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Correa pulchella 'Majas Miracle'

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LEADERS' COMMENTS

Hello everyone,

This is our first report after taking up the additional roles of administration and editorship. We first wish to thank Russell Dahms for the sterling work that he has performed over the past several years in helping keep this study group alive and kicking. We are sure that he will be kept fully occupied in the other public roles that he occupies.

At home here at Narre Warren South, things are going along very well as the gardens continue to mature quickly. The past summer has seen a number of the older correas wither away, while others have done very well. A part of the problem is the growing patterns of some of the plant species, unexpectedly swamping their smaller neighbours. In other situations the theory is that the higher water table may have restricted the development of the deeper root systems, leading to failure during extended dry periods over the summer period. Irrespective, the immediate answer is to get busy with the cuttings program to perpetuate the range of forms and species of plants, including correas, growing in the garden.

Over the summer period additional planting has continued, sustained with frequent bucketing of tank water. The use of different sized flower pots and tubes placed upended over the naming stakes has proven to be invaluable to indicate when the various batches of plants were placed into the garden, enabling greater efficiency of care and watering. There would have been a 5% loss rate, which to us is quite acceptable when the balance of the plants are now well on the way to becoming well established and coming along nicely.

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We are fortunate that we are able to plant out over the hotter season; in some areas this would not be realistic.

In summary, the garden in general, and correas in particular are both going very well. We trust your gardens are also going well now that some rain has fallen.

Dot & Bob.

CORREA CRAWL - JUNE

We are definitely going ahead with a Correa Crawl to the Grampians on the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June. Saturday June 10th to Monday June 12th. The Itinerary is on Pages 7-8

All those likely to attend the Correa Crawl are asked to register with Bob and Dot as soon as possible. (contact details above.)

Although there is no registration cost we need to know approximate numbers, and to keep participants informed. It is recommended that you book accommodation as soon as possible. Details are on page 7

Correa lawrenceana var *rosea*

Maria Hitchcock

For years I have been growing a plant which was given to me as *Correa lawrenceana* var *rosea*. Recently I have had to revise my identification of that plant and I apologise if I misled anyone in the meantime. Unfortunately errors do get passed on and unless you go back to the type specimen it's easy to accept the faulty information. I am now trying to set the record straight so I hope this is a help to members.

A few years ago I was given a *C. lawrenceana* plant which came from the Dalgety nursery. It was subsequently named Burgundy Belle. This is the true *C. lawrenceana* var *rosea* and matches the type specimen. It has long narrow shiny leaves and narrow bright reddish purple tubular flowers.

