

Next Meeting
Saturday 7th November 2020, 10a.m.
Gardens of Christina and Trevor Kennedy
Horse Island Road Bodalla

Dear Members,
Welcome to the October Newsletter.

This newsletter brings some good news regarding COVID -19 restrictions. **It appears that we will now be able to gather as a group of 30 people at our next meeting.** I have been hearing the word complacency frequently, and I would just like to remind everyone that we will still need to undertake our social distancing and follow our COVID - 19 plan. Thank you all for your patience and support during this difficult time.

There are other positives coming out of the year that we have had. If you have been walking in the bush you would have noticed an abundance of flowering plants. The birds and insects are evident as well and our gardens are bursting with new growth. If you believe the weather report we may be in for a wet summer, so it will be a good time to keep planting as long as possible.

If anyone finds, or knows of a wonderful place to go walking and view our native plants please feel free to share that information with this group. Sometimes we don't know what is right on our doorstep.

In the past we have decided not to have a December meeting, but this year we will be hoping to go ahead with a social gathering in an outdoor space and have a chance to catch up. Stay tuned for the details.

In the meantime, enjoy your spaces and your time.

Regards,

Di Clark

To whet our appetites for the upcoming visit, Christina sent a few photos of some of the plants flowering in her extensive



garden at Horse Island.



Dampiera teres is a lightly suckering herbaceous plant, thriving in a well drained position, with a preference for full sun



Grevilleas rate among Christina's favourite Australian plants, and quite a range of species can be found throughout the garden. Above, yellow flowers of *Grevillea* 'Wattlebird' and the brightly contrasting red of *G. 'Winpara Ruby'*. Not to be outdone, *G. 'Sylvia'* broods over *G. flexuosa*, with *G. rhyolitica* 'Deua Flame' partnering a standard *G. banksii*.



Some of the smaller plants include Qualup Bells, *Pimelea physodes*, the striking yellow of *Verticordia chrysantha*, and from near Coff's Harbour the rare ground covering *Zieria prostrata*



As Di mentioned in her opening, we are now able to accommodate 30 visitors at our open garden events. This means more members are able to attend, however we are still asking you to RSVP for our November event to ensure we continue to comply with the government's and APS Covid restrictions.

We will need you to only come if you are well, and prepared to undertake social distancing.

Members wishing to attend should respond through your newsletter editor, via email to johnonvista49@outlook.com , and bookings will be open upon the receipt of this newsletter. (Map to Horse Island is included on page 10.)

Don't forget to bring along some plant specimens to show off at the Show and Tell session.

As the weather might be warm, pack a hat and sunscreen along with your own refreshments.

Covid Restrictions

The APS COVID-19 Safety Plan is to be followed by the group, and all members attending must comply.

Don't forget to read our safety plan prior to nominating to attend this event, as you will be required to provide contact details and sign a declaration on the day, stating that you are well and have not been in a Covid hotspot within the past 14 days.