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Dear Members,

Where does the time go? It seems like only yesterday I was sitting down and writing the last newsletter. This year I celebrate 10 years as your Study Group Leader. I mustn't be doing too bad a job as many of you have been with me (and behind me) for much of that time. I remember taking on the job in total ignorance - how does that line go 'Fools rush in where angels fear to tread'. It has been a big learning curve.

Basically the job has several facets. The administration is not too bad and I have a system which seems to keep track of everything although I am a bit slow sometimes to bank cheques and reply to new members. Unfortunately my day (and sometimes night) job as a High School teacher can be overwhelming at times especially when reports are due. There always seems to be something that needs my urgent attention that night and so Study Group matters get neglected.

Secondly, the documentation of all the numerous varieties, forms and cultivars that crop up all the time is intensive. Now that I have a decent scanner, I can scan the specimen and bypass the laborious job of slide-taking. Of course some specimens still need to be photographed so we haven't done away with this totally. New cultivars need to be described in botanical terms which can take quite a while as each part of the plant has to be examined under a microscope. Fortunately, I can e-mail my descriptions to Iain Dawson of the ACRA and this has sped up registration quite a lot.

Thirdly, the propagation of new cutting material sent by members is the part I like best as I love spending time in my glasshouse. Everything is carefully labelled and eventually these plants end up in the garden which is developing a very interesting Correa understory.

Fourthly, going on expeditions collecting has been very exciting and it's also given me an opportunity to meet some of you and enjoy your company. Correa lovers are always the nicest people. It's also given me a chance to go places

I'd never heard of before and to familiarise myself with some amazing Correa habitats in different parts of Australia.

Fifthly, is the job of writing this newsletter and trying to make it interesting for you. I welcome your contributions as they allow us to interact with each other. I do provide an address list with each newsletter so that you can contact other Study Group members in your area.

Sixthly, Study Group Leaders are often in demand as speakers, etc. and I do my fair share of this. Promotion of the group is also done through magazine articles and on the Internet. There is much work still to be done in this area if only the world would stop spinning. You can never have enough publicity and this year we managed to cash in on the federation theme with a new release, Correa 'Federation Belle'.

There's probably more that I could write about but that's basically the job description. No wonder it takes a while before some groups find a new leader and are re-activated.

This year I became a grandmother for the first time and I have a beautiful little grandson named Tomas. I must confess that I had to be dragged kicking and screaming into the next generation - no baby boomer wants to grow up - but after I had that first cuddle - well, what could I say?

It's very dry up here on the Tablelands with no rain in sight. We've had to put bore water through the house again and have to remember to fill up the bird-bath. Correas seem to cope quite well with dry weather so it hasn't affected the garden yet. In a way, it's been good as it's inhibited the growth of weeds, making garden maintenance easier. At this time of year I plant out and mulch around young plants. I find that Correas survive better in my garden if they are in larger pots at planting time. They then have time to establish a good root system before the summer.

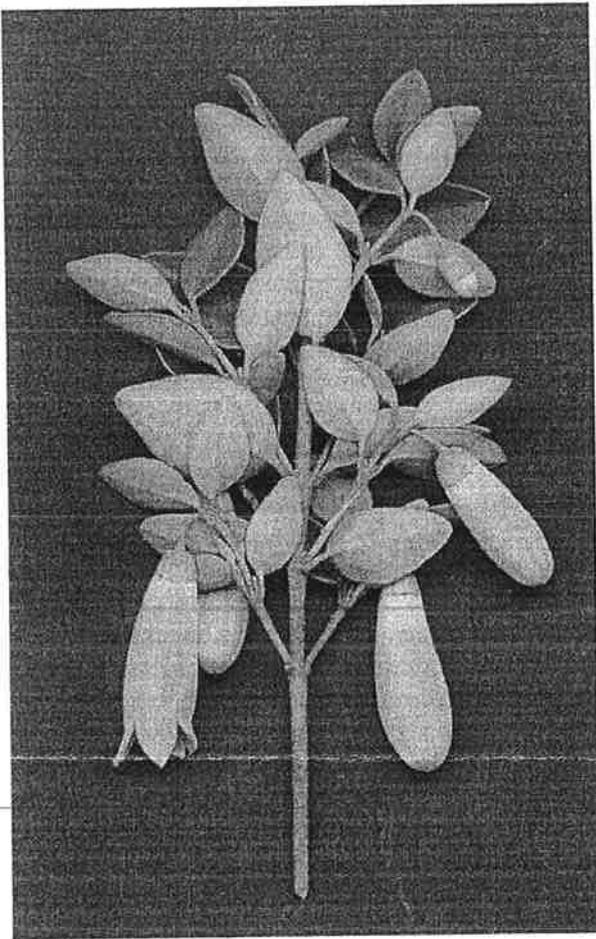
Cheers, Maria Hitchcock

From the Members

Carol Hughes (Coonwarra VIC) writes:

I am including three Correas with this letter. The pink one came to me from David Widdop via Alan Lacey. It has been in position for 2-3 years and is a metre across and about 40 cm high. It would have started flowering late March to early April and still has plenty of flowering to go.