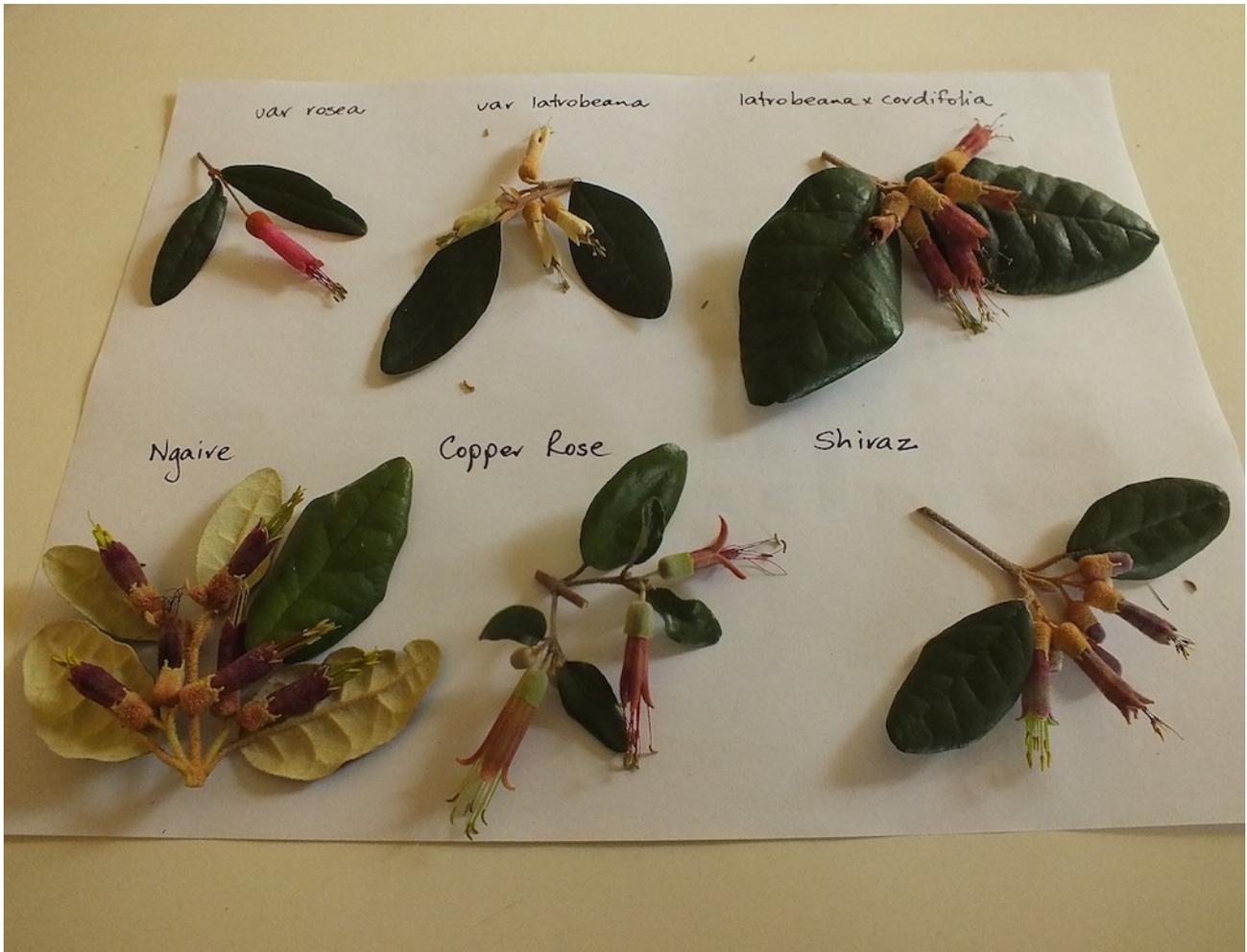
My plant (which I originally thought was the true *rosea*) appears to be an unnamed hybrid between *Correa lawrenceana* var *cordifolia* and var *latrobeana*. It has wide heart-shaped leaves and the flowers are reddish purple with long linear lobes on the calyx. *C. lawrenceana* var *cordifolia* has red flowers but undulate calyx margins, while *C. lawrenceana* var *latrobeana* has mustard yellow flowers but prominent linear lobes on the calyx. Both of these varieties have broad ovate leaves.



I also have another hybrid of *C. lawrenceana* which came from Ngaire Turner's garden in Victoria. It is very similar to mine but the flowers are a deeper purple. I called this 'Ngaire' to identify where it came from.

Two seedlings which originated in my garden have my unnamed hybrid as a parent. One of these I named 'Shiraz' and the other I named 'Copper Rose'.

"Shiraz" resembles my unnamed hybrid very closely but it came up under a *C. lawrenceana* var *grampeana* so may have that variety in the mix. 'Copper Rose' is hybridised with *C. glabra* 'Coliban River'. The two were growing side by side. It has paler flowers and has some horticultural potential as a medium sized compact shrub. The leaves are smaller than my unnamed hybrid (See photo).

