

NEWS FROM PEACEHAVEN

February 2023

FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

In this first newsletter of 2023, we wish our members a happy and healthy year ahead.

You will remember that Gus Hamilton's 'Planning for the Future' paper was the subject of animated discussion at the November 2022 meeting. The meeting was well attended, and the vast majority of those present were adamant that the Friends of Peacehaven should not be allowed to fold.

Since then, work has been going on behind the scenes, and a planning meeting at which all are welcome is scheduled for 8 March.

Once again we need a good attendance, so please keep the date free. This is your opportunity for further input on the future of our organisation.

Details will be provided at the general meeting on 8 February, and in the March newsletter.

Right: Stan with grevillea posy

DID YOU KNOW?

2023 marks 20 years since Stan Kuhl first approached the Crows Nest Shire Council with his proposal to donate the land that would become Peacehaven Botanic Park.

Over the months that followed, Stan worked with council staff to ensure the land could never be used for any other purpose. They finally signed an agreement in December 2004.

You'll be able to read about this and much more in a book about Peacehaven to be published later this year. Further information soon.



NURSERY NEWS

The nursery got off to a great start after the break, with a big trading day last Saturday.

More new stock will be arriving soon, and many of the plants raised in the hothouse have been potted up and are ready for sale.

There are some specials for around dams and ponds, or for other damp areas.



Have you noticed this guy?

MUSIC IN THE PARK

This year's application for funding of the popular Music in the Park series has been submitted, and organiser Joe Kochman has his fingers crossed.

All being well, the first event will be held in mid-March.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting of the Friends of Peacehaven will, as usual, be held on the second Wednesday of the month.

Date: Wednesday 8 February

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

Place: Nursery Shed

All welcome.

TAVERN TALK

The topic for this month's Tavern Talk is **Keeping Native Bees**, presented by agricultural scientist **Phil Anning**. Phil will talk about both social and individual species of bees.

Date: Thursday 16 February

Time: 6 pm for a 7 pm presentation

Place: Highfields Tavern (purchase your own dinner and drinks)

Bookings: peacehaven3@gmail.com