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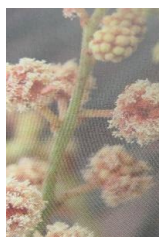
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All contributions are welcome and due by the end of the 2nd week of the month - email info@kes.org.au

PLANTS OF THE MONTH

For the month of June 2018, the KES Nursery will be selling *Acacia mearnsii* (Black Wattle) and *Solanum aviculare* (Kangaroo Apple). Each tube costs only \$1.00. HURRY IN! ONLY WHILE STOCKS LAST!



Acacia mearnsii is a very fast-growing tree 8 - 20 m. X 6 - 10 m. It has a rough, dark trunk and greenish-brown young branches. It has strongly-scented, pale yellow, ball-shaped flowerheads. Its bark, seed pods, leaves and flowers can be used for dyeing. It prefers well-drained soils; full sun to full shade.



Solanum aviculare is an erect, soft woody shrub 1 - 4 m. X 1 - 4 m. with angular stems and dark green leaves. It has violet flowers which are darker in the centre, peaking from September-February. It requires well drained soils; full sun to full shade. It can become straggly with age but is easily rejuvenated with heavy pruning

DR. DANIELLE CLODE - Senior Research Fellow College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences at Flinders University in Sth. Australia

Dr. Clode is the author of several literary, non-fiction books, including the recently-published "The wasp and the orchid". This is a book about Edith Coleman, who in the 1920s discovered the pollination processes of some of our terrestrial orchids. Danielle is speaking about her book at the Australian Native Orchid Society's meeting at St. John's Uniting Church, Toorak on Friday 1st June at 8pm.

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JUNE ROSTER FOR NURSERY

DATE	10am - 1pm	1pm - 4pm
Saturday 2 nd June Week 1	Graeme Enbom,	Nursery Closed
Sunday 3 rd June Week 2	Irene Kelly, Gail Kretzschheim	Nursery Closed
Thursday 7 th June	John Exon	Erica Peters
Saturday 9 th June	Graeme Patterson	Nursery Closed
Sunday 10 th June Week 3	Anne Milne, Lorri Dinome	Nursery Closed
Thursday 14 th June	Helga Nielsen	Erica Peters
Saturday 16 th June	Louise Harris	Nursery Closed
Sunday 17 th June Week 4	Melissa Allen, Richard Gipps (10am-12pm) Kirsty Mackinnon (12pm-1pm)	Nursery Closed
Thursday 21 st June	Fay and Allan Rimmer	Anne Milne
Saturday 23 rd June	***Need volunteers please***	Nursery Closed
Sunday 24 th June Week 5	Jenny Baker, Chris Klep	Nursery Closed
Thursday 28 th June	Graeme Enbom, Jill Lockwood (11am)	***Need volunteers please***
Saturday 30 th June	Helen Scully	Nursery Closed

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DO YOUR ROSTER DUTY, PLEASE TRY TO ARRANGE A SWAP OR PHONE LOUISE HARRIS ON 5968 9841 OR 0402 417 264 OR email louharris@inet.net.au

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Since this is the Society's regular monthly meeting, everyone is most welcome.

There probably will be some people going from the KES, so anyone wishing to enjoy a very interesting evening, please contact Colin Turner at the nursery, on or before Thursday 31st May, to arrange transport.

Relevant websites:

<https://www.panmacmillan.com.au/9781760554286>

<http://flinders.edu.au/people/danielle.clode>

Dandenong Creek

Following the recent pollution of the Dandenong Creek, there has been good media coverage on TV Channels 2, 7 and 9, as well as on ABC Radio. The EPA has also conducted numerous interviews of local businesses which hopefully will lead to discovering the culprits.

For further information, please visit the following website:

<https://www.facebook.com/FirstFriendsOfDandenongCreek/>

Weed Spotters

Discovery and eradication of prohibited weeds demonstrates the enormous value of having people with good botanical knowledge, such as Weed Spotters, who keep a constant look out for prohibited species. Weeds in gardens can easily spread into agricultural and environmental areas by seed dispersal, root growth and disposal of garden waste.

If you should identify a prohibited

plant in a particular garden, it is not advisable to approach the garden's owner yourself but instead report the find by calling 136 186 or sending an email to:

weed.spotters@ecodev.vic.gov.au

Places where prohibited weeds may be found include: ponds, dams, rivers, creeks and wetlands. Also private gardens, restaurants and cafes. Rare plant collections, public parks and gardens and of course agricultural land or farming areas. They can even be found for sale in nurseries and garden centres, natural, roadsides, waste places and urban fringes.

A list, with illustrations, of prohibited species is available on the above weed spotters website.

Friends Groups

Friends of Koolunga Project

Mornings Sat 8th & Thur 28th

June 10am - 12 noon Meet at Koolunga car park off Forest Rd. (Mel.65 C11) BYO gloves. Details: Kathleen Loxton 9758 3112.

Friends of Blind Creek Billabong Planting and Weeding Activity

Wednesday 13th June
1.10pm - 3.10pm. Meet at Jacobus Walk on the bike track (Mel. 64 H11). BYO Gloves. Details: Fay Rimmer 9758 4802.

Friends of Old Joes Creek

Project Morning Thurs 21st June

9am - 11am Meet at gate on corner of Army Rd & Market St, Boronia (Mel. 65 B6). Details: Scott Allen 9298 8339.

Friends of Glenfern Green

Wedge bird surveying and Project Morning Sunday 3rd June 9am. Meet on the dam wall at Gilmour Park. (Mel 74 E8) Details: Jo Selleck 0419 107 308

Upcoming events

- **Friday 1st June** - Talk by Dr Danielle Clode at A.N.O.S. meeting at 8pm.
- **Saturday 28th July** - Friends of Glenfern Green Wedge Fundraising Dinner. (more details next month)
- Knox Council Biodiversity Facebook training for Small Businesses. (Date to be announced).
- **Sunday 29th July** - National Tree Day

Local Media Editor **Zoe Peltekis** would love to hear from you if you have ideas for local paper articles. Email zpeltekis@gmail.com

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Next Committee Meeting:

Thursday 3rd May @ 7.30pm

At the Nursery

OBJECTIVES OF THE KNOX ENVIRONMENT SOCIETY

1. To foster the community interest in the Knox Environment.
2. To provide opportunities for local environmentalists to meet and exchange ideas.
3. To undertake such project studies and activities as will further the interests of conservation and natural history.



