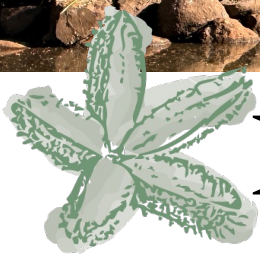


News from Peacehaven



From the president

The warm weather will soon give way to cooler autumn days, and we can all hope for some good, steady, garden-soaking rain to round out the warm season.

Music in the Park is returning, with the Harlaxton RSL Brass Band performing on 15 March 2026 from 1 pm to 3 pm. We extend our thanks to Heritage Bank for sponsoring this event and for supporting Peacehaven Park over many years. We hope to see you there for what promises to be a lovely afternoon.

The Native Plant Nursery is now open at its usual time, with a bumper start to the year. The Native Plant Nursery is run by volunteers and is a wonderful way to get involved. We welcome any contribution you can make, however small. If you are interested, don't hesitate to come in and see us when the nursery is open or contact us through our webpage.

-Louise de Beus, President.

Music in the park March feature

The Harlaxton RSL Brass Band will be performing in Peacehaven Park this month.

Bring a chair, enjoy the afternoon and soak up some wonderful live music.

Date: Sunday 15th March

Time: 1 pm to 3 pm

Home among the gum trees *Gum trees have an undeserved reputation for being dangerous or unsuitable for home gardens.*

We need not be afraid! Not all gum trees are large, shed branches, or even belong to the Eucalyptus genus.

The Corymbia genus was created in 1995 and contains 113 species. There are also 13 species of Angophora that closely resemble Eucalyptus. Together, these groups offer a wide range of sizes from medium shrubs to tall trees.

With the development of grafted plants and new cultivars, many species are now ideal for suburban gardens. Popular choices include **Corymbia ficifolia** and **Eucalyptus pulverulenta**. Gum trees are an important food source for native fauna, birds and insects, and they play a vital role in creating a healthy, biodiverse landscape.

At present, the Nursery has a good selection of gum species available, including the following.

Eucalyptus pulverulenta (Mountain or Silver Gum) — Rounded, silvery blue foliage often used in floristry. This species can be coppiced close to ground level to keep it compact.

Eucalyptus melliodora (Yellow Box) — A large tree highly valued by apiarists as the source of Yellow Box honey.

Eucalyptus scoparia (Willow Gum) — Endemic to the NSW and QLD border region. It features

Native Plant Nursery Opening Hours

Thursdays 9am – 12.30pm
Saturdays 9am – 1pm



Plant of the month Eucalyptus

Corymbia ficifolia in flower
Photo: Claire Petterson

smooth white/grey bark and weeping foliage.

Corymbia maculata (Spotted Gum) — Found from south-east Queensland to southern New South Wales, with isolated pockets in east Gippsland, Victoria. Known for its striking blotched trunk with patches of old bark contrasting with the smooth, cream bark beneath.

.References: Australian Native Plants Society; Australian Plant Society.

