



NEWS FROM PEACEHAVEN

May 2024

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Autumn is slipping away quickly. Do take some time to come and enjoy the park. The colours are spectacular, and it is an absolute delight to take a walk or just sit and enjoy the surroundings.

The Peacehaven Native Nursery is stocked up with a wide selection of Australian natives for your garden. It is a great time for planting, before the weather turns cold.

For advice on choosing plants that will increase biodiversity in your garden, come along to our next Tavern Talk on 9 May (details below). The talk, given by ecologist David Francis, will focus on the importance of providing food plants for butterflies and moths and food plants for native bees.

This is newsletter editor Barbara McKenzie's fiftieth edition of *News from Peacehaven* – it is no coincidence that the feature plants this month are gold ones! A big thank you, Barbara, for continuing to donate your time and skill.

Wendy Geue, President

FEATURE PLANTS: Go for gold

Looking for a touch of gold to brighten your garden? Look no further than the native hibiscus hybrid Jeff's Gold, or perhaps a beautiful *Eremophila* such as Mingenew Gold. Both plants have brilliant yellow flowers and would be showstoppers in any garden.

The native hibiscus tolerates frost and dry periods, and requires no pruning unless a denser appearance is required. *Eremophilas* are drought hardy and attract birds and beneficial insects.

Or, if you're after a hardy perennial groundcover, how about Yellow Buttons (*Chrysocephalum apiculatum*). It will give a splash of colour in the garden throughout the year.



Hibiscus Jeff's Gold: in stock at nursery

ROADWORKS UPDATE

The roadworks on Kuhls Road have entered their next phase, with the section between Peacehaven and Cawdor Road closed to through traffic.

To access the park and nursery by car, you now need to enter Kuhls Road from the Highfields Road end.



MOTHERS' DAY GIFT IDEAS

What better gift for Mum on 12 May than plants from the Peacehaven Native Nursery, or a gift voucher so she can select her own.

Alternatively, choose one of Chris Purchase's beautiful mosaics, or one of the books on sale at the nursery: *Plants of Charles & Motee Rogers Bushland Reserve* or *Peacehaven Botanic Park: Legacy of a Pioneering Family*.

But hurry if you want to buy the Peacehaven book at the discounted price of \$25: there are only a few copies left.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be held at the Nursery Shed on the third Wednesday of May.

Date: Wednesday 15 May

Time: 10 am

Place: Nursery Shed

All are welcome.

TAVERN TALK

Speaker: David Francis (pictured right)

Topic: Biodiversity in your garden

Date: Thursday 9 May

Time: 6 pm for 7 pm presentation

Place: Highfields Tavern – purchase your own dinner and drinks

RSVP: peacehaven3@gmail.com by Monday 6 May

