

AUSTRALIAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

SOUTHERN TASMANIA BRANCH INC.

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COMING EVENTS



- June 10th** **General meeting**
Anne Cruise's garden
70a South Street, Bellerive
Lambley Nursery seasonal video
Meeting will include blooms competition, peoples choice, auction and raffle.
- June** **No committee meeting - no July Newsletter**
- July 8th** **Mid-year luncheon**
Southern Lights, 19 Kingston View Drive, Kingston (opposite Sports Centre)
12 noon for 12:30 luncheon
If attending contact Karina on 0419 903 312 or telozea44@gmail.com
- July 26th** **Committee meeting** - venue to be advised
- August 12th** **AGM and General meeting**
Woodbank Gardens - more info later
- September 9th** **General meeting**
Karina Harris
2025 Huon Road, Longley
- October 14th** **Garden visit**
Penny & Pav's Crawleighwood Nursery & Garden
51 Underwood Road
Nicholls Rivulet Entry \$8

**NORTHWEST GARDEN TRIP**

October Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th 2018

Due to the high costs for bus hire we have agreed that travel by car pooling is our only option. We have block-booked accommodation at the Best Western Murchison Lodge at Somerset.

Twin room \$125.00 per room only. With continental breakfast buffet for 2 daily \$145.00.

Please note these costs are special rates for a block booking.

Confirmation that you will be attending is required before 12th August.

Please contact Karina on 0419 903 312 or telozea44@gmail.com

The two main gardens we will visit are Emu Valley Rhododendron Gardens at Romaine and Kaydale Lodge at Nietta. There will be some other treats in between.

IN MY GARDEN by Lesley Gillanders

With Ken recovering from a hip replacement, and Lesley just home from hospital and then suffering a severe reaction to some medication, this month is a compilation of some of Lesley's previous wonderful articles.

The garden is looking rather bare now the autumn leaves have fallen. A few deep blue flowers are lingering on, some **Salvia patens**, and Dianthus 'Romance' still manages to produce a couple of its fragrant pink flowers. A late-flowering **Nerine** is in full bloom with large heads of flowers in a delightful shade of pink,. The last of the old **Lilium** stems and other perennials have been tidied up. The garden looks much neater now with several barrow loads going onto the shredder heap.

Monnina revoluta, one of the two varieties we collected in Ecuador, has grown into a large shrub. **M. pulchra** is smaller and more compact. Both have clusters of tiny deep blue-purple and yellow flowers with a light honey perfume. **Salvia corrugata**, which we also collected in Ecuador, seems to always have some deep blue terminal heads of flowers open. I always bruise the leaves to enjoy their fragrance. Next to the Salvia is an **Agonis flexuosa** 'Variegata' which is reputedly frost tender. It has survived several frosts and is now over a metre tall.



Monnina revoluta



Monnina pulchra



Salvia corrugata

Another plant with blue flowers is **Alyogyne huegelii**, a native of Western Australia. It always has flowers opening throughout the year. The Hibiscus type flowers are most attractive and the plant will take a dry position.

Delphinium cashmerianum has been flowering over several months. The blue flowers, which are hooded like an **Aconitum**, have black hairy pistils and stamens. A plant grown for its attractive leaves as much as for the flowers is **Podophyllum 'Spotty Dotty'**. Our plant has lovely light green mottled leaves which are about 20 cm across. The mottling is more pronounced in the younger leaves and tends to fade slightly with age.



Delphinium cashmerianum



Alyogyne huegelii



Podophyllum 'Spotty Dotty'

Our plant of **Weldenia candida**, which is herbaceous, is very pretty, with its glistening white petals. **Protea cynaroides** in the front garden has its lovely large flower half open. It is a majestic pink bloom when fully open and can stand a dry sunny position. Nearby is a plant of **Protea 'Pink Ice'**, a hybrid of **P. neriifolia** with pretty bright pink flowers and the usual fringed tips to the petals.