I identified this as C. 'Pink Mist'. It is a superb Correa which should be in everyone's garden. It is sometimes called C. reflexa 'Salmon'. In a sunny position it will grow very compact and is ideal for a small hedge. Mine is about 80 cm high. Ed



C. pulchella 'Pink Mist'

The orange form of C. pulchella I bought from Phillip Vaughan at Mt Cassel Native Plants at Pomonal 2 years ago. At present it is 50 cm across and 20 cm high. It also started to flower a good two months ago.

The third I obtained many years ago as a form from Wilson's prom. I lost my plant but

John Emms had taken a cutting and he kindly gave me one after we moved here. Would it be the same as Correa 'Lime & Gold' (Wilson's Prom.) ?

Yes, Coral, it is the same as the registered form. Coral told me some sad news. She said that John Emms had passed away suddenly. I asked her to provide an obituary for the next newsletter. Ed

I am hoping to get some more Correas going. I had C. 'Inglewood Gold' for many years and lost it eventually but found it again looking very large and flowering well in a gully that we had planted on the farm.

This is why it's important to either plant several specimens of the same variety or to take cuttings before planting so that you have duplicates if the original gets lost. Ed

Lola Mensch (Ringwood VIC) writes:

My Correas have survived the long hot, dry summer without any trouble and with no extra attention. I don't know if the weather had anything to do with it but they seem to be flowering earlier this year - some of them have been in full flower for at least a month. Has anyone else found this?

You must have sung to them very nicely, Lola. Ed

We are off to Tasmania at the end of April so hopefully we will find a few in flower - I will be looking hard! (With your newsletter in hand).

Nice to know that the newsletters are being used. Drop us another line and let us know what you found. Ed

Neil Marriott (Stawell) writes:

We are now in our 5th year of drought in western Victoria!! Despite this I have not lost a single Correa. They tolerate drought far more readily than wet conditions I find. At present they are a mass of flowers. Have you seen the latest Victorian list of significant flora? It's called 'Rare or Threatened Vascular Plants in Victoria - 2000' (Dept. of natural resources and Environment).

It lists 10 Correas as follows:

Rare in VIC

- C. aemula
- C. alba var. pannosa
- C. backhouseana var. backhouseana
- C. lawrenciana var. grampiana
- C. lawrenciana var. latrobeana
(montane red)
- C. reflexa var. angustifolia
- C. reflexa var. lobata
- C. reflexa var. speciosa

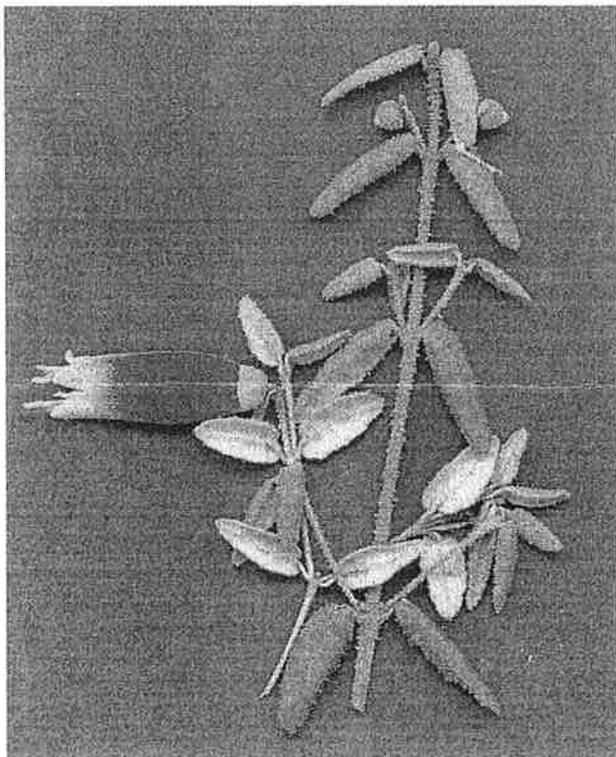
Poorly known in VIC

- C. lawrenciana var. cordifolia

Endangered in VIC

- C. lawrenciana var. genoensis

Thanks Neil. Some of us do have these species growing although it is almost impossible to get specimens of some of them, particularly the C. lawrencianas. I have always felt that the best way to preserve a species is to spread it through the nursery trade through controlled programs but a lot of people disagree with me. I would love feedback from members if you are growing any of these. I will enclose a slip for you to tick and return with this newsletter. Perhaps we can all aim to include as many of these in our own collections as possible. Ed



Correa reflexa var. speciosa 'Point Hicks'

Rosemary Pedler (Koolunga SA) writes:

I celebrated my 70th birthday on Boxing day by assembling my far flung family of four children and four grandchildren (plus) on Kangaroo Island where we stayed (on the Correa SG trip) at Cape Couedic lighthouses Karatta and parndana. There were 12 in all and we had a great time. KI in the summer is still very beautiful. Tourist facilities have had a large upgrade but all that I saw has been very sensitive to the environment - lots of elevated board walks and revegetation of disturbed areas. Couldn't help but remember the fun we had with the Study Group people. The new ferry irons out a lot of the bumps in Backstairs Passage. One can drive on frontwards and disembark in the same way, which I find a huge bonus.

