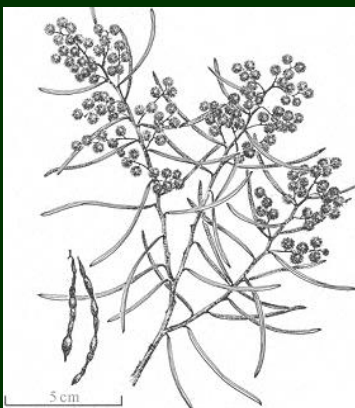


Huntly HOME OF THE WHIRRAKEE WATTLE



*Acacia
williamsonii*

WHIRRAKEE WATTLE

Acacia williamsonii is a dense shrub growing to 2m x 3m. It has narrow grey-green curved leaves and explodes in masses of bright yellow balls from August to September. Blossoms are followed by thin green seed pods that dry to a deep brown during early summer before opening to drop hundreds of small black seeds. Whirrakee Wattle is considered one of the most decorative wattles for cultivation. It adapts to most soil types, will grow in full sun or dappled shade and is drought tolerant.

OUR LOCAL WATTLE

Wattles are one of Australia's most iconic native plants and we are lucky to have numerous wattles call the Bendigo region their home. The Whirrakee Wattle, however, is largely endemic to the Bendigo region with the largest population occurring around Huntly in the Whipstick, Wellsford and Kamarooka forests. It is classified as rare in Victoria and plays a significant role in the identity of our district. Huntly is proud to call itself the 'Home of the Whirrakee Wattle'.

CELEBRATING A FLORAL ICON

In 2013, local sculptor Yvonne George designed and created this striking 5m high artistic impression of a flowering sprig of Whirrakee Wattle. The sculpture is a fitting tribute to the unique features of our town and sits well within this important civic precinct that commemorates our heritage and celebrates our identity.