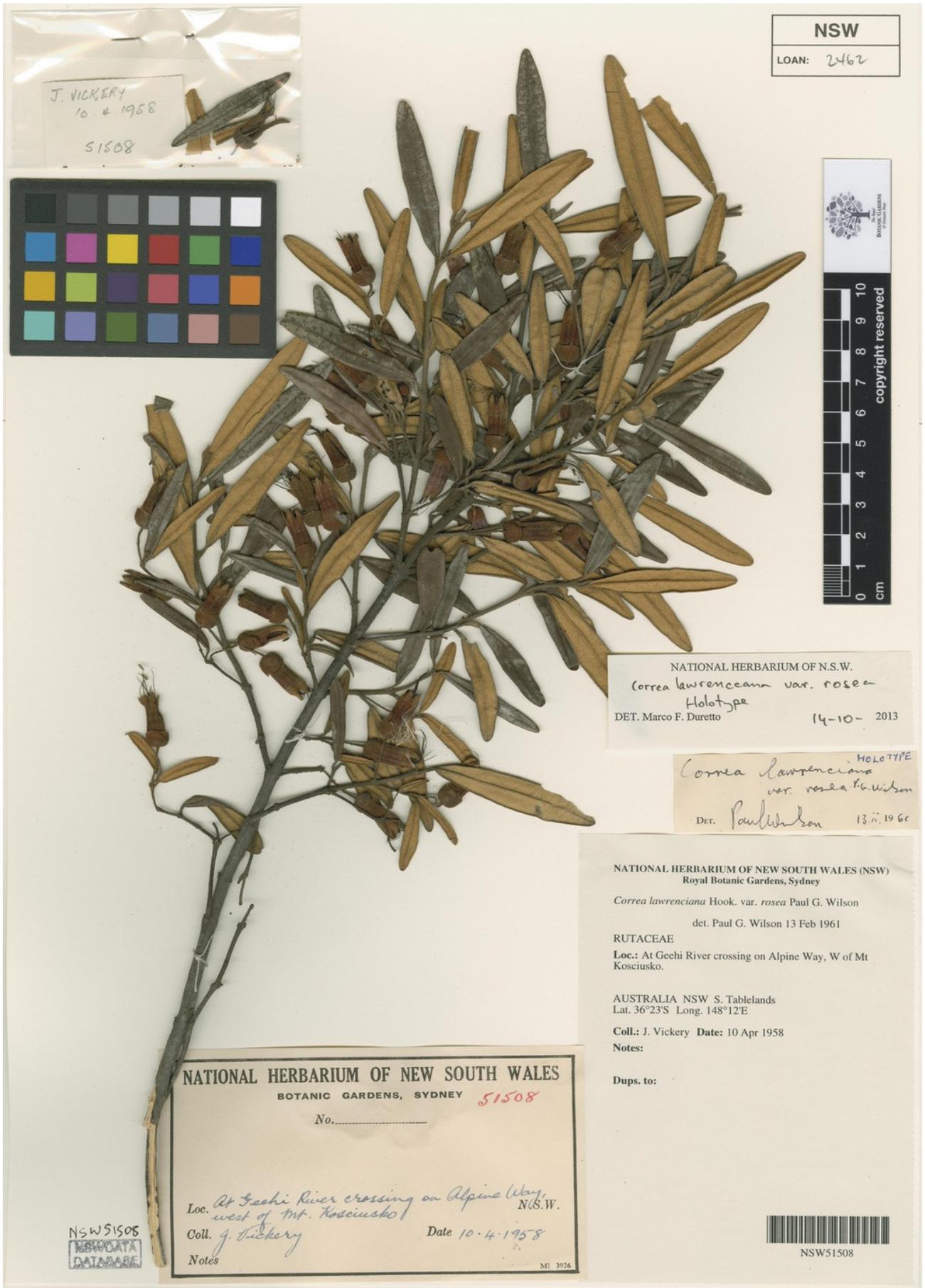


My *C. lawrenceana* var *cordifolia* hasn't flowered yet but the variety is noted for its long pedicels attached to the flowers.

I would be very interested if anyone else has hybrids of any of the *Correa lawrenceana* varieties.



Correa lawrenciana
"Christmas in July"



NSW
LOAN: 2462



NATIONAL HERBARIUM OF N.S.W.
Correa lawrenciana var. *rosea*
Holotype
DET. Marco F. Duretto 14-10-2013

Correa lawrenciana HOLOTYPE
var. *rosea* P.G. Wilson
DET. Paul Wilson 13.ii.1966

NATIONAL HERBARIUM OF NEW SOUTH WALES (NSW)
Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney
Correa lawrenciana Hook. var. *rosea* Paul G. Wilson
det. Paul G. Wilson 13 Feb 1961
RUTACEAE
Loc.: At Geehi River crossing on Alpine Way, W of Mt
Kosciusko.
AUSTRALIA NSW S. Tablelands
Lat. 36°23'S Long. 148°12'E
Coll.: J. Vickery Date: 10 Apr 1958
Notes:

NATIONAL HERBARIUM OF NEW SOUTH WALES
BOTANIC GARDENS, SYDNEY 51508
No.
Loc. At Geehi River crossing on Alpine Way, N.S.W.
west of Mt. Kosciusko
Coll. J. Vickery Date 10.4.1958
Notes
MI 3926

NSW51508
HERBARIUM
DATABASE



This is a photographic copy of the type specimen *Correa lawrenciana* var. *rosea* held by the National Herbarium of New South Wales.

Managing Correas - David Pye

Recently, we have had to resolve several issues with Correas and other shrubs.

Part of our garden has become overgrown and needs attention. One problem with an overgrown garden is that many of the shrubs support each other, so that when one dies and is removed, it opens up the other plants to wind damage. It became necessary to take drastic action to tidy up parts of the garden. In addition, the situation where shrubs had overgrown paths and driveways also required drastic action. Of course, if we had managed our plants properly over the years, we may not have had a problem.