Cherree will be pleased about the ferry. We were all totally green on the way over and it took hours for Cherree to recover. I remember the captain saying as we set out that he had good news and bad news. The good news was that it only took an hour to get across and the bad news was that we had 59 minutes left. Ed

My garden Correas still suffer in the summer months but I keep on trying. In truth Koolunga summers are rather too hot (40 degrees) and too long but my successes still keep me trying. I very often find that Correa seedlings come up in protected places, ie, shaded, moist spots in deep litter from nearby plants.

Can anyone offer Rosemary advice on growing Correas in her area? Ed

Bob O'Neill (Wandin Nth VIC) writes:

Just put in 60 Correas into a new bed. 2-3 have already died, the rest are OK at the moment. It is very hot - 40 degrees (late December) with perhaps a shower or two later in the week. odd for here but already hand-watered the new Correa bed twice. I used some straw to mulch around the plants, hope all goes well. We had a kangaroo hop through last week - 1st in about 15 years or more.

Must have heard about your B&B. Ed

Brendon Stahl (Dean's Marsh VIC) writes:

What is the optimum time to take Correa cuttings? I know some will say when they are available. In Newsletter No 18, you stated in reply to Rosie Haas' letter that 'springtime is the

best time to take cuttings'. In June 1997, Maroondah Group VIC had an article on *Correas* and it stated that '*Correas* will not grow from the flowering stems which look similar to the growing stems. The best time to take cuttings is just before flowering (usually around February to April) when stems have put on their new growth and have hardened slightly before the flower has started to develop.'

Great! A debate! I look forward to some good arguments on this topic. Ed

Correas already flowering (in January) are *C. decumbens*, *C. glabra* var *turnbullii* (previously *C. schlechtendalii*) and *C. 'Marian's Marvel'*. some of my *Correas* are showing stress due to the dry period but others are thriving.

Matthew Oxford (Parafield Gardens SA) writes:

In February 1999, my wife (Marg) and I moved into our new built home within the Pine Lakes Estate. November of that year Marg and I took annual leave where we used 2 weeks to landscape the front and backyard. We started from new, purchasing 6 ton of gypsum, rotary hoeing it in, then sandy loam for lawn area and organic loam for garden beds. The plant selection was enjoyable as we went to S.G.A.P. plant sales in Spring 99 and Autumn 2000 to purchase the bulk of plants for the garden beds. *Correas* were purchased along with other native plants, as the theme is to have an established native garden.

The following list of *Correas* are now all growing in our yard:

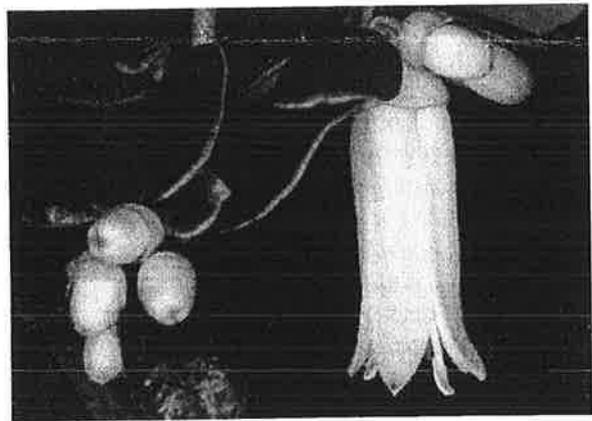
- Correa alba* var. *pannosa*,
- C. backhousiana*,
- C. decumbens*,
- C. glabra*,
- C. lawrenciana* var. *rosea*,
- C. pulchella* 'Sunset Glow',
- C. pulchella* 'Coffin Bay'
- C. pulchella* 'prostrate',
- C. pulchella* 'white',
- C. pulchella* 'White tips',
- C. 'Pink Pixie'*,
- C. 'Wins Wonder'* a variegated form of
 - C. 'Dusky Bells*,
- C. 'Marian's Marvel'*
- C. sp. prostrate*,
- C. 'Firebird'*,
- C. reflexa* x *decumbens*

Isn't it fantastic that you were able to purchase such a range at the Plant Sales? Ed

My Mum recently moved house, but before she moved, I took cuttings from *Correas* that I planted in her garden. They are:

- Correa 'Deep Creek'*,
- C. glabra*,
- C. alba* x *glabra*,
- C. reflexa* 'K.I. form',
- C. decumbens* x *backhousiana*?,
- C. backhousiana*
- C. Poorinda Fantasy'*.

All have taken and I now need to pot them on into bigger pots. I also have a *Correa pulchella* seedling that came out of nowhere in another pot containing a *Xeronema* sp. I have since pulled out the seedling and potted into another pot.



C. backhousiana 'Trial Harbour form'

I work within the Horticultural Services Team for the City of Playford. I am in the fortunate position where I assist in plant selection for projects around the City. *Correas* are used in capital works projects and ratepayer plantings.

The City of Playford has a verge upgrade scheme where residents who are interested in their council strip can have this area of land mulched and planted. Council supplies spraying of verge, mulch for verge and plants for verge.

During Council's planting season, we deliver groundcovers, shrubs or trees depending on the site. Here ratepayers plant or we program to plant for them:-

- Correa "Firebird"*,
- C. "Marian's Marvel"*,
- C. pulchella* (4 different forms),
- C. "Mannii"*,
- C. "Pink Pixie"*,

plus a few others feature either in ratepayer plantings or capital works projects.

