

NEWSLETTER

July 2020

P.O. Box 111, GLEN FORREST, WA 6071

Meet: Octagonal Hall, 52, McGlew Rd., Glen Forrest.

4th Friday of the month. Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Welcome back everyone!

Committee 2020

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Editorial

Well, COViD19 certainly disrupted the best laid plans of mice and men – and Wildflower Society personages! Hopefully everyone has survived these extraordinary times without difficulty. We are now continuing where we left off, with the March speaker coming this month. See you there!

Coming Events July

Seed Cleaning Group Wednesday 15th and 29th July 9.00 am, Octagonal Hall

Friday 24th July

(Please remember social distancing, and use hand sanitiser when you arrive.)

Evening Meeting

"Hyden: Wildflower Journeys throughout the vear."

Eddy Wajon

Hyden is an important tourist destination in WA, and with good reason. Not only does it have the unusual Wave Rock, but the flora surrounding the town and in other near-by reserves is diverse and can be spectacular. Even in summer, mallee bark can shimmer gold in the bright sunlight.

Eddy knows the area well and is both a good botanist and photographer. Come and be enthralled by the beauty of our State, and make notes on where to take your visitors to give them an outstanding glimpse of our floral wealth.

There may also be a Quiz, and please bring specimens for the Nature Table.

Future Events August

Evening Meeting Friday 28th August

Including: Plant Learners' Group Seed Cleaning Group. Details of these plus rambles etc., will be provided at the meeting on July 24th.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Hovea pungens Devil's Pins



This stunning small shrub brightens winter bushland, especially around granites. It is an upright plant with spiky leaves, inconspicuous until it bursts into these eyecatching flowers. It is trying to attract insects for pollination of course, and apparently in ultra-violet light (which bees see well) it positively glows!

It grows from seed, which can be collected in late November. Store in a cool dry place and soak in hot water before sowing. Note: the seedlings are prone to damping off, so don't over-water. Photo taken in Mundaring bushland during last year's August ramble.



Gardening Definitions

A "ground nut" is a "soil expert"!

A "hardy plant" is "one that remains alive in a nursery long enough to be sold"!

Robyn Rudeforth



7th - 19th September

Always a great show!

Further details / event bookings will soon be available @ www.wildflowersRavensthorpe.org.au

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