

NEWS FROM PEACEHAVEN

December 2021

FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Season's greetings to all

We wish all our members a happy and safe Christmas.

To get the festive season off to a good start, come to the Friends' Christmas party on Wednesday 8 December (details below). Covid regulations make it necessary to limit the number attending to 50, so RSVP as soon as possible if you haven't done so already, to ensure you don't miss out.



Meeting plans for 2022

Plans are afoot to trial a few early evening general meetings next year. The idea is to make them more inclusive, for the benefit of working members who can't make it to mid-morning meetings.

The start time will be 5.30 pm. The months will be decided at the next management committee meeting, and more information will be provided in the next newsletter.

CHOOSE NATIVE FOR CHRISTMAS

Why go out and buy artificial holly and mistletoe for your Christmas decorations when you could use native plants instead? The foliage shown in the photo on the right includes native mistletoe (*Amyema* sp.), hoop pine (*Araucaria cunninghamii*) and native holly (*Alchornea ilicifolia* – also pictured above). All the greenery was gathered from the editor's garden.

By the way, did you know that the species name *ilicifolia* is derived from the Latin name for true holly, *Ilex*, and means 'with holly-like leaves'.



A Christmas bouquet of native greenery

CHRISTMAS COLOUR IN THE PARK



NSW Christmas bush (Ceratopetalum gummiferum) makes a beautiful splash of colour at Peacehaven on a grey day.

CAROLS ON THE FIELDS

The annual Christmas Carols event began in 2006, the year the Friends of Peacehaven Botanic Park was formed. The event has now become so popular that it has outgrown Peacehaven. It was to have been held at the Highfields Sport and Recreation Park, but wet weather has made a change of venue necessary. Keep an eye on the Carols on the Fields Facebook page for further details.

Date: Saturday 4 December



FRIENDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come and celebrate at the Friends' annual Christmas gathering. Drinks and finger-foods will be provided.

Date: Wednesday 8 December

Time: 5.30 pm

Place: Nursery Shed

RSVP: peacehaven3@gmail.com by **Friday 3 December**

NURSERY NEWS

There will be a **mini market** at the nursery on **Sunday 12 December**, from **10.30 am to 1.30 pm**. Come and do some Christmas shopping, and buy some plants for your garden at the same time.

The last trading day of 2021 will be **Saturday 18 December**, and the nursery will reopen on **Thursday 13 January 2022**.

NEXT MEETING OF FRIENDS

The next General Meeting of the Friends of Peacehaven Botanic Park will be in the new year.

Date: Wednesday 12 January 2022

Time: straight after the management committee meeting, which will begin at 9.30 am.

Place: Nursery Shed

All welcome.