

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

Welcome to our first newsletter of the 13th Rogers Seminar. The Seminar will be held in Eltham, North East Melbourne and is hosted by the Australian Plants Society (APS) Yarra Yarra District Group on behalf of APS Victoria Inc

The Seminar will focus on Australian Mint Bushes and Allied Genera (aka Prostantheroideae) particularly the Prostanthera & Westringia genera with Saturday seminar presentations, Plant and Book Sales, the evening Dinner and with an after dinner Speaker. The Sunday will consist of garden visits with accompanying Plant Sales. We will be sending out monthly newsletters with more details of our program. Registration will open from the 1st of April and we encourage you to be an Early Bird.

If you know someone who is not currently on our email list and would like to be, then encourage them to get in touch via Email fjcrogersseminar2020@gmail.com or call Miriam Ford on 0409 600 644 or Jill Lulham on 0430 513 433.

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The FJC Rogers Seminars

The FJC Rogers Seminars are held every two years in Victoria to honour the legacy of Fred Rogers who was a passionate advocate for our native flora. Fred was a teacher and educator and the seminar acknowledges that with a day of lectures about the chosen topic of interest followed by a day of garden visits. He was also particularly keen on educating children and adults alike in the propagation, cultivation and preservation of Australian Plants. He played a crucial role in increasing the membership of the Victorian section of the Australian Plants Society.

The Organising Committee

- Chairperson: Miriam Ford (APS Yarra Yarra)
- Secretary: Sandy Birch (APS Bendigo)
- Treasurer: Nicky Zanen (APS Foothills)
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- Registrations: Sue Guymer (APS Maroondah) & Jill Lulham
- Newsletter editor: Miriam Ford
- APS Vic Representative: Greg Brown

Dates:

