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edited by David & Barb Pye

Wednesday 22nd August - talk by Geoff Lay

WILSON'S PROMONTORY - FLORA & FUNGI BEFORE & AFTER FIRE.

At Dunvegan, Willows Historic Park, in Melton (Melway 337 C9)

Doors open at 7.30pm, Program commences at 8pm

In over 40 years of bushwalking; Geoff has always been fascinated by the colourful fungi and flowers in the bush. He is a member of Maroondah APS (20+ years), a member of Field Naturalists Club of Victoria, a volunteer at the Melbourne Herbarium, and an excellent photographer. We are looking forward enormously to his talk which should be a real highlight.

Saturday September 22nd

BACCHUS MARSH GARDEN VISIT - Alan Nener garden

10.00 am at 75 Clifton Drive, Bacchus Marsh

Alan has a large, mainly native garden with many unusual plants.

Wednesday 26th September

Members' Night

SPRING FLOWER TABLE

Members get the chance to talk about some of their favourite plants, and perhaps to get some identified. Bring whatever flowering material you have, to a maximum of 6 specimens per person.

and **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Election of Committee: All positions are vacant and some members are not standing for re-election. Please consider joining the committee, even if only for a trial year

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Note: The April meeting agreed to have a day meeting in Bacchus Marsh, in August. However, the inability to find a suitable available venue at a reasonable cost led to the abandonment of these plans. Hence the August meeting will be on the Wednesday evening at the Willows, as usual.

This newsletter is brief because it was prepared before we went on holiday. It has been sent from somewhere a long way north of Melton (& Bullengarook).

OTHER EVENTS

8/9 September APS Yarra Yarra Native Plants Expo 2011

at Eltham Community & Reception Centre, 801 Main Road, Eltham 10 am to 4.00 pm both days.
Plants, books, botanical art, & refreshments for sale

6 October APS Mitchell Spring Plant Expo

at Memorial Hall, Sydney Road, Kilmore. 9.00 am to 3.00 pm. Native plant sales, book sales, environmental information on hand, native flora and landscape artwork by local artists for viewing and purchase. Entry \$2 adults, children free.

6/7 October APS Grampians Pomonal annual flower show

at Pomonal Hall, Ararat Halls Gap Road, Pomonal, 9.30am to 5.00pm both days
Plants, books botanical art, cut flowers & refreshments for sale

MELTON BOTANIC GARDEN VIST

For our May meeting, we held a day meeting and visited the Melton Botanic Garden, where we planted 930 plants in the Eucalyptus arboretum. However, attendance was poor, with only 10 members participating for part or all of the day.

ALL HAIL THE HAKEAS

report by Barb Pye

Our June meeting featured Hakeas with Royce Raleigh. What a fantastic assortment of hakeas he showed us. I hope that all those present took notes of their favourites – we have seed of many species donated to the group by Max Ewer of South Australia. If you email us with the ones that you would like us to germinate, we will make sure that we try them in the spring. (Photos in next newsletter).

EDITORIAL:

All groups need to renew themselves from time to time, and a necessary step is new committee members. Perhaps even more important is for long term committee members to get out of the way. I have seen two consequences of this action. In one case, a new committee led to new ideas and new activities. In the other case, nobody was prepared to serve on the committee, and the group is no more.

I would request members to seriously consider joining the committee if they wish the group to stay alive. Experience is not necessary and can sometimes be a handicap.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

These are due, and may be paid through the group. A form is attached.

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