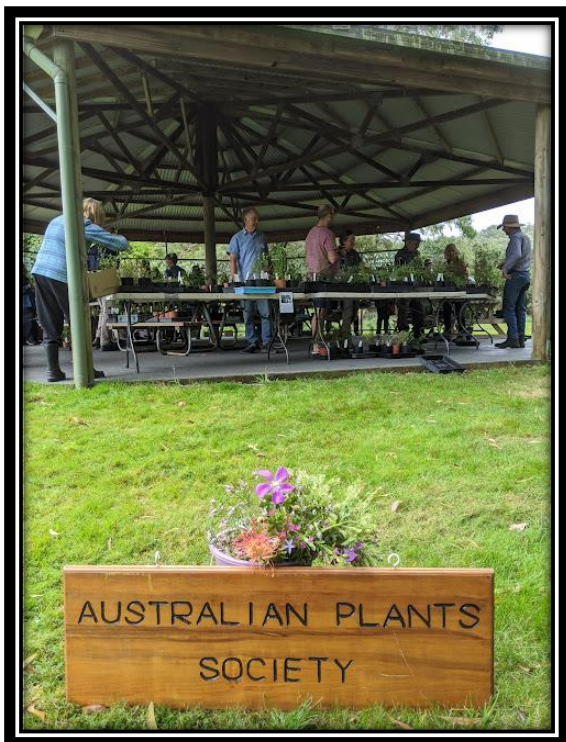


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Don't be shocked, but Easter has come and gone and it's already time for the April edition of the APSTNW newsletter.

This month we'll be looking back at the wonderfully successful Autumn plant sale at the Arboretum and looking forward to attending EcoFest at Camp Clayton for the first time.

We'll also see what happened at the monthly meeting and our guest speaker that night Petra from the newest Landcare group in town.

Any newsletter contributions welcome at my email address above Thank you to everyone who contributed to this month's edition with write up's and photos. Regards Simon

## MONTHLY MEETING:

Monthly meetings are back at the East Devonport Tennis club rooms, 48 Wright Street East Devonport. Once the business arising has been taken care of, it's either guest speaker or plant table time or both, all while having a cuppa and chatting to other members.

## GUEST SPEAKER:

Petra Wilder, the President of Devonport Community Landcare (DCL) spoke about the need for community action to protect and enhance the natural environment in Devonport. This is especially important as large tracts of bushland are being cleared for development. DCL will be running community events from around June 2024 which include planting days, weeding and community education. The focus in 2024 is on assisting Devonport City Council with the management of Don Reserve and Kelcey Tier. Petra also spoke about opportunities to collaborate with APSTNW including growing some of the plants required for revegetation projects, possible grants and working together on community education sessions on local native plants. It was a very productive talk and DCL are looking forward to working with APSTNW in the near future.



Many thanks to Neal M. for the write up.

## PLANT TABLE:

Colour was varied from the garden of John Tabor:

*Eremophila meringue isaac* (Hybrid from *E. bignifolia* in a deep purple, and a clutch of Hybrid Grevilleas featuring peaches and cream and a deep red Ned Kelly. Melaleucas included a deep purple *M. radula*, the small *M. thymifolia*, and a red *M. fulgens*.

*Beaufortia sparsa* in bright orange was also in the spectrum.

Riitta brought an unusual *Adenanthos* with dark reddish colouring on the leaves and the characteristic tiny red flower (*A. sericeus*); a *Banksia spinulosa*, unusual for the colouring of the stamens; the lacy-looking *Acacia aphylla* and *Lambertia uniflora*, so different from the clusters of flowers of *L. formosa*.

Ian, down to earth, had a variety of small daisies: *Brachyscome beridifolia* (Swan River daisy), and *Schoenia filifolia* (snowy everlasting daisy).



Finally, *Rhodanthus Chlorocephala ssp rosea* (rosy everlasting daisy) which grows naturally in W.A. In cultivation, this native Australian daisy belonging to the family Asteraceae is widely grown due to its attractive flowers and foliage, and because it is hardy, adaptable and provides a good, fast ground cover. The flowers are long-lived and dry well.

Growing a little higher and in contrasting brown was the sand-hill sword sedge *Lepidosperma concavum*. Naturally, Ian's signature Billy Buttons (*Pycnosorus globosus*) were on the table also.



Thank you very much to Mary S. for the plant table write up and photos.

### PROPAGATION AT THE ARBORETUM:

March was a very busy time in our propagation area at the Tasmanian Arboretum. Putting the finishing touches and getting everything ready for the Autumn sale at the Arboretum were the main tasks at hand. Putting the printed labels into the plant pots was another important job which is also a great way to become familiar with the names of the plants we have grown. Of course the Tassie plant Field guide is always close by for the trickier plants.

Despite the business of the group, Neal still found time to appreciate and photograph this beautiful butterfly which came to inspect our handy work. Photos kindly supplied by Neal M.



This is a hands on session helping, learning all about growing native plants from cuttings. It's a BYO lunch/drinks affair at The Tasmanian Arboretum, 'usually' on the Thursday after the Tuesday meeting. If new please contact a committee member for latest information on dates and location.

# Autumn plant sale at the Tasmanian Arboretum 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 wrap up.



Our autumn plant sale could fairly be regarded a resounding success. We filled the rotunda to overflowing and sold more plants than ever before. The price increase from \$5 to \$6 did not appear to deter people from buying. There was generally good atmosphere, and good interest in the Tasmanian table.