Weldenia candida



Protea 'Pink Ice'



Protea cynaroides

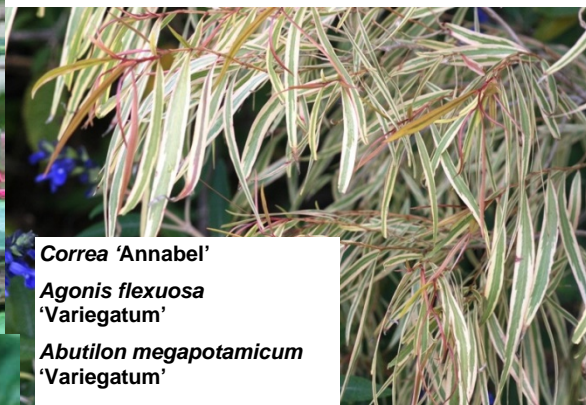
The two ***Prunus* 'Mt Fuji'** have practically no leaves left on them but there is a carpet of gold beneath them covering the Cyclamen. There are more cherries along the side fence - ***Prunus serrulata* 'Tai Haku'**, ***P.s.* 'J H Veitch'** and ***P.s.* 'Yukon'**, known as the Green Cherry.

Cornus kousa and all forms are worthwhile for the beauty of their flowers in Spring but in autumn they are equally pleasing with brilliant red foliage. We have a plant of ***Cercis siliquastrum***, known as The Judas Tree, in the garden at the side of the drive. The form we have is ***C.s.* 'Forest Pansy'**. For the first three years here it produced maybe one or two flowers instead of masses of them. Ken cut it back to half its original size of over 1m high and now it has a prolific amount of leaves which are turning from deep red to bright red. Nearby, ***Robinia pseudoacacia* 'Frisia'** has dropped its rich golden leaves.

In the native planting along the path, ***Correa* 'Annabel'** has very pleasing pretty pink bells with reflexed tips. Near the little stream, a large tree with clusters of white flowers is ***Hoheria populnea***, part green and part variegated. It has been in flower for some weeks now and the birds seem to like it for cover and perhaps feeding on insects.

A plant that seems to have flowers for most of the year is ***Abutilon megapotamicum* 'Variegatum'**. This is a low-growing shrub with numerous straggly branches and variegated foliage. The most attractive pendulous flowers have a bright red calyx and yellow petals with numerous protruding brown stamens.

Philesia magellanica has lovely red bell-shaped flowers like a ***Lapageria***. We collected this originally in Southern Chile many years ago in a stretch of natural forest where it was growing along roadside gutters as well as in the forest.



***Correa* 'Annabel'**

***Agonis flexuosa*
'Variegatum'**

***Abutilon megapotamicum*
'Variegatum'**

Philesia magellanica



A surprising Gladiolus which is in flower now is ***Gladiolus cruentus*** with brilliant red flowers. It looks like a typical Gladiolus, but flowers at a different time of the year.

GENERAL MEETING 10th June

Venue: **Anne Cruise's garden**
70a South Street
Bellerive

Time: **1.30 for 2.00pm.** Please bring something for afternoon tea.

There will be:

♦ **Blooms competition: WITH A CHANGED FORMAT**

You can bring up to 3 rhododendrons and one (1) only companion plant. The setting up process will be the same using your own vases/bottles.

The aim is to concentrate on rhododendrons, ease congestion on the display table and hopefully be less time consuming for judges.

HOWEVER we would still like you to bring flowers for show and tell. It can be a bunch, a basket/box full or one single stem. Anything of interest that might generate discussion. You may even simply want a plant identified. These plants do not need to be in water.

♦ **Peoples choice**

♦ **Main talk:** There will be a screening of a DVD of David Glenn's Lambley Gardens & Nursery at Ascot, Victoria.

♦ **Auction** - please bring a contribution

♦ **Raffle**

REMINDER RE LIBRARY BOOKS

Kerry and Harry have kindly allocated a section in 'The Cottage' for the library to be accessed. You will be able to select books from the library on Wednesdays between 10am and 3pm or by contacting Wendy Ebsworth (6266 4716) who is now our librarian. Both Wendy and Kerry are happy to take requested books to meetings. Kerry's phone no. is 0448 007 525

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