

# News from Peacehaven

## Plant of the Month: Spotlight on Pomaderris

This June, we feature the *Pomaderris*, a lesser known native Australian plant species.

There are 70 different species of this shrubby species, most found only in Australia, and a handful in New Zealand. *Pomaderris* belongs to the Rhamnaceae (buckthorn) family. Other local native species *Alphitonia* and *Emmanosperma* are also in this family. Many species are threatened or endangered, which makes growing them in home gardens a small but meaningful act of conservation.

The Peacehaven Community Nursery is fortunate to have two *Pomaderris* species in stock. Both are mid-storey shrubs from 1.5 to 3 metres. Both plants will add something special to your biodiverse garden, providing habitat and food for some butterflies and moths. They thrive best in moist, shady areas.

Available are: ***Pomaderris sp. Girraween*** - endemic to Queensland's Girraween National Park and flowers in spring; and a NSW native named ***Pomaderris elachophylla***. The latter is listed as endangered in NSW.

If you are fortunate enough to find one of these special plants at the nursery this month, you will be taking home a piece of Australia's botanical heritage and giving it a safe place to thrive.



Pomaderris

**Two *Pomaderris* species are currently available to purchase from the community nursery. Photos by Alison Fawcett.**



### From the president

What a wonderful month for the Friends of Peacehaven, as the rains finally arrived.

The Friends of Peacehaven would like to thank Bernadette Sear for digitizing the Ben Gilbert Herbarium Collection which was donated to the Friends by Jean Gundy in 2010. A special mention to University of Southern Queensland, Diana Beal, Jeff Clewett, and Barbara McKenzie who supported Bernadette and we are very grateful for the wonderful work she has done.

Toowoomba is celebrating 50 years of World Environment Day on Sunday 7 June at Lake Annand with lots of stalls and activities.

Friends of Peacehaven are holding a stall there, selling plants & books and providing information. We are hoping to find volunteers who are willing to spend one or two hours on the stall. Please add your name to the roster emailed out on the 26th May or send an email advising of your interest to [peacehaven3@gmail.com](mailto:peacehaven3@gmail.com)

You may remember that last month Alan Burnell the President of the Australian Institute of Horticulture (AIH) gave a Tavern Talk. AIH have advised us of a wonderful initiative, AIH are now offering free subscription to their Hort Insight magazine for seniors aged 60+. Details on the benefits and how to subscribe can be found [here](#).

-Louise de Beus, President



### Nursery opening hours

Nursery hours for June:

Thursdays 9am – 12.30pm

Saturdays 9am – 1pm



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