When “tidying up” our garden which includes many Correas, some of our plants did not have foliage within a metre of the stump, ie where the plant was initially planted. Some plants had to be removed totally, while others needed heavy pruning. Our general rule with such shrubs is to prune back to a stump and the plant either reshoots or dies. This leaves of mix of rapidly growing shrubs and planting opportunities, and is preferable to commencing a bed from scratch. Many Correas and other Rutaceae respond well to this hard pruning and quickly cover in new shoots which grow on to form a bushy shrub. In particular, *Correa glabra*, *C. lawrenceana* and *Philotheca myoporoides* have responded well to this treatment in our garden. However, I do not yet know how well other Correa species respond. In some situations, pruning is taken back to leave some foliage and the plant watched for recovery. If there is significant shooting on old wood, heavier pruning can be undertaken.



Correa lawrenciana—regrowth after very hard pruning

***Correa lawrenceana* – regrowth after very hard pruning - David Pye**

With the Spring rains, large numbers of seedlings of Eucalypts, Grevilleas and Correas have appeared. These are often treated as weedlings and removed before they overgrow their neighbours. However, if there is sufficient space, some are kept until flowering. Correas with drab foliage are removed regardless of whether there is space for them, and none of these are kept. Over the years we have weeded out dozens of Correa seedlings, but kept some. One of our best seedlings is “Coralie” which was circulated amongst CSG members at a Correa Crawl some years ago. Special Effects Nursery has developed a label for it.



Correa “Coralie” - garden seedling

New Members

We welcome the following new members:

Shirley Pipitone of Canberra who was a member previously

Jesse Granger of Cheltenham, Victoria

Kathryn Power of Victoria

Keith Weeks of Canberra

We have also had requests from Jaydee of Victoria and Andrew Beinke of South Australia but have been unable to confirm them as the email addresses provided do not work!

Correas in our Garden—Dot O’Neill

Whilst we no longer hold the Ornamental Plant Collection of Correas we are back to collecting as many correas as we can – especially from the wild.

It was hard for me to believe that correas would ever grow for us again after our disastrous start here in Narre Warren South. To me, it seemed that nothing would ever grow for us again but fortunately Bob had a far more optimistic view.

We raised garden beds, bringing in truckloads of soil and Bob kept propagating and propagating.



Today we have over 100 different correas. We have about 50 different pulchellas, about 50 different reflexas as well as smaller numbers of most of the other species.

We aim to keep a second copy of each correa plant we have in the garden so we can replace any losses we have.

Raised Garden Beds

A number of our pulchellas are a mass of buds as I write this (mid April) and other correas have flowers depending on which one it is.



A Mass of Buds



Chef’s Cap



Correa – “Neil’s Best” would have to be our most prolific flowering correa. It is a very showy plant and seems to always be in flower.



Itinerary for Correa Study Group Crawl Saturday June 10th to Monday June 12th

Leaders: Dot & Bob 0428 882 068 oneills777@gmail.com in conjunction with Neil & Wendy Marriott

Registration: with Dot & Bob 7 Hillsmeade Drive, Narre Warren South 3805 Ph: 0428 882 068 or email
Members please bring individually labelled bundles of cuttings and plants for cutting swap and plant sales. Details of provenance and habit on plant labels is desirable. It would also be a nice gesture if propagators would contribute a special correa plant towards a combined group donation to our hosts at the gardens we will be visiting. Please wear APS name badges to facilitate recognition and arrange car pooling to reduce size of convoy. Coloured ribbons for cars may be distributed to help keep the convoy together. BYO food and drinks.

