

Hello Everyone,

This is a short newsletter to advise you that the Study Group is still working well and to explain why the newsletters have been few!

I realised about two years ago that having a computer would make this a much easier group to manage and much more useful for members. First I saved up the cost, then completed a course and then ordered an Apple Macintosh. Six months later, after complications over which I had no control, I cancelled the order and at the beginning of this year I ordered another from another supplier and at last I had my computer. While I was waiting for a few lessons for the new model, a different situation arose.

Last November my son Steve and wife Sally became parents of twins, a girl and a boy. Steve wanted to bring them from home in London to meet us in February, in the event they did not arrive until April. It was necessary for me to empty my large bedroom for their use. The catch for me was that I had all the study group records, boxes and boxes of dried specimens and so on to move also. Eventually I had everything spread in cupboards, the garage etc. but when the family went home, I then had to locate and organise the chaos. I loved meeting my only grandchildren, they arrived with beautiful English complexions and I sent them back lightly toasted by our winter sun!

At last I have completed the needed lessons but the Apple Mac and I are barely on speaking terms. I "save" material but it considers me not a fit person to retrieve same. I have had several attempts to type newsletters and think that at last I am nearly there, but so much time has been lost, I thought you would all be wondering what was going on., so now you know.

Some of our members have changed address recently:

Cynthia Beasley, formerly of Rushworth, is now at 39 Simpson Street, Watson
A.C.T. 2602.

Freda & Laurie Baglin, formerly at Shepparton, are now at 39 Lord Street,
Laurieton NSW 2443.

Pauline Tully, a former member at Nicholson, has now re-joined and her new
address is Woodside Gardens Nursery, Woodside Vic. 3874.

I have had enquiries from two members recently asking how to identify some members of the *H. multilineata* group. I shall explain this in the next newsletter which I shall commence when I come home from the 18th Biennial Conference and Seminar in Ballarat at the end of this month. I look forward to meeting those of you attending. There is talk of arranging a Victoria Regional Hakea Weekend some time next year and if this proceeds I may have news of that too.

Till next time, happy gardening.

Hazel Blackney