to me for the newsletter. Ed

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