During my apprenticeship with Adelaide Botanic Gardens, I managed to take some cuttings from a *Correa glabra* x *pulchella* specimen within the gardens. This no longer exists in the gardens and only 1 cutting was struck. I planted this *Correa* in a public garden some 5 years ago and it is now some 1.5 tall by 1.5 wide. I need to take some cuttings from this *Correa*.

You certainly do, Matthew and you need to send me some. When your C. 'Deep Creek' is big enough would you please send me some cuttings as well. Ed

Reading the newsletter no. 19, June 1999, where Pat Howes lists *C. decumbens* "Mt. Lofty" and Lloyd Carman writes in newsletter no. 20, November 1999, about *C. decumbens* in the Mt. Lofty Ranges, I wish to add, that I have seen *C. decumbens* within the Onkaparinga River National Park. As Lloyd described its habit, the specimen I saw matched the same description by Lloyd. I think the nursery industry has given it the "Mt. Lofty" name, giving it a name people can respond to. I haven't seen it on top of the Mount, but it does occur within its ranges.

The landscape contractor for Pine Lakes Estate has used

- C. "Dusky Bells",
- C. *glabra*,
- C. *decumbens*,
- C. *alba*

along with many other native plants in the gardens throughout the estate.

Thank you Matthew. Keep up the good work. Does anyone else know of public plantings of Correas. Ed

One of our new members, Tam Kendall stuck this on the back of her envelope.



Max McDowall writes:

I enclose a list of the *correa* species/forms which I have been growing and propagating and distributing within APS Victoria especially during the past 6-10 years, many of which I maintain in 8" pots while I test them in the garden. The forms of *C. reflexa* var *angustifolia* from the Grampians from the Rose Creek Rd Fireline/Zumsteins Shortcut are especially attractive because of their upright habit, large bell and summer flowering time. One clone (COR-03) on the list has proved hardier than the others in cultivation. Another form of *C. reflexa* which came from a mown area alongside 5-mile road at Wilsons Prom is most floriferous from August to October.

It is difficult to keep many good forms of *C reflexa* alive for more than 3 years in our garden, despite the raised beds, incorporation of sand and loam with the original clayloam topsoil, composting, dry leaf mulch, and despite (or because of) watering twice weekly through the summer. Bob O'Neill does not appear to have this problem perhaps his soil is lacking in the pathogens which cause my failures. I have thought of using a regular spraying and dousing with Foliofos, but have not yet attempted this.

Maybe we have to look at grafting to *C. 'Dusky Bells'* or *C. 'mannii'* or *C. 'Marian's Marvel'* to resolve this problem. Chris Krolkowski of the Yarra Yarra District Group in Melbourne is having some success with intrageneric grafts of *Crocea exalata* white *C. 'Dusky Bells'*. Incidentally, he sold me a plant labelled *C. 'Dusty Bells'* which was a local green-flowered form, so perhaps the name is already in use.

Yes, it's been around for a while but it's hard to get a correct specimen. The label is stuck on any prostrate C. reflexa green-flowered form. Ed.

Other locations where we have seen some very attractive forms of *C. reflexa* include the southern Brisbane Ranges north of Geelong, the Old Coast Road between Bemm River and Cape Conran in Gippsland and Enfield State Forest.

The Brisbane Ranges form is particularly attractive but I can't seem to keep it going in pots in the greenhouse. Ed.

From 1999, I have been helping Neil Marriott convene the activities of the Victorian Chapter of the *Grevillea* Study Group. Several

members of the GSG are also members of the CSG and the Boronia &c SG. I was keen to get some BSG activities going in Victoria, but JKT lost the membership list in the conflagration, and I never obtained a list of local members whom I could organise. Now I will be helping Marilyn Gray with the organisation of local activities, when she is able to restore the membership list and start issuing newsletters.

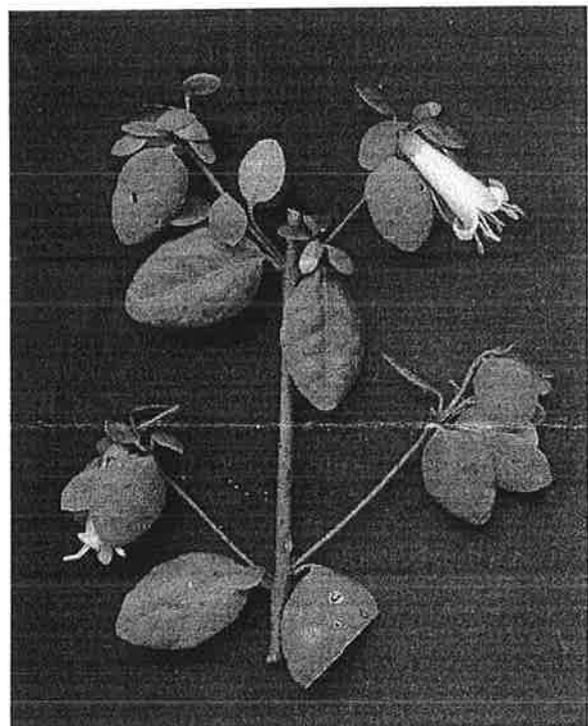
Thank you, Max. It's great to have people like you helping out. Max sent along a list of the Correas he is currently growing. Ed.

