



## RIVERSDALE PLANT SALE

This event was held against a background of severe dryness when many people probably felt that the garden might not get the attention that it would have in times of more normal rainfall. Still, there was a reasonable attendance and our own stall had plenty of helpers all day. The stall had been decked out with highly visible flower displays from members' gardens; this proved a major drawcard for buyers. Among the species of interest, *Pycnosorus globosa* with its large round flowerheads was a focal point and buyers had to be turned away when all were sold out. I noted a few times people passing our stall, looking at the title on the banner and then being drawn to the flower display more than the name of our group. I think also that there were fewer queries about native plants either in general or particular than we experienced at other sales. However, other members may not have experienced that. By the end of the day, when the weather changed and we had to dismantle everything quickly, we had earned a net income of around \$650 - a good return for the day and which I think would have dwarfed our intake from the Australia Day sale under duress of extreme heat.

## PENROSE STATE FOREST WALK

The November walk was unusually scheduled for the middle of the month, taking into account Riversdale sale and the usual Wetlands morning on the second Saturday of the month. So on 16 November ten members drove out to the state forest on a warm and sunny spring day, perfect for such an outing.

The first stop was in a clearing under power lines. As is always the case in such locations, with the removal of the taller layers and the increase of availability of sun, the regrowth was made up of a diversity of ground



*Patersonia sericea*

covers, herbaceous plants and low shrubs, many of which were in flower for our visit.



*Diuris punctata*

The most stunning display to catch our eye as we got out of the vehicles was a clump of *Patersonia sericea* which was completely covered in beautiful purple flowers. Other plants showing their style were *Bauera rubioides* and *Goodenia bellidifolia*, which was growing in a large patch. Greg noted that a few weeks before, when he and Ashleigh were last there, the spot had been covered in flowering

*Diuris punctata*,

although the main display had finished, we were lucky enough to find one of the pretty little orchids still in bloom.

Further up the slope a prostrate Isopogon, unsurprisingly named *Isopogon prostratus*, was found which interested many members.

After the group had thoroughly explored this sunny patch, we moved onto the location for the main walk, through dry sclerophyll forest. This began at the bizarrely named Stingray Road. At the car park there was a magnificent specimen of *Eucalyptus sclerophylla* showing the most amazing speckled pattern on its trunk.

A number of other eucalypts were identified including *E. obstans* (Port Jackson Mallee), *E. pauciflora* (White Gum), *E. piperita* (Sydney Peppermint), *E. racemosa* (Snappy Gum), *E. radiata* (Narrow-leaved Peppermint), *E. rossii* (Inland Scribbly Gum) and *E. sieberi* (Silver-top Ash). There were also a diversity of *Persoonia*, with five different species identified along the way including *Persoonia laurina* subsp. *leiogyna* (Laurel Geebung), *P. levis* (Broad-

leaved Geebung), *P. linearis* (Narrow-leaved Geebung), *P. mollis* and *P. oxycoccoides*. The last is a groundcover, which we are very pleased to have growing in the Woodland gardens at the Wetlands. There was also another plant very similar looking to a *Persoonia*, but which is actually *Leptomeria acida* (Sour currant bush).

It was in 1984 that the areas close to water within Penrose State Forest were protected from logging due to the discovery of *Eucalyptus aquatica* - previously known as a subspecies of *E. camphora*. This highly unusual tree actually grows in water! We came across a colony of these trees near our lunch spot by a creek.

The diversity of plants being identified engrossed Tim, Ashleigh and Greg so much that they fell behind at one point, while others wandered on ahead. Everyone managed to cross the creek without getting wet, while text messages back and forth prevented the group taking a wrong turn. However soon Greg could be seen hurrying up to take command, leading the group to a lovely waterhole where we lunched. A rock ledge on our side of the waterhole ran for several metres, before dropping off suddenly, into what looked like very deep pool. Swings on the other side indicate that many previous visitors took the opportunity to refresh.

After lunch it was decided to take a longer route back to the cars. After walking through more forest, with gullies showing tree ferns, we came to a section where one side had been logged and the other remained remnant. It was an opportunity to note the devastation and wastage caused by current logging practices. Interestingly there were a good display of *Xerochrysum bracteatum*, (Golden Everlasting Daisy) growing among the carnage.



*Xerochrysum bracteatum*

It was really lovely to welcome new member Vivienne and potential member Keith. Each had, separately, been told about the STG through friends who were either current or past members. The combination of the beautiful weather, a host of interesting plants in flower and a lovely walk through remnant forest provided a perfect introduction to our activities. A big "Thank You" to Greg and Ashleigh for leading the walk. (Pauline).