Saturday June 10th

- 10.30am** All meet at **Ararat Tourist Information Centre** 91 High Street Ararat. (Housed within the upgraded Ararat Railway Station on the Western Highway.)
Note : This is approximately 2 hours from the Ring Road.
- 10.40am** **Visit the AME Systems Legacy garden.**
Morning Tea at the garden, supplied by AME Systems. Donations of small showy Correas for the gardens would be appreciated. Depart 11.30
- 11.45am** **Garden visit to Joan and Nick Pitaro**, 25 George Road Ararat (03) 5352 3632 via Ararat Town Centre and Pomonal Road, - turn right into George Road. Pitaro garden is just past the second street on the left. Depart 12.30
- 12.45pm** **Lunch at McDonald Park Picnic Ground**, Western Highway. Proceed just NNW of Ararat on Western Highway. Park Entrance is on left near the Great Dividing Range. Follow signs inside park, turning left and driving to top of hill. Toilets and Picnic tables.
Correa reflexa var reflexa, Grevillea alpina, Grev alpina x rosmarinifolia Depart 1.30
- 2.00pm** **Garden Visit David and Linda Handscombe at ‘Grampians Everlastings’ 187 Long Gully Rd, Pomonal (03) 5356 6352** -turn Left into Long Gully Rd, immediately on the left after crossing Lady Somers Bridge on Ararat-Halls Gap Rd. Extensive gardens featuring Correas and native nursery. Depart 3.15 pm.
- 3.45pm** **Garden Visit Neil & Wendy Marriott “Panrock Ridge.”** 693 Panrock Reservoir Road (Sisters Rocks-Black Range Road), Stawell. From Pomonal, turn right into Stawell Rd and drive to the Western Highway at Stawell. Turn right onto Hway and proceed EAST to Panrock Reservoir Rd, turn right off highway just after Sisters Rocks (at Grange Golf Club and Stawell Park Caravan Park). “Panrock Ridge” is on left, 7km from the highway. Tour of gardens, Cutting Swap and Plant Sales
- 6.00pm** **BBQ tea at Neil and Wendy Marriott’s.** BYO all food and drinks– (meat, drinks and a salad or sweet to share (if you wish).
- 7.30pm** Slides, members’ talks, discuss future plans for the Study Group, etc. at Marriott’s.

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Accommodation:

Stawell Park Caravan Park, (Corner of Western Highway and Panrock Reservoir Roads Stawell. (corner of Marriott’s Rd)

On site vans, cabins etc. Phone (03) 5358 2709 (beautiful bushland for early morning walks.)

Motels in Stawell if preferred.

Sunday June 11th

- 9.00am** Meet at **Chris and Di's Bakery** Shop 5 11 Ararat Road Stawell (Western Hwy) - buy lunch for those that need to.
- 9.15am** **Depart for Grampians.** Head west on Western Hwy (A8) then turn slightly left onto Grampians Road for 25 km to Halls Gap
- 10.00am** **Head south to Mt William car park.**
Correa lawrenciana, var grampiana, Correa reflexa var angustifolia, Grevillea alpina, Grevillea aquifolium var attenuata, Banksia saxicola, Pultenaea subalpina, etc.
- 12.30** **Redman Rd**
Correa aemula, Correa reflexa var angustifolia, Correa aemula x reflexa -hybrid swarms.
Lunch at creek crossing. Depart 1.30pm
- 2.00pm** **Mt Victory Lookout via Hall's Gap, Mt Victory Road**
- 2.30pm** **Garden visit Royce & Jeanne Raleigh. "Wartook Gardens,"** 2866 Northern Grampians Road, Wartook. - 6 km past Zumsteins. Extensive gardens and plant sales. BYO afternoon tea but Royce and Jeanne will have the urn boiling for us.
- 4.30 – 5.00pm** **Depart independently** for return to Stawell.
- 6.30 pm** **Dinner at Diamond House Restaurant, Seiby St Stawell**

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Monday June 12th

- 8.30am** **Meet at Chris and Di's -Western Highway Stawell.** Depart for Mt Arapiles and Little Desert. Limited car pooling for those going home via Stawell.
- 10.00am** **Foot of Mt Arapiles** (via Centenary Park Road/Wimmera Hwy corner. Morning Tea
Correa glabra var glabra (Mt Arapiles form), Grevillea aquifolium, Prostanthera species nova affin. spinosa, etc
- 11.00am** **Wyn Wyn Road** - in search of *Correa glabra* Lake Wyn Wyn form
- 12.00** **Cooack Road, Cooack.** *Correa reflexa var scabridula, Grevillea ilicifolia var angustifolia, var ilicifolia, Grevillea aquifolium* "Cooack Giant." Depart 12.30
- 1.00pm** **Lunch stop 'Stringybark Picnic Ground,'** Nhill Harrow Road, Little Desert National Park.
Correa scabridula, and wildflowers Depart 1.45
- 1.45pm** **Proceed to Salt Lake Track for next stop then on to West Wail.**
* From West Wail we will all head for home after what will have been a full and enjoyable weekend.

NOTE: Membership and future newsletters

We are looking to producing future newsletters only in electronic form. This would mean that the need to pay a membership fee would not be required. We realize that a very few members have already paid in advance so would need to be refunded if we go this way.