Saturday
24 October, 2020
Presentations, Plant Sales & Dinner

Sunday
25 October, 2020
Coach Tour – Garden Visits

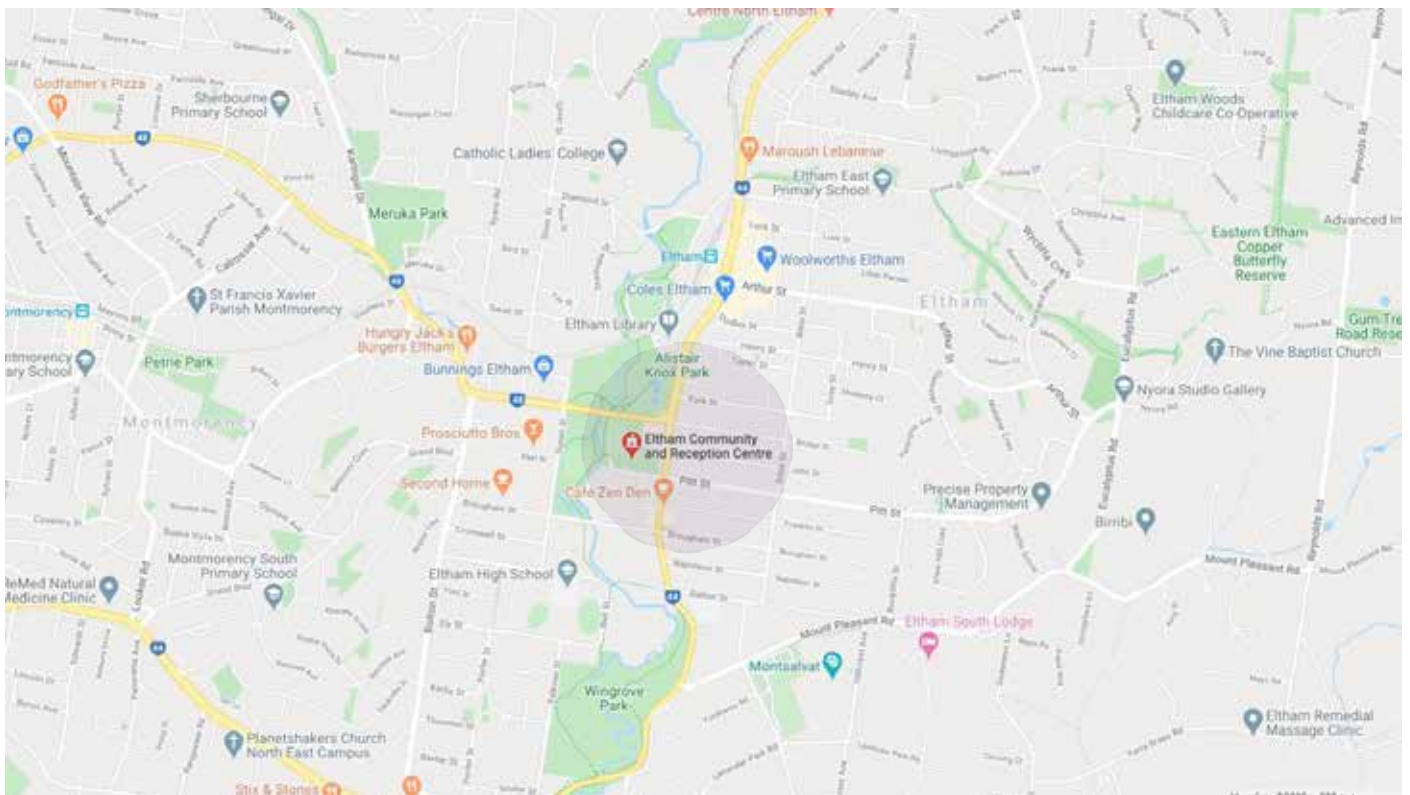


Prostanthera calycina (Ben Eaton)



VENUE FOR SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2020

The Saturday proceedings and the evening dinner of the 13th FJC Rogers Seminar will be held at the Eltham Community and Reception Centre, 801 Main Rd, Eltham. Many of you will be familiar with this venue as this is where APS Yarra Yarra holds its flagship yearly EXPO and Plant Sales event in mid-September. This venue is set amidst 5 acres of native gardens and has plenty of parking accessible via Main Road/Pitt Street.



The main hall (the Dorian LeGallienne Room) seats up to 300 people for the day proceedings and up to 160 for the Evening dinner. It has full disability access to all areas. Lunch and teas will be available in the Atrium (outside the main hall), and there are plenty of places to eat both within and outside the venue depending on the weather.



The Eltham Community & Reception Centre Entrance (Ben Eaton)

Plant & Book sales will be in the Walter Withers Gallery, and the Presentations, and Evening Dinner will be in the Dorian LeGallienne Room. There is ample parking at the Centre, with a drop off point close to the Centre for those needing it.



REGISTRATIONS

Dates for Registrations

Registrations open: 1 April, 2020

Early Bird Discount: 1 April to 30 June, 2020

Registrations close: 25 September, 2020

Registration forms will be available in the March issue of the Australian Plants Society Vic *Growing Australian* and also will be available to download from the FJC Rogers 2020 website :

<https://apsvic.org.au/fjc-rogers-seminar-2020/>

or email: fjcrogersseminar2020@gmail.com

Registration forms will also be emailed out with the April & May Newsletters.

Types of Registration

Participants will be able to register for any of the three, or all components listed below:

Saturday Seminar Proceedings: includes presentations, teas and lunch.

Saturday Dinner: includes evening meal, tea & coffee, BYO drinks and after Dinner Speaker.

Sunday Garden Visits by coach: includes coach tour to all gardens, teas, with lunch at Maranoa Gardens.

Registrations will not be accepted until full payment is received. All details and costs will be on the registration form.

Our sponsors to date:

The Yarra Store theyarrastore.com.au

Shaws Road Vineyard and Winery shawsroad.com.au

Mary Lou Pittard, Australian Artist www.pittards.com.au

PLANT SALES

The APS Yarra Yarra Growers are a group of propagators within APS YY that collaborate with Latrobe Wildlife Sanctuary and Indigenous Nursery. We have been busy propagating plants for this seminar since early 2018 and have a large number of species on the go, mostly *Prostanthera* and *Westringia*. Much of the cutting material and plants have been originally sourced by Mike Williams and Miriam Ford. In addition we are being assisted by other growers such as Phil Vaughan who will be selling grafted plants from within the Mint Bush and Allied Genera Family only, Russell Wait, Craig Dodgson & Tony Hughes and Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden who are helping with *Dasymalla terminalis* (native foxglove).

We are happy to receive propagating material for unusual & rare species if you have them – the list of genera is on the next page. Just give Miriam or Mike a call or email us. We are happy to help with postage.

