

# APS EAST HILLS GROUP NEWSLETTER



## December 2018

**NEXT EHG MEETING:**

**AGM**

**CHRISTMAS DINNER** (RSVP to Graham W. or Jan)

**MUSIC**

**\$5 PER PERSON**

**6.30 pm, Wednesday 5 December 2018**

*Helpers please arrive about 5.30 pm*

**LUGARNO-PEAKHURST UNITING CHURCH**

**909 Forest Road Lugarno (opposite the Chivers Hill Lugarno shops)**

**VISITORS WELCOME – RSVP BY 30 NOVEMBER**

**WELCOME** to the December 2018 edition of the East Hills Group Newsletter. It includes some notes from our previous meeting, including the plant table.

Would you like to edit the East Hills Group newsletter? Why not put your hand up at the AGM for this or another position. It's been almost four years since I started as editor, so it must be time for someone else to give it a go! I'd be happy to help if you're not confident starting off.

See you at the AGM, ready for a delicious dinner, and with your \$5 for your entry fee and your change for buying raffle tickets! Please also remember to bring contributions for the raffle hampers if you can.

In the meantime, I hope you're finding time to enjoy your garden and also to visit local bushland to appreciate a variety of Australian native plants.

Jan Douglas  
Editor

<http://austplants.com.au/East-Hills>



FROM OUR NOVEMBER MEETING  
**PLANT TABLE – NOVEMBER 2018**

Thanks to everyone who brought along plant specimens.

Another plant table full of spring flowers! As usual, Graham Walters has provided notes on some of the plants.

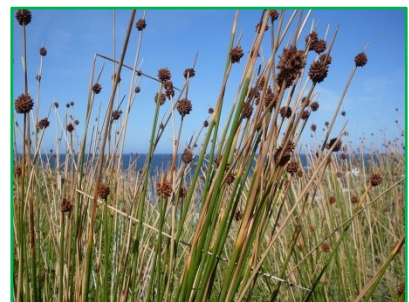
*Acacia fimbriata* (Fringed Wattle) (Photo at right – J Douglas)  
*Acacia pravissima* (Ovens Wattle)  
*Austromyrtus inophloia* syn. *Gossia inophloia* "Blushing Beauty" (Thready Myrtle)  
*Banksia lemanniana* (Lemann's Banksia) (See photo by Cas Liber on page4.)  
*Banksia petiolaris*  
*Banksia speciosa* (Showy Banksia)  
*Ceratopetalum gummiferum* (NSW Christmas Bush)  
*Elaeocarpus reticulatus* (pink) (Blueberry Ash)  
*Ficinia nodosa* syn. *Isolepis nodosa* (Knobby Club Rush)  
*Graptophyllum excelsum* (Scarlet Fuchsia)  
*Graptophyllum ilicifolium* (Holly-leaved Fuchsia)  
*Grevillea sericea* (Silky Grevillea)  
*Homoranthus porteri* (Photo at right – J Douglas)  
*Homoranthus prolixus*  
*Hovea elliptica* (Tree Hovea)  
*Indigofera australis* (Native Indigo)  
*Juncus* sp. (Rush)  
*Kunzea ambigua* (Tick Bush)  
*Melaleuca gibbosa* (Slender Honey-Myrtle)  
*Olearia tomentosa* (Toothed Daisy Bush)  
*Petrophile teretifolia* (Southern Pixie Mops)  
*Phaius australis* (Swamp Orchid)  
*Philotheca myoporoides* (Long-leaf Wax Flower) (Photo at right – J Douglas)  
*Sannantha pluriflora* syn. *Baeckea virgata nana*  
*Scaevola aemula* (Fairy Fan Flower)  
*Scaevola* sp. (pink) (Fan Flower)  
*Scholtzia uberiflora*  
*Themeda australis* (Kangaroo Grass)  
*Verticordia cooloomia* (yellow) (Cooloomia Verticordia)  
*Verticordia venusta* (purple)  
*Viola hederacea* or perhaps *Viola banksii* (Native Violet)



***Ficinia nodosa* syn. *Isolepis nodosa* (Knobby Club Rush)**

This rhizomatous perennial is native to Australia and New Zealand. It forms fairly stiff upright clumps 15 to 100 cm tall. The rhizomes are relatively stout and tough, the inconspicuous leaves are reduced to orange brown sheaths. The flower-heads are dense and globular, 7-20 mm in diameter, and have numerous spikelets. The fruit is a smooth glossy dark brown to black nut of regular shape and up to 1 mm in diameter. It occurs in a wide range of habitats, including Mallee sands, heathlands, on the margins of saline or sub-saline lakes and watercourses, and coastal areas.

(Photo: John Tann [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Ficinia\\_nodosa\\_\(3394706440\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Ficinia_nodosa_(3394706440).jpg))



### ***Olearia tomentosa* (Toothed Daisy Bush)**

This small to medium shrub, up to 2 m tall and wide, is found in open forests and woodlands of eastern NSW and Victoria. The leaves are conspicuously veined, and have dense hairs on the underside. White daisy heads occur in spring and early summer and are about 30 to 50 mm in diameter.



