



NEWS FROM PEACEHAVEN

November 2024

FROM THE COMMITTEE

At the Friends' AGM, held on Thursday 17 October, the following committee members were elected:

- President: Wendy Geue
- Vice-President: Gary Lane
- Secretary: Juliana de Nooy
- Treasurer: Jennifer Caswell
- General committee members:

- Alison Fawcett (Nursery Coordinator)
- Barbara McKenzie (Newsletter Editor and Botanic Group rep)
- Claire Petterson and Alison Salisbury (joint Membership Coordinators)
- Robin Case
- Diana Beal.

Wendy is now taking a well-earned holiday overseas after a busy year.

The committee's main priority at present is the 20-year celebration on 15 December. There are still spaces left for like-minded organisations and community groups to take part with stalls, displays or activities. If you belong to a group that may be interested, please get in touch at peacehaven3@gmail.com.

FEATURE PLANT

If you're looking for a versatile, hardy, drought-resistant plant for your garden, look no further than an *Eremophila*. They vary in size from ground covers to small or medium shrubs, to trees up to 11 metres tall.

Eremophilas grow naturally in most parts of Australia and tolerate a wide range of soil types. Their leaves vary, as do the flower colours. They attract birds and insects, some have medicinal properties, and most are great in floral arrangements. *Eremophila* 'Pink Pantha' (pictured below) lasts very well in water as a cut flower.

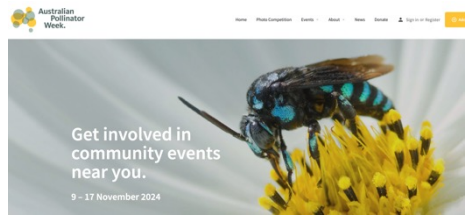


CITIZEN SCIENCE OPPORTUNITY

Do you know about the annual Australian Pollinator Week, scheduled this year for 9–17 November nationwide? It's your chance to help monitor how our insect pollinators are faring.

Pollinating insects make a crucial contribution to maintaining biodiversity and boosting agricultural productivity. Many of them also control pests.

To see how you can contribute, go to www.australianpollinatorweek.org.au.



54 DAYS TO CHRISTMAS!

Why not get ahead with your Christmas shopping and make some purchases at the nursery: a gift voucher or two, one of Chris's beautiful mosaics, or a copy of *Peacehaven Botanic Park, Legacy of a Pioneering Family*. The book is great value at \$30, with all proceeds going to the Friends of Peacehaven to contribute towards projects in the park.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Get ready to party all afternoon as The Jam Factory performs catchy tunes you can sing and dance to.

The band will play favourite classic pop, rock, country and dance hits of the past half-century.

Date: Sunday 10 November

Time: 1 pm to 3 pm

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting this month will be the final one of the year.

Date: Wednesday 20 November

Time: 10 am

Place: Nursery Shed

All welcome

20-YEAR CELEBRATION

Next month we will hold our community event to celebrate 20 years since Stan Kuhl donated the land that became Peacehaven Botanic Park. Mark it in your diary, tell your friends, spread the word!

Date: Sunday 15 December

Time: 3 pm to 6 pm

Place: Nursery Shed and surrounds