Below: Image of APS YY Growers almost obscured by the jungle of Mint Bush foliage, in the shadehouse at Latrobe Indigenous Nursery.





GENERA OF THE SUBFAMILY PROSTANTHEROIDEAE:

There are two tribes within this Subfamily of Lamiaceae, the Chloantheae & Westringiae with 17 Genera within : *Brachysola* – *Chloanthes* – *Cyanostegia* – *Dasymalla* – *Dicrastylis* – *Hemiandra* – *Hemigenia* – *Hemiphora* – *Lachnostachys* – *Microcorys* – *Muniria* – *Newcastelia* – *Physopsis* – *Pityrodia* – *Prostanthera* – *Quoya* – *Westringia*. *Prostanthera* has the largest numbers of species with over 100 and *Brachysola* the least with just 2.



Images: Top of Page Banners. Page 2 - *Brachysola caerulea* (Mike Ridley), *Chloanthes coccinea* (Kevin Stokes, KS), *Cyanostegia corifolia* (M&G Goods, M&GG); Page 3 - *Dasymalla teckiana* (Charles Young), *Dicrastylis doranii* (M&GG), *Hemiandra linearis* (Ben Eaton, BE); Page 4 - *Hemigenia teretiuscula* (KS), *Hemiphora bartlingii* (M&GG), *Lachnostachys eriobotrya* (KS).

Panel this page, clockwise from top left - *Microcorys macediana*, *Newcastelia cephalantha* & *Pityrodia hemigenioides* (M&GG), *Westringia eremicola* (BE), *Quoya atriplicina* (KS) & *Prostanthera arapilinsis* (BE)



HANGING BASKETS

Many of the species listed within the Prostantheroideae genera lend themselves to life in a hanging basket. Indeed for many of us on the Eastern states who have to contend with high humidity and don't have deep sand for excellent drainage this may be the only way to grow them. There will be a small selection of hanging baskets available for sale and as raffle prizes for those of you able to transport them back home. As an example of what is possible:

The MIFGS Hanging Basket

This year the APSYY Growers took on the task of creating a fully- Australian- plants- only designed hanging basket for the RHSV Hanging Basket competition at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show in late March, 2020. Furthermore the basket consists solely of species from our Mint Bush and Allied Genera collection as we wanted to promote this seminar and because many of the species are spectacular and flower well over the warmer months. The species chosen include *Prostanthera eckersleyana* a central focal point, grafted from Phil Vaughan) with beautiful large paired purple flowers and aromatic crinkly foliage, *Hemiandra gardneri* (grafted, grey spikey foliage, gorgeous pink red flowers), *Prostanthera incisa* (incised foliage, aromatic, edible bush food species) & *Hemiandra pungens* (green foliage, stunning white flowers). Image above.



Accommodation

If you are planning to register, book your accommodation early. We suggest you simply search the internet for accommodation in the Eltham area and focus on the closer suburbs such as Eltham, Diamond Creek, Research, Montmorency & Greensborough.

There are two motels in Eltham, (Eltham Motor Inn at 1450 Main Rd, and Eltham Gateway Hotel at 1339 Main Rd) but these will be booked out fairly quickly. Some rooms at the Eltham Gateway have temporarily been set aside for Seminar attendees. You can book directly - phone 03 9431 1666, email enquiries@elthamgateway.com.au The Code is 'FJC Rogers' for people to access these discounts and rooms: Twin \$120 per night, and Executive \$150 per night.

There is a Caravan Park in a nearby suburb, Crystal Brook Tourist Park at 182 Heidelberg-Warrandyte Rd, Doncaster East. Other suburbs to check out for accommodation within 30 minutes by car include Doncaster, Templestowe, Warrandyte, and Box Hill. There are a selection of Hotels/Motels and a wider selection of Airbnb's and normal B&B venues. If you need any further assistance please get in touch with us.

Curiosity Spot

See images (from Mike Williams) in top panel this page. As many of you know Mike Williams loves visiting Western Australia and he has noticed that *Dasymalla* is something of a chameleon depending on where you find it : white flowers down south Esperance way changing to an intense magenta north in the Wheatbelt country. He is wondering if anyone out there can enlighten him as to the underlying cause.