



# NEWSLETTER

October 2022

## EHB NO LONGER HAS A POSTAL ADDRESS

Use the email, please.

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

4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month. [Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm](#)

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## Committee 2022

**President:** Penny Hussey

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### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October

#### Propagation Group.

Octagonal Hall. 12 noon.

### Evening Meeting

#### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

"The Life and Times of Emily Pelloe"

Alex George

Emily Pelloe was the first person to popularise WA's wildflowers by producing books and having a regular wildflower column in the local newspaper. She was an enthusiastic horsewoman and a talented artist who used to ride out into the bush, carrying lunch and her painting gear, until she found a suitably floriferous spot to settle down to painting. But she complained that her horse, Snowdrop, was prone to eating the flowers before she got around to sketching them!

She wrote two books, one on WA flora generally (1921) and another devoted to orchids. She also contributed the chapter on "Flora" to the WA Centenary book in which she trumpeted the plight of wheatbelt flora subjected to indiscriminate agricultural clearing.

She was an early member of the WA Naturalists' Club (founded 1924) and immensely influential in her time. This should be a fascinating and eye-opening talk.

There will be a quiz and a nature table.

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## COVID RULES

Covid rules are now relaxed, though you might well decide to still wear a mask when inside. *EHB Committee*

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## Coming Events Oct.

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October

#### Committee Meeting

3 pm Octagonal Hall

### Seed Cleaning

In recess

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Wildflower Ramble**

10.00 – 12.00

**Darlington, granites and sheoaks**

Leader: Penny Hussey

Meet: At the end of Nelson Rd, opposite the entrance to Darlington Estate Winery. (Please make sure you do not block any gateways.)

We will walk southwards into the Parkland vested in the Shire, staying on the Plateau in deference to the leader's knees! (Though if you want to do a longer, steeper and more diverse walk, directions are easy.)

## Coming Events Nov.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
**Committee Meeting**

3 pm Octagonal Hall

**Seed Cleaning** in recess

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November**  
**Propagation Group.**

Octagonal Hall, 12 noon

**Evening Meeting**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

AGM: plus Members' Night. Bring up to 10 photos to share. And something to contribute to supper!

**Wildflower Ramble**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

Perhaps – depending on the season.

Track with Ian Kininmonth and Helena Studham. Both the walk and the talk were evidence of their organisational skills.

They took a personal location beacon, dehydrated food (with mum and dad posting additional supplies to the visitors' centres along the way), water, tent and well-studied maps.

Their talk was organised into 5 sections showing distance covered, days taken and orchids seen with entertaining anecdotes about characters met and "tips for trackers".

They showed beautiful photographs of the orchids with each one documenting where first seen adding a "track tip" not to lie down with camera while still wearing a back pack.

There was great excitement at the photo of a pink spider orchid (*Caladenia harringtoniae*) which has limited distribution.

They found that Collie was the real hot spot for orchids and plan to return.

Our thanks to Ian and Helena for a wonderful evening.

*Mal Myers*

**Wildflower Ramble**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

This event was cancelled.

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## REPORTS

**Wildflower Evening Meeting**  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**  
**"Orchids along the Bibulman Track"**  
**Ian Kininmonth and Helena Studham**  
**Ramble**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> September we spent an interesting and entertaining evening on the Bibulman

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## The email version of the Sept Newsletter did not have the Quiz answers:

He is Jonas Dryander. His great friend Robert Brown at Kew named a genus '*Dryandra*' in his honour. Of course, the genus is now deemed to be extinct.

This is *Grevillea excelsior*. Flame Grevillea.

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## PLANT OF THE MONTH

### *Boronia cymosa* Granite Boronia



This is an attractive small shrub up to 50cm tall. Like all Boronias it has four petals. They are pink, and the stamens stand stiffly up in the middle. It has a long flowering season, depending on the weather, from June to November.

The plant can be grown from seed or cuttings. Nipping back at an early stage encourages lateral spread.

This plant grows in various habitats in the Darling Range and Coastal Plain as far north as the Murchison River and inland to Moora.

It often grows around granite outcrops, and we should see it on our walk.

*Robyn Rudeforth*

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## WEED ALERT

### *Ixia maculata* Yellow Ixia

Now is a good time to spot Ixias in bushland, and remove them. There are quite a few species in white, yellow, pink, mauve, orange – even green! - and everything in between. They have all been brought in from South Africa as garden

plants, and here they are probably hybridising. They all grow from corms and produce flowers at the end of long spindly stalks over a metre tall in some species.

The most commonly seen is the Yellow Ixia, *Ixia maculata*, which usually grows around 30cm tall. It is often seen in a mix of yellow, pink and white-flowered plants. It is spreading out from old settlements onto road verges and woodland and it especially likes sites that have a little bit of extra water in winter, such as drain exits and granite swards.

Pull it out! Make sure you get the corm too.



*Penny Hussey*

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