



# NEWSLETTER

November 2023

## 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 2023

**President:** Penny Hussey

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## Coming Events Nov

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Committee Meeting**

3 pm Octagonal Hall

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**Seed Cleaning**

9.00 am Octagonal Hall

**Propagation Group**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

12 noon to 3pm Octagonal Hall

Bring your lunch

(Note: If the weather is very hot, the meeting might be cancelled. Check by email if you are thinking of attending.)

**Evening Meeting**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

**AGM**

President and Treasurer's reports.

All positions vacant

**“Oceanic islands: wonderful sites for  
invasive plants”**

Penny Hussey will talk about Madeira and the Azores; stunning scenery, lovely walks at all levels of difficulty, interesting history, glorious gardens AND – a weedy person's paradise – as well as nice plonk!

Similar in theme to Eddy's introduction to Lord Howe Island, this will discuss two of the four island groups that comprise Macronesia. Great holiday isles!

**Supper.**

Since this is effectively our last meeting until February, **bring something to share for supper**, so that we can all chat and wish each other health and happiness over the Christmas season.

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## Coming Events Dec.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**Committee Meeting**

3 pm Octagonal Hall

**Seed Cleaning**

In recess. Meet next in February

**Propagation Group**

In recess. Meet next in March.

## Suggested for December:

### Seed collecting expedition to St Roman's Well Reserve, York.

This small area, vested in WANPARA, has 30-year-old direct-seeded revegetation, designed and organised by Penny Hussey. Wide range of local species, lots of seed to collect.

This may or may not happen, depending on the weather. AND/OR if it happens at all, it may be on a different date.

If you are interested in attending this event. you **MUST REGISTER** using EHB's email, so that you can be contacted with appropriate details.

## Coming Events Jan 24

No events are planned for January.

## Coming Events Feb 24

**Thursday 1st February  
Committee Meeting**  
3.00pm Octagonal Hall

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
Evening Meeting**  
7.30pm Octagonal Hall

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## REPORTS

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
"Lord Howe Island"**  
Eddy Wajon

Eddy started by giving some general information about this small island, which lies in the Tasman Sea, 600km east of Port Macquarie. It was formed by volcanicity, but all that is left above water is a small crescent-shaped island. Because it is so isolated, with a very short

airstrip, flights can be cancelled with no notice in the event of inclement weather – as happened when he visited.

There are very few permanent residents, who cater mainly for the 400 tourists a week who are allowed in. There are marine activities such as scuba diving and plenty of walks on land.



The vegetation is mostly scrub, with some forest in sheltered places. The species are, as would be expected, related to those in NSW and southern QLD, being carried there originally by wind or birds. Eddy showed photos of many, explaining where he had seen their relatives on the mainland. He also talked about fauna, with some stunning bird photos – a Sooty Tern was especially notable.

There were many questions afterwards, and Eddy and Donna were still chatting on into supper time! Thank you for a very interesting 'virtual visit'.

*Penny Hussey*

Regrettably, the Wildflower Ramble was cancelled.

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## LIBRARY

The audit of stock is now essentially complete, and the books have been placed in either reference or borrowing sections. Soon you will be able to access an online

list to see if the book you want to consult is there! It is a very comprehensive botanical collection – so do make use of it!

*Mal Myers*

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## SEED COLLECTING TIME

Summer is all too rapidly approaching, so if we want to collect seed, either for ourselves or for the seed bank, we need to check our plants frequently. Peas, in particular, may be ripening early, due to these very warm spells that we keep having, so it may be necessary to cover them with an old stocking or similar to prevent them being released when we are not hovering over them. Grevilleas will also release their seed when ripe.

If the seed pods are starting to turn brown, or the stem behind the pod has dried out, then they can be collected.

Happy collecting!

*June Barkman*

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## WEED ALERT

Remove the pods from weedy Eastern States Wattles before they ripen. Once the pods burst and fling the seeds everywhere, you've just got yourself a massive weeding problem when they germinate – which they will do, in great numbers!



*Acacia dealbata*. Silver Wattle.  
Illustration from "Acacias of Australia  
Volume Two" by Marion Simmons.

## GOOD in the Garden Bad in the BUSH

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