



NEWSLETTER

July 2024

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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 2024

President: Pam Riordan

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COMING EVENTS: July

Thursday 4th July

Committee Meeting

3.00pm Octagonal Hall

Seed Cleaning

Wednesday 10th and 24th July

9.00am Octagonal Hall

May be cancelled. Check first.

Propagation Group

Monday 15th July

Cancelled for the winter months of July and August. Will reconvene in September with details in future Newsletters

Evening Meeting

Friday 26th July

"Fire, Wetlands and Planned Burns"

Pierre Horwitz

Dr Pierre Horwitz is Professor of Environmental Sciences at Edith Cowan University and is currently Co-director of that University's Centre for People, Place and the Planet.

His area of research has always been connected with wetlands and the organisms which depend on them (he did his PhD on freshwater crayfish) but soon realised that you cannot study animals without investigating the conditions under which they live, including the management of the surrounding land. As part of this, he has become very interested in the peat swamps in the wetter South-west.

He will tell us about how these and other communities react to fires in the surrounding forests. What changes does fire make to the ecology of those swamps, and therefore to the long-term survival of their unique flora and fauna?

Don't forget to bring interesting flora to the nature table.

There will be supper to end the evening and some food contributions would be greatly appreciated

COMING EVENTS: Aug.

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Thursday 8th August - Note date Committee Meeting

3.00pm Octagonal Hall

Thursday 15th August Special Committee Meeting to consider Branch finances

2.30pm Octagonal Hall

Seed cleaning

Wednesday 7th and 21st August

9.00am Octagonal Hall

May be cancelled. Check first.

Propagation Group

Monday 19th August

Cancelled. Resuming in September..

Evening meeting

Friday 23rd August

To be confirmed

Seed Planting Afternoon

Saturday 24th August (1-4pm). Octagonal Hall

Have you always wanted to grow your own W.A. plants and never quite got started? Here is your chance to get some help and inspiration from some of our seasoned Plant Sale growers.

Bring (if you can) clean punnets, small pots, cell packs and plant trays.

Supplied. Some seed, seed raising mix, some recycled pots and trays from our recycle bin.

Available for Purchase (at cost) New trays, pots etc and extra seed from our Seed Bank

This event is at no cost to Wildflower Society members. Non-members are welcome but there will be a charge of \$10.00 ea. There is a limit of 20 people and please register if you wish to attend

REPORTS

PLANT SALE

The Plant Sale was very successful this year with almost 90% of the 5,000 plant supplied being sold. The total number of plants sold was an increase on 2023 and it was heartening to see the very long queue of enthusiastic buyers lining up down the street just before the gates opened. We were also joined by an equally enthusiastic band of growers and sellers with their plants from The Northern Suburbs Nursery. This contribution greatly adds to the diversity of species available for sale.

Seed Sales have also been excellent again this year. The past few years has seen a big increase in seed sales – hopefully this reflects an expanding interest in growing WA flora

A great deal of thanks must go to all the helpers who cheerfully turn up for the Friday set-up and the Saturday Sale. Many take on often quite unfamiliar tasks like cashiering at a rapid rate to keep the queues moving. Others, in the catering corps keep everyone fed and watered – an essential task. There is a great deal of joy for many just talking to and advising people regarding their plant selections. We get great feedback as it really helps ensuring that our customers are successful with their purchases. Some growers have already started some plantings for next year's Sale. If you

would like to join in and grow some plants to sell but are not sure where to start make contact via our branch email and you will be enthusiastically received.

Janet Atkins

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PLANT OF THE MONTH

Styphelia discolor

Previously known as *Astroloma ciliatum*



Commonly called 'Candle Cranberry' although this common name is also used for *Styphelia foliosa* (*syn Astroloma foliosum*).

One of the first plants to flower in winter. A prostrate mat- like shrub 30cm X 40cm. Leaves are narrowly triangular with a sharp pointed tip. Tubular flowers are purple-red 20-30mm long. Flowers occur from May- October. It occurs as an understory plant in the Darling Scarp and ranges from Gin Gin to Dwellingup

Robyn Rudeforth.
