



NEWSLETTER

June 2023

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

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

Committee 2023

President: Penny Hussey
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Coming Events June

Thursday 1st June
Committee Meeting
3 pm Octagonal Hall

Wednesday 14th and 28th June
Seed Cleaning
9.00 am Octagonal Hall

Propagation Group
Monday 19th June
12 noon to 3.00pm, Octagonal Hall
Bing your lunch.

Evening Meeting Friday 23rd June
Cancelled

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th of June

WILDFLOWER SOCIETY STATE CONFERENCE

Eastern Hills is hosting the Wildflower Society's Annual Conference this year at the Octagonal Hall. Every member will have received registration forms with the May quarter Newsletter. All members are entitled to attend. Saturday is comprised of a State Council Meeting (Branch delegates vote but all members can speak) and an AGM (all members can vote)

Sunday is a day of activities, talks, site visits and socialising run by Eastern Hills.

8.30 – 9.00 am	Registration and morning cuppa
9.00 – 10.00 am	Welcome by Eastern Hills Branch and Introductory activity
10.00 – 10.15 am	Eastern Hills Seed Bank - June Barkman
10.15 – 10.30 am	Eastern Hills Plant Sale - Janet Atkins
10.30 – 11.00 a.m.	Morning tea
11.00 – 12.00 pm	Piease Brook Project - Ken Paterson
12.00p.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Overview to afternoon Excursions – Long term rehabilitation sites Glen Forrest Railway Reserve – Kathy Wood and Blue Wren Reserve – Sandy Stone
12.30 pm – 1.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm – 3.00 pm	Choice of site visit – Glen Forrest Railway Reserve OR Blue Wren Reserve - choice can be made lunchtime Sunday.

Bing your friends to the Sunday activities! Non-members are welcome. Registration is essential.

Lunch is included in registration and is being commercially catered for, however we would like some help with morning and afternoon teas – both in the kitchen and with donations of food. If you can help please make contact at eastern.hills.branch@wildflowersocietywa.org.au

Coming Events July

Thursday 6th July
Committee Meeting
3 pm Octagonal Hall

Saturday 8th July
Plant Identification Workshop 1
Acacias

With Janet Atkins and Penny Hussey
Octagonal Hall 1-4pm. Members no
charge. Non – members \$10. Maximum
of 20.



There have been a lot of positive responses to the concept of having a series of plant ID workshops, each based around a particular plant group. Timing will relate to the seasonal availability of live material. Plant structure and morphology will be looked at as it is needed within the workshops. We are proposing to kick this off with the above workshop and if there is sufficient interest there will be further workshops on the 2nd Saturday of each month for the remainder of 2023. Please register using branch email

eastern.hills.branch@wildflowersocietywa.org.au

Wednesday 12th and 26th July
Seed Cleaning
9.00 am Octagonal Hall

Propagation Group
Monday 17th July

12 noon to 3.00pm, Octagonal Hall
Bring your lunch

Evening Meeting
Friday 28th July

Discovering Robert Brown- Botanist on
Mathew Flinders voyage around
Australia with Janette Gathe, Bevan
Carter & Mollie Edgecombe

Sunday 30th July
Wildflower Ramble

10.00am to 12.00am

Leader:

Location:

Yet to be determined. Details in July
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REPORTS

Evening Meeting
Friday 26th May
Barbara Rye
“Myrtaceae”

A very enthusiastic group, including a number of visitors, enjoyed an excellent presentation on the current state of the taxonomy of the Tribe Chamelaucieae within the Myrtaceae Family – i.e. the wonderfully colourful small flowered Myrtles. Using many local and well known Hills species as examples Barbara outlined just how complex and evolving the status of their taxonomy is. There is much more work to be done and more than 100 species waiting formal classification. DNA work and obvious need to separate from some east coast plant groupings are likely to result in some more new genera in the future. What fun! Verticordias and Darwinias are in the firing line. Barbara also noted that since publication of the 2 volumes of *Flora of the Perth Region* in 1987 the number of species listed for this area has increased from 1510 to

2175. A lot of this has been with smaller plants like Droseras and Stylidium

Janet Atkins

PLANT SALE

The Annual Plant Sale was back again this year with a real buzz – beautiful weather – sunny but not hot and following some reasonable rain the week before. We had lots of diverse and beautiful plants supplied by individual growers, supplemented by a contribution from the Northern Suburbs Branch Nursery.



A huge thankyou to all involved from growers (some species are a year in development) to the members who come along to help both on the Sale day and the set up beforehand. Some people need special mention. Mitzi Wehlack, besides supplying a significant number of plants, also spends hours and hours on the computer collating the catalogue and ensuring that there are coloured labels for all species supplied. Pam Riordan, under a bit of duress, kept everyone fed and watered. Bendigo Bank again supplied 2 EFTPOS machines free of cost for the day as part of their community service remit. Cash sales are decreasing year by year so these are essential. This event has been running for close to 40 years and not only is it Eastern Hills main fund raiser but it makes a huge contribution to the availability of local and other W.A.

plants to the community. We would welcome some new growers joining the ranks – great fun and very rewarding.

Janet Atkins

GARDEN UPDATE

The gardening crew have been busy planting to take advantage of the winter rains and the new plants from Robyn, Mitzi and Janet. We've planted 40 tube stock, including a selection of grevillea, eremophila, and even one called *Balaustion grande!* (syn *Baeckea grandis*). Take a walk around the garden and see how many you can find!



We also received permission to remove what we thought was THE Flinders Range wattle next door... and found in fact it was 9 Flinders Range wattles. We've removed some and replanted with an *Acacia splendens* and a *Grevillea endlicheriana*, and as these grow and fill the space we hope to remove the remaining weedy wattles.

Pamela Riordan

Plant of the Month

Styphelia propinqua



Styphelia propinqua is an erect shrub up to 1m high and 0.5 m wide. Leaves have

sharp points on the end. Flowers are white and occur in 2-3 flowered spikes in Feb. – July. It occurs on the Coastal Plain between Yanchep and Mandurah and on the Darling Scarp and Range. It extends to the Stirling Range and Porongurups and along the south coast to Gordon Inlet. Propagation is by seed. It is seen locally in the Strettle Rd reserve

Robyn Rudeforth

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