#### WETLANDS WORKING BEE

A very big thank you to members who came back to the Wetlands in November for a follow-up working bee. We spread three trailer loads

of mulch, which has helped prepare the gardens for the harsh weather ahead. The small team of Bill, Bob, Celia, Tim and myself worked really effectively to get so much done, and the teamwork meant that it was done without too much pain and suffering for any one person! Thank you again. The gardens are looking rather good after all the work that has been done, why not pop down there for a stroll? (Pauline)

#### SPECIES LIST FOR STINGRAY SWAMP AND NEARBY

*Acacia elata* - Cedar wattle  
*Acacia linifolia* - White wattle  
*Acacia longifolia* - Sydney golden wattle  
*Acacia rubida* - Red stem wattle  
*Acacia terminalis* - Sunshine wattle  
*Acacia ulicifolia* - Prickly Moses  
*Allocasuarina littoralis* - Black she-oak  
*Baeckea linifolia* - Swamp Baeckea  
*Banksia marginata* - Silver banksia  
*Banksia serrata* - Old Man banksia  
*Banksia spinulosa* - Hairpin banksia  
*Bauera rubioides* - River rose  
*Bossiaea obcordata* - Spiny Bossiaea  
*Burchardia umbellata* - Milkmaids  
*Callistemon citrinus* - Red bottlebrush  
*Cassinia aculeata* - Dolly bush  
*Caustis flexuosa* - Curly grass  
*Chrysocephalum apiculatum* - Clustered everlasting  
*Clematis glycinoides* - Old Man's Beard  
*Comesperma ericinum* - Pink matchheads  
*Comesperma volubile* - Love creeper  
*Cryptandra* sp.  
*Dampiera stricta* - Blue Dampiera  
*Daviesia alata*  
*Daviesia latifolia* - Broad-leaf bitter pea  
*Dianella revoluta* - Black-anther flax lily  
*Dicksonia antarctica* - Soft tree fern  
*Dillwynia phyllicoides*  
*Dillwynia ramosissima*  
*Drosera spatulata* - Common sundew  
*Epacris microphylla* - Coral heath  
*Eucalyptus pauciflora* - Snowgum  
*Eucalyptus piperita* - Sydney peppermint  
*Eucalyptus racemosa* - a scribbly gum  
*Eucalyptus radiata* - Narrow-leaf peppermint  
*Eucalyptus rossii* - Inland scribbly gum  
*Eucalyptus sieberi* - Silvertop ash  
*Eucalyptus obstans*  
*Gahnia subaequiglumis* - a sedge  
*Gleichenia dicarpa* - Coral fern  
*Goodenia bellidifolia*  
*Grevillea baueri* - Bauer's grevillea  
*Gymnoschoenus sphaerocephalus* - a sedge  
*Haemodorum corymbosum* - Bloodroot  
*Hakea dactyloides* - Finger Hakea  
*Hakea laevipes*

Hakea microcarpa - Small-fruited Hakea  
Hibbertia cistiflora  
Hibbertia rufa - Brown guinea flower  
Homoranthus sp. (?)  
Hybanthus monopetalus – Slender violet  
Isopogon anemonifolius – Broadleaf drumsticks  
Isopogon prostratus – Prostrate drumsticks  
Leptospermum juniperinum – Prickly tea-tree  
Leptospermum lanigerum – Woolly tea-tree  
Leptospermum obovatum  
Leptospermum squarrosum – Pink tea-tree  
Leptospermum trinervium – Flaky-barked tea-tree  
Leucopogon lanceolatus  
Lomandra longifolia - Spiny-headed matrush  
Lomatia ilicifolia - Holly-leaved Lomatia  
Mirbelia oxylobioides  
Mirbelia rubiifolia  
Mitrasacme polymorpha – Mitre Weed  
Platysace lanceolata  
Persoonia silvatica  
Persoonia levis – Broadleaf geebung  
Persoonia laurina ssp leiogyna  
Persoonia mollis ssp livens  
Persoonia oxycoccoides  
Petrophile pedunculata – Stalked cone sticks  
Petrophile sessilis – Prickly cone sticks  
Phyllota humifusa  
Pimelea linifolia  
Podolobium ilicifolium - Prickly shaggy pea  
Pomaderris ferruginea  
Pomax umbellata  
Poranthera microphylla – Small Poranthera  
Pteridium esculentum - Bracken fern  
Scaevola ramosissima – Purple fan flower  
Selaginella uliginosa – a Club moss  
Sowerbaea juncea – Rush lily  
Stackhousia viminea – Slender Stackhousia  
Stylidium graminifolium - Grass trigger plant  
Thelionema umbellatum  
Themeda triandra - Kangaroo grass  
Thysanotus juncifolius  
Xanthosia atkinsoniana  
Xerochrysum bracteatum – Golden everlasting

## CALENDAR

AGM and end-of-year get-together Dec 7 at Kaye's place 860 Range Road from 10.30 am.

This will bring the curtain down on our APS year; happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all. Look forward to re-assembling in 2020.