Correa reflexa plants (many in pots) Many still in cultivation - some exchanged with Bob O'Neill etc.

(Numbered species collected by us unless otherwise stated)

- C. glabra 'Beasley' floriferus
- C. 'Misty Pink'
- C. pulchella orange Langs Nursery
- C. pulchella pink bells
- C. pulchella salmon ('Pink Mist')
- C. reflexa 'Betts Red'
- C reflexa squat 'Beasley'
- C reflexa vertical RCRdFLn
 - v. angustifolia Grampians from Rose Creek Rd Fireline - all flower 11-2 and other times & Zumsteins Track nearby
- C.reflexa upright RCRdFLn
- C.reflexa widebell RCRdFLn
- C.reflexa ZumTkupr
- C.reflexa bushy RCRdFLn
- C.reflexa MtDfRaE
 - Mount Difficult Ra E-Grampians
- C.reflexa RGapRdE
- C.reflexa WP5mRd
 - Wilson's Prom 5 mile Rd r&g 8-10
- C.reflexa r&g Research
- C.reflexa Dutson
- C.reflexa TraralgS
 - fl 8-9 very showy
- C.reflexa NGaskett Buchan
 - apple green lvs
 - small pink fl 1.5 x 1.5m
- C.reflexa Split Corolla Bob O'Neill
 - (? Mt Richmond)
- C.reflexa Jews Head Chpmll
 - Ben Boyd Nat Park
- C.reflexa Jews Head Chpmll
- C.reflexa Green Cape Low Form
- C.reflexa Tura Beach
- C.reflexa HGH Cr Black Ra
- C.reflexa KI Felt Hat Cr
- C.reflexa long rd BrisRa 1

- C.reflexa long rd BrisRa 2
- C.reflexa Bris R de Motts R
- C.reflexa (Neil Marriott)
 - Fl Nov-Dec - not hardy in Melb
- C.reflexa white (Neil Marriott)
- C.reflexa var angustifolia
 - Quarry Track Mt William Range
- C.reflexa (Wyeena Nursery)
 - large flared bell
- C.pulchella white (Neil Marriott)
- C.pulchella Waitpinga (Bob O'Neill)
- C.reflexa Gormondale (Bob O'Neill)
- C.reflexa Gormondale (Bob O'Neill)
- C.reflexa Mt Richmond white
 - (Bob O'Neill)
- C.reflexa Briagalong (Bob O'Neill)
- C.glabra 'Inglewood Gold, (Bruce Grose)
- C.glabra pink Mitre Rock (Bob O'Neill)
- C.pulchella Longford Pines (Bob O'Neill)
- C.pulchella Mt Hope cream (Bob O'Neill)
- C.lawrenciana var grampiana Mt William
- C.lawrenciana Nargans Den (Bob O'Neill)
- C.pulchella Kang Is Vivonne Bay
- C.reflexa Pretty Beach N of Batemans B
 - (J Knight) 0.2 x 2-3m
- C.reflexa Enfield SF
- C.pulchella Kang. Is orange dwarf (Glyn Sago)



C. pulchella 'white'

Three suggestions for enhancing participation in Study Group activities.

by Max McDowall

(Active member of Grevillea, Hakea, Correa, Boronia, EremoPhila & Acacia SGs)

1. Combined Study Group Excursions and Field Trips: Because RUTACEAE species are often sympatric with grevilleas, and because time is finite, I have suggested to the SG leaders that as they and/or some people belong to several study groups, particular excursions and field trips and garden visits organised by any of the three study groups could be of interest to members of all three groups and should receive general publicity in the newsletters of the respective groups. This may not always suit everyone as sometimes certain goals are better achieved by being single-minded, as the Australian Daisy Group has found. In such cases, participants in joint excursions may prefer to divide, by prior arrangement, into subgroups visiting -different localities in the area during part of the day. To ensure harmony, the excursion would need to be under the primary control of a single study group, with members of other groups participating as guests.

2. Involvement of Local District Groups in Excursions: In organising a recent GSG day field trip to Ballarat and Enfield SF I contacted the Ballarat District Group for advice about gardens we could visit on the day. At the first garden we visited, several members of the Ballarat Group joined us, and accompanied us to the other localities we visited on that day. It occurred to me that it would have been a good gesture for the GSG to have issued a general invitation to the members of the local district group to participate in the day's activities which could have been of mutual benefit to all involved, whereby the GSG would benefit from local knowledge of plant populations being visited and the local members would benefit from the expertise of the study group, and might even consider becoming members.

3. Opportunity for Contacts among SG Members at State Seminars/Quarterly Meetings: Study Groups in Victoria could take advantage of the regular quarterly meetings of APS to facilitate plant and cutting exchange among their own members attending those meetings, to publicise the Study Groups Activities, and gain new members. (In Victoria, while the committee and district group delegates meet on the Saturday, the

general members can participate in local excursions and garden visits. In the evening, there is a dinner and guest speaker, and on the Sunday further excursions and a barbecue lunch). The locale of the quarterly meeting can also be a starting point for a field trip continuing on the Monday and beyond for those able to participate, as was the case with the recent Fred Rogers Memorial Seminar in Ararat on Grevillea which was followed by a five-day GSG Field Trip.

