



# NEWS FROM PEACEHAVEN

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## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETS AGAIN

The recent lifting of some of the COVID-19 restrictions made it possible for the Friends of Peacehaven management committee to meet at the nursery shed on 19 May.

It was refreshing to be able to meet in person instead of having to operate by email or phone, and we look forward to the time when general meetings can resume too.

## PLANS FOR A NEW HOTOHOUSE

Among the items discussed at the management committee meeting were plans to install a new hothouse in the nursery.

Thanks to our bigger and better facilities, we are able to accommodate many more plants for sale to the public, and are increasing our propagation activities accordingly. But we don't have enough space in the hothouse. So plans are afoot to sell the existing one and have a new one installed, approximately twice as big.

## SECURITY CAMERAS TO BE INSTALLED AT NURSERY

Another decision made at the meeting was to protect the nursery facilities and stock by installing security cameras.



Quotes have been obtained and a supplier selected, and three high-definition cameras with night vision capability will soon be installed in strategic places around the nursery.



*In my garden Grevillea fililoba grows above a retaining wall and spills attractively over the edge. The silvery foliage of Eremophila nivea growing alongside makes a nice contrast.*

## SHRUB OF THE MONTH

*Grevillea fililoba* may not be the most spectacular of the grevilleas but, in your editor's garden at least, it has proved itself one of the most resilient. During the relentless heat and drought of last spring and summer it soldiered on regardless. Then, as soon as a little rain fell, it put on a new flush of green and burst into bloom. I find this shrub very attractive, and regard it as one of the quiet achievers.

This grevillea grows to a height of 1.5–2m and a similar width. It has fine, feathery foliage and smallish clusters of bright red flowers that attract birds and insects. When mine is in bloom (which is for most of the year) there is a constant hum of bees.

It benefits from frequent tip-pruning to maintain its shape and the density of its foliage. Pruning also promotes flowering.

In stock now at the nursery.

*The flowers of G. fililoba – attractive to birds, bees and humans!*

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE SOON

It's hard to believe, but the end of the financial year is almost upon us. This means it will soon be time to renew your membership of the Friends of Peacehaven Botanic Park. So please be on the lookout for an invoice sent to you via email.