This plant deserves to be grown more often. The white flowers and purple buds are attractive, and it is a hardy shrub for well-drained soils in full sun or semi-shade. Once established it tolerates extended dry conditions. Annual pruning after flowering is highly recommended. Propagation from cuttings of current season's growth is usually not difficult. (Photos: J Douglas, at Guerilla Bay.)



## **FROM OUR NOVEMBER MEETING**

### **The Greenweb**

**Geoff Doret, Sutherland Shire Council**  
Notes by Jan Douglas.

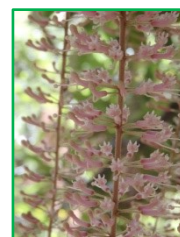
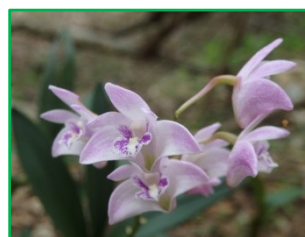
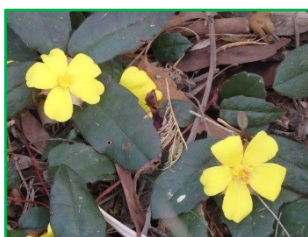
Geoff has been Sutherland Shire Council's Greenweb Officer since 2002. The Greenweb Program is part of a regional approach to the conservation of the Sydney basin's remaining biodiversity.

Geoff's talk covered:

- What is the Greenweb, and the history of the program
- Why the Greenweb is important
- Some examples of voluntary Greenweb participation
- Associated assistance for Sutherland Shire residents, including free advice and information sheets, appropriate plants, and access to grants.

Geoff also spoke a little about the Sutherland Shire Native Plant Selector which you can access at <http://www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Outdoors/Environment/Plants-and-Bushland/Native-Plant-Selector> .

For more information about the Greenweb program, refer to the April 2018 issue of *Native Plants for NSW*. If you can't lay your hand on your paper copy, you can read it online. Go to <https://austplants.com.au/> and then log on. Then go to <https://austplants.com.au/Journals> and click on the link for recent journals.



*Photos from Sylvan Grove, September 2017 – J Douglas*



## THE BUSINESS

### East Hills Group meeting – 7 November 2018

Lugarno–Peakhurst Uniting Church, Lugarno

Notes by Jan Douglas

These notes are incomplete, as I am away at present and left the details at home. My apologies.

The meeting opened at about 7.40 pm with about 14 people in attendance. There were five apologies. In the absence of our President, the meeting was chaired by Graham Walters who is one of our two Vice Presidents.

Graham introduced the guest speaker, Geoff Doret, Greenweb Officer at Sutherland Shire Council, who spoke about the Greenweb program.

Business matters:

- Discussion and planning for the December meeting:
  - **AGM:** Graham Walters suggested that people should think about taking on a role in helping to organise and run the group. There was some discussion about who might fill various positions. Karlo will produce a sheet for the person running the election and a sheet to record the results.
  - **Christmas meal:** Discussion of the list provided by Marie and people volunteered to make various contributions. Jan to circulate an updated list by email. Graham Walters to send invitations to Menai Wildflower Group and Sutherland Group asking for RSVP by a week before.
  - **Musical entertainment:** Graham Walters has organised a singing group.

The meeting was followed by an interesting plant table, the drawing of the raffle, and supper.



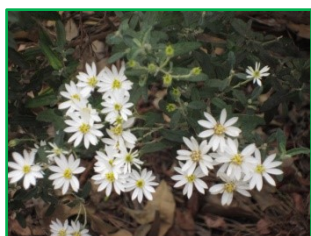
*Banksia lemanniana* in late bud, photographed at a Banksia farm, Mt Barker, Western Australia.

Photo: Cas Liber [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/07/Banksia\\_lemanniana\\_latebud.JPG/1024px-Banksia\\_lemanniana\\_latebud.JPG](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/07/Banksia_lemanniana_latebud.JPG/1024px-Banksia_lemanniana_latebud.JPG)

## COMING EVENTS – CHECK YOUR DIARY!

You can find more district group events on the APS NSW website at  
<http://austplants.com.au/calendar>

<b>Saturday 1 December 2018</b> <b>1 pm</b>	<b>East Hills Group propagation session</b> with Menai Wildflower Group. Illawong Rural Fire Brigade Headquarters. <a href="#">[click for map]</a>
<b>Wednesday 5 December 2018</b> <b>6.30 pm start</b> <b>5.30 pm for helpers</b>	<b>East Hills Group AGM and Christmas meeting.</b>
<b>From 10 October 2018 to early 2019.</b> Some part-day closures.	<b>Plants with Bite – carnivorous plants display.</b> The Calyx, The Royal Botanic Garden Sydney. The closest entry is Morshead Fountain Gate, Shakespeare Place, corner Macquarie Street. Free entry. For more info: <a href="https://www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/whatson/plants-with-bite">https://www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/whatson/plants-with-bite</a>
<b>Wednesday 6 February 2019</b> from 7 pm for <b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>East Hills Group meeting.</b>



*Photos from Sylvan Grove, September 2012 – J Douglas*

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