The concept of combined Study Group excursions is an excellent one and I think that the inclusion of local groups needs to be done more often. I suppose a lot depends on the type of excursion and the amount of time dedicated to the activity. We did this with the Gippsland trip several years ago and it worked out well thanks to the efforts of Ron & Pat McKeown. You really do need an enthusiastic local person to do the co-ordinating.

Victoria seems to be better placed with these kinds of events than NSW as we are far flung from each other. However, nothing is impossible and Max, you've given me a couple of ideas - more about that later.

Correa 'Federation Belle'

We had an excellent turnout for the official launch of this new release in Bruxner Park, Tenterfield in late April. Sarah Caldwell brought along a number of beautifully grown plants for sale and they all went very quickly. The Mayor of Tenterfield planted one in the park and I recited a poem which I'd written especially for the occasion, which was part of the 'Oracles of the Bush Festival'.

At the launch I met Sarah's aunt who is a fine botanical artist. She gave me one of her cards which features the new Correa.



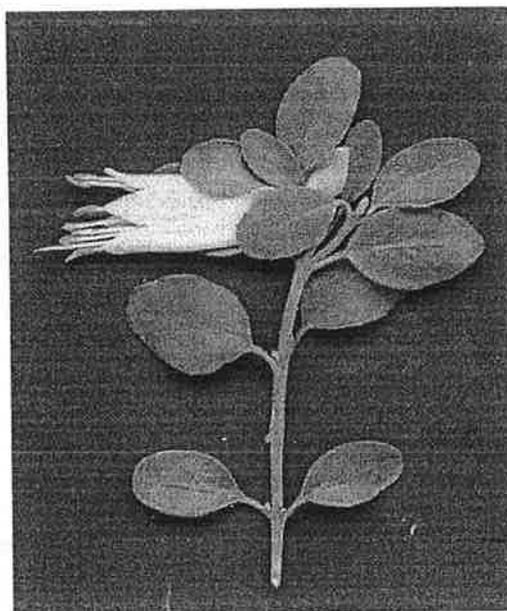
Correa 'Federation Belle'

by Maria Hitchcock
(with humble apologies to Banjo Patterson)

There was excitement at Mole Station
As the word soon got around
That a stunning Correa was on the way
It appeared to be a hybrid
Of two other plants beside it
But more beautiful than either you could say

Now it seems that back in February
The Centenary Committee
Had asked Sarah for a bloom to dedicate
Sarah felt it was her duty
To suggest this Correa beauty
So she called and asked me to officiate

Well I've come here to this festival
On the 21st of April
The Centenary of Federation to celebrate
And I know that you will join me
On this special day in Tenterfield
When we proudly launch C. 'Federation Belle'



Correa glabra var. glabra (Origin unknown)

Medium-sized shrub approximately 1.5 m x 1 m, very dense foliage, highly floriferous most of the year. Spicy aromatic foliage. Maintenance and disease free.

Correa glabra

In the most recent revision there were several changes to *Correa glabra*. The species was subdivided into the following varieties.

Correa glabra var. *glabra*

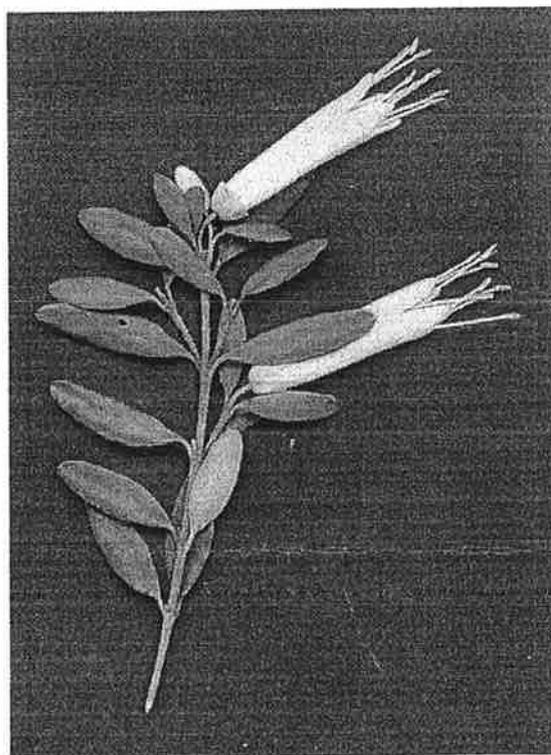
Flowers pale green/yellow
Smooth leaves
Calyx hemispherical, smooth
Qld, NSW, Vic in rocky sites

C. glabra var. *leucoclada*

Flowers pale green/yellow
Leaves hairy below
Calyx cup-shaped, hairy
Eastern and central NSW,
Southern Mt. Lofty Range, SA
Hilly sites along streambanks
(New variety)