Our members were kept busy helping the customers. I wish to thank everyone who contributed. The treasurer was especially appreciative of the extra assistance as it made the task much easier, despite of difficulties with the modern technology as the "Square" failed after only one transaction.

Words by President Riitta B.

Photos by Drew T. and Neal M.

## ECOFEST, Camp Clayton, Ulverstone Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

For the first time we'll be holding a stall at EcoFest. Some of the plants not sold at the Autumn sale will be on offer as well as displays of floral arrangements, possible propagation demonstrations, native plant information and most importantly, it'll be a great venue for a membership drive.

If you are able to help out on the day all help will be greatly appreciated. It's a great day out so bring your family and friends and have a good look around.

We'll be setting up from 7am onwards. Contact Riitta or Drew if you'd like to be involved.

For a copy of the EcoFest program go to:

<https://www.ecofesttas.com.au/>

# Upcoming 'not to be missed' events and dates:

## Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:

On the 2nd of April the group planning for the members' State-wide get together in November will meet at Bob and Leonie's home in Sheffield 2pm. Any members interested in contributing are welcome. Please contact a committee member using the details on page 1 to get the home address of Bob and Leonie.

## Saturday 6th April:

EcoFest Camp Clayton, Ulverstone. Selling the few remaining plants from the week before and membership drive. Help setting up from 7am onwards.

## Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April:

Regular Tuesday night meeting East Devonport Tennis Club rooms. 48 Wright Street East Devonport. Come along after 7pm for 7:30pm sharp start.

## Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April:

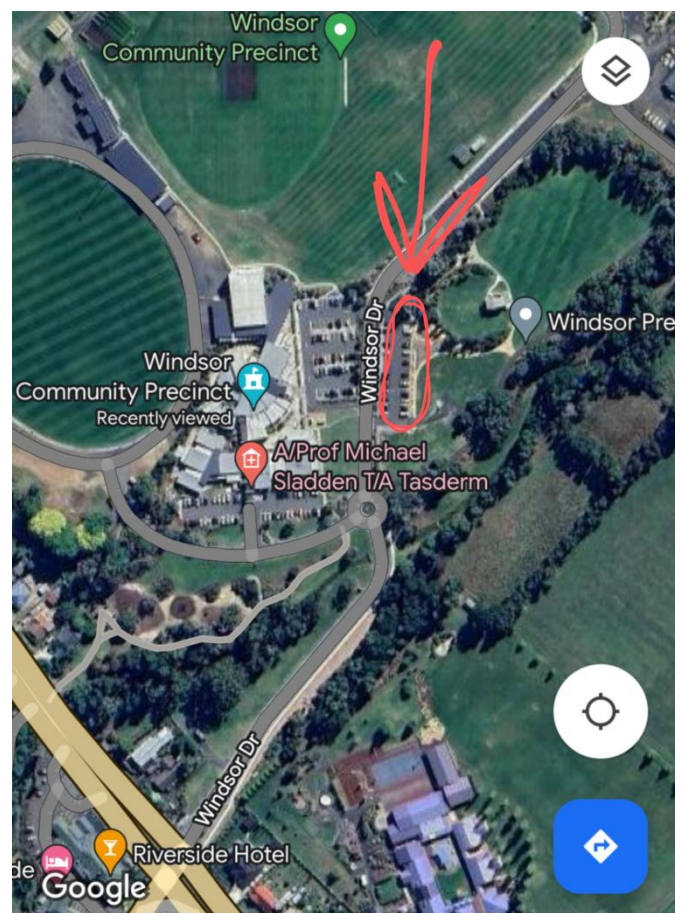
Normal propagation session, at the Tasmanian Arboretum starting at 10:00am until 2:00pm (or shorter time if that suits you better)

## Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Special outing

A group visit to Windsor Park in Windsor Drive, Riverside, Launceston.

We will be guided by Tony Roberts, who developed the park. Tony was our guest speaker for the February AGM. We may be joined by some members of the Northern group.

Meet in the Windsor Park parking area (red circle on map at right) for 10.30am sharp start. Windsor Drive is off the West Tamar Highway A7.



### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May:**

Meeting: East Devonport Tennis Club rooms. 48 Wright Street East Devonport.  
Come along after 7pm for 7:30pm sharp start.

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:**

Normal propagation session, at the Tasmanian Arboretum starting at 10:00am until 2:00pm (or shorter time if that suits you better)

### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June:**

June meeting is a DAY MEETING at the Arboretum Education Centre starting 11am.  
This meeting will be chaired by John Tabor.

### **July:**

There is NO meeting in July. Propagation date to be confirmed.

### **August:**

August meeting is also a daytime meeting on Saturday the 24th. More details to come later.

### **November:**

November long weekend State get together organised by our group. Based around the Sheffield area. Save the date for a fantastic weekend showing off our part of Tasmania to the two other groups.

### **Tid bits and left overs (or should that be recyclables):**

Being April fools day I thought I'd better make it clear that the following statement is indeed a fact and absolutely no joke.

*“there are now more foreign plant species in Australia than native ones”*

What can we do, as a group to help with this imbalance?

Source: Australian Wildlife Conservancy

<https://www.australianwildlife.org/four-things-we-wish-were-april-fools-jokes>

**Hooroo Simon ☺**