



**QUIET START**

The inability to visit Belanglo State Forest and then bushfire danger and their effects coupled with high temperatures resulted in us having no official activity in February. With the rain that did eventually come, we trust that our planned activities can go ahead with minimal disruption. Hopefully also, the dreaded C-virus will be reined in and not affect where we go and what we do.

The letter to the various levels of government, put together by Pauline emphasising the necessity of employing the best available revegetation procedures following the bushfire losses, has been forwarded..

Pauline is also organising the Royal NP trip in August and has sought the best accommodation. Please contact her ASAP if you are going so the accommodation can be finalised.

Best wishes to secretary, Kaye, in her knee operation and for a comfortable recovery period.

The plant sale stall at Bungonia March 14 is in conjunction with the Bungonia Village Fair. Jen, Ashlea and Greg are organising our stall and would appreciate some help. The event goes from 8 am to about 2 pm. If you can help, please ring Jen on 0400 985 941 before Monday March 9.

Last Spring we attended the Goulburn Connects event in Belmore Park. This year, despite Bob's request for a change, it is still on in the busy Spring period; hence it's clash with the Wetlands Working Bee (see calendar).

**RAIN EFFECTS**

While the rain may not have broken the drought, it certainly had a significant on plants and I'm sure everybody has a story to tell of the near-miraculous effects that the long-awaited downpour had. On my own place here, a low-growing plant, *Desmodium varians* virtually came alive. It's a prostrate trailing species with trifoliate leaves (3 leaflets = one trifoliate leaf). It is growing up through another low plant, *Lissanthe strigosa* plus a few grasses. Before the rain arrived I feared I had lost this plant as scratching around where it grew did not seem to reveal any tri foliate leaves. Come the rain, however, and it got a new lease of life, even producing a few flowers. The white flowers are uncommon for a pea-plant but are very small being just a few millimetres wide.



**CALENDAR**

Sat Mar 7	ANBG Canberra
Sat Mar 14	Plant stall Bungonia
Thu Mar 19	Propagation
Sun Mar 22	Propagation
Sat Apr 4	Plant sale Cooma Cottage Yass
Sat Apr 18	Walk in Penrose Flora Reserve
Sat May 2	Social Morning Tea
Sat May 9	Wetlands Working Bee
Sat June 6	Walk at South's Reserve
Sat July 4	Native Plant Forum
Sat/Sun Aug 1-2	Royal NP overnight trip
Sat Sep 5	Walk in Bango Nature Reserve
Thu Sep 17	Propagation
Sun Sep 20	Propagation
Sat Oct 3	Dalton Reserves
Sat Oct 10	Wetlands Working Bee/ <b>Goulburn Connects</b>
Sun Nov 8	Rare plant sale Riversdale tbc
Sat Nov 21	Bundanoon area walk
Sat Dec 5	AGM and end-of-year lunch