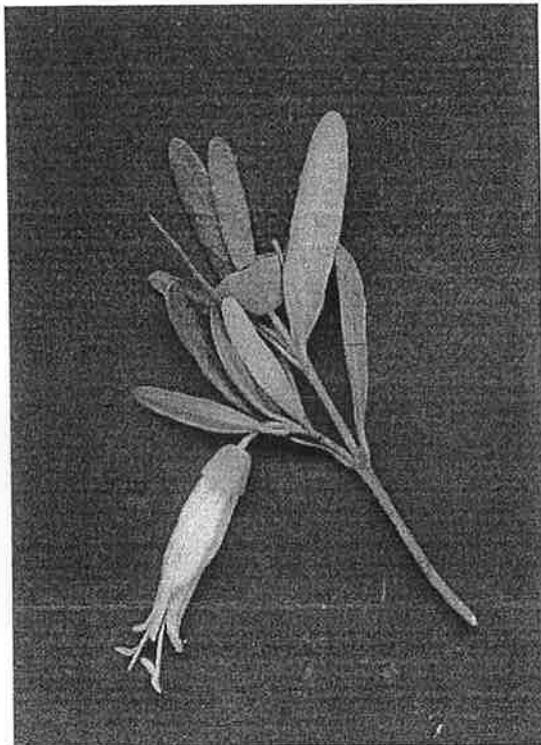
C. glabra var. *tumbullii*

Flowers red with green lobes
Foliage has fruity fragrance
Mt. Lofty Range, Flinders
Ranges, Murray Plains
(Formerly *C. schlechtendalii*)



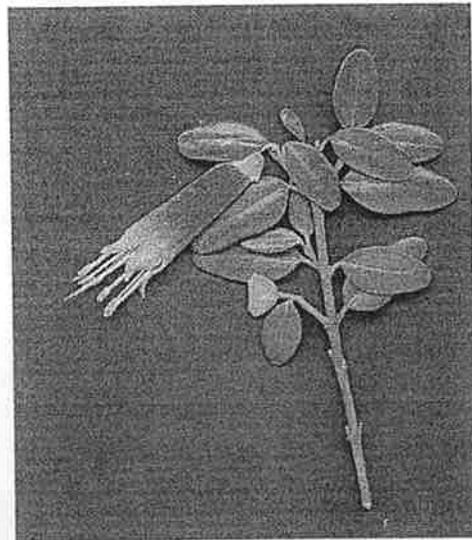
Correa glabra var. glabra (Origin unknown)

Low shrub approximately 70 cm x 1 m, very dense foliage, highly floriferous most of the year. Very fast growing and responds to hard pruning. Has long branches which spread out from the main stem. Aromatic foliage. Maintenance and disease free.

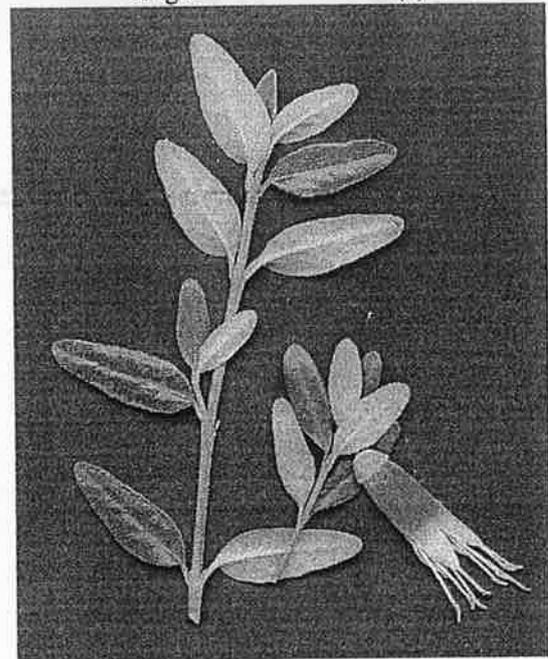


Correa glabra var. *leucoclada* 'Werribee Gorge'

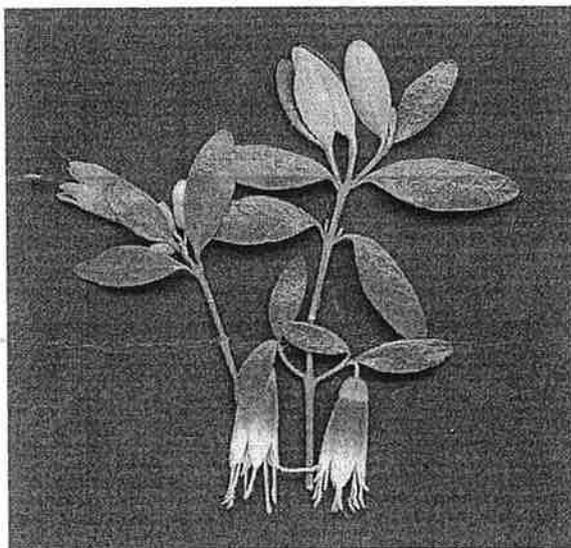
Medium-sized shrub approximately 2 m x 1 m, dense foliage, highly floriferous with some flowers all year. Fast-growing. Flowers paler green and almost yellow. Drought and frost hardy. Aromatic foliage. Maintenance and disease free.



Correa glabra var. *turnbullii* 'Mt Barker' (2)
longer flower than form (1)

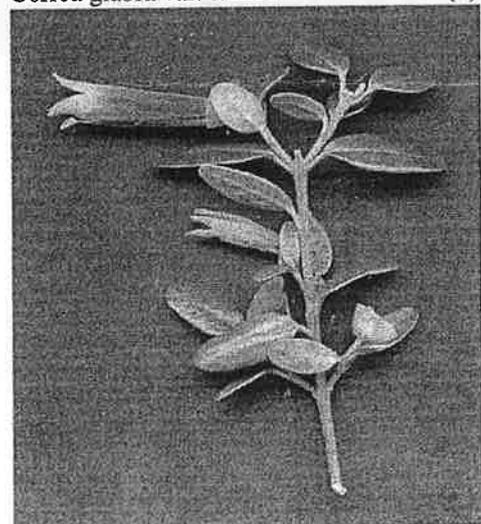


Correa glabra var. *turnbullii* 'Mt Barker' (3)



Correa glabra var. *turnbullii* 'Mt Barker' (1)

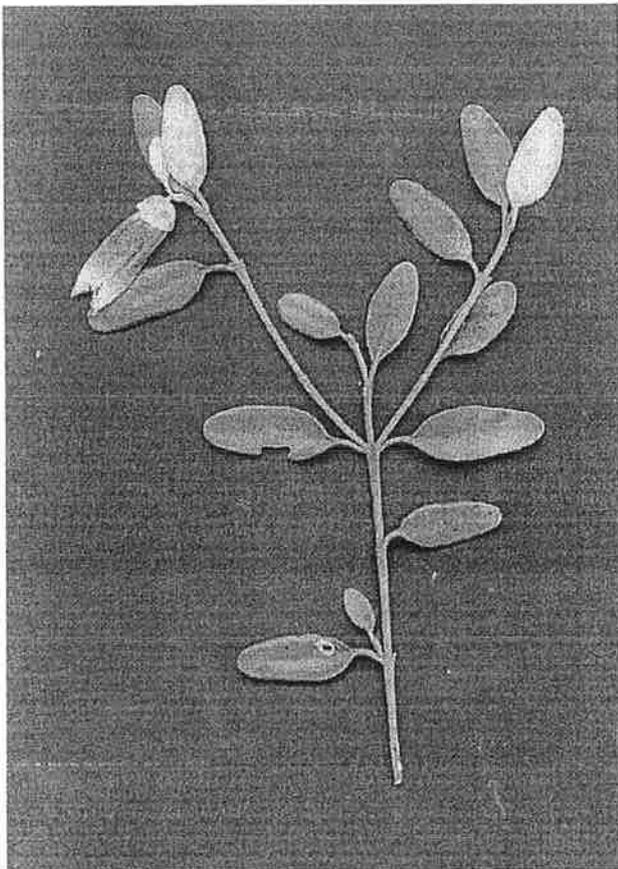
Medium-sized shrub approximately 1.5 m x 1 m, very dense shiny green foliage. Some flowers all year. Flowers age to rose-pink tips. Very fast-growing. Drought and frost hardy. Aromatic foliage. Maintenance and disease free.



Correa glabra var. *turnbullii* 'Mt Barker' (4)

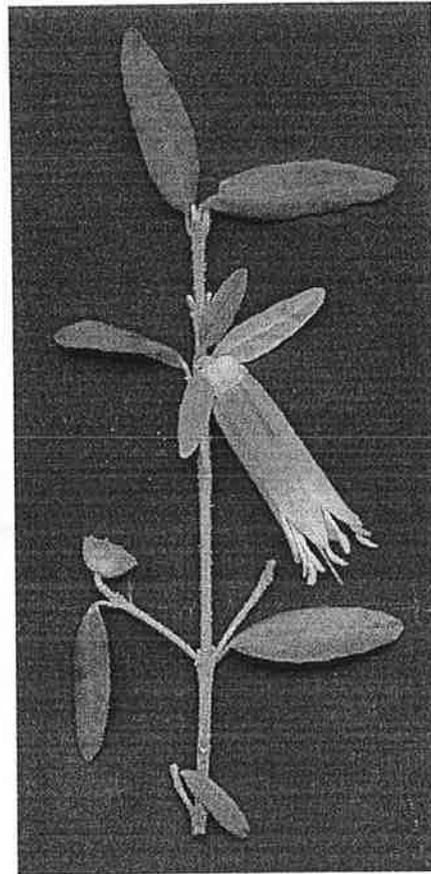
I have asked Margie Barnett to select the best form from Mt. Barker so that we can register it. The flowers seem to be fairly variable in size but the bushes all have similar glossy green leaves. I have planted mine in groups and they look great in a mass planting. The shiny dark leaves also provide a wonderful contrast to other native plants.

The other group of *C. glabra* var. *turnbullii* plants which originate on the Murray Plains have duller foliage and smaller dull red flowers. They are more open in growth habit and grow to about 1m by 1 m in size.



Correa glabra var. *turnbullii* Murray Plains form
Ferries-McDonald C.P.

**I'm hosting a German Exchange student
at the moment and we are off to
the Barrier reef for the holidays!**



Correa glabra var. *turnbullii* 'Ian Fardon' (Origin unknown)

Medium-sized shrub approximately 2 m x 2 m, very dense foliage, highly floriferous with some flowers all year. Very fast-growing - can be pruned hard without damage. Drought and frost hardy. Aromatic foliage. Maintenance and disease free. This plant was named after the late Rev. Ian Fardon who gave me the original plant. It is probably a form from the wild.

