

IWCS news down-under

the newsletter for

International Wood Collectors Society

Australasian Region



A MESSAGE FROM TRUSTEE HARRY

Greetings Wood Collectors from Staghorn Flat,

Esther & I have just returned from the Victorian meeting held on Anzac weekend in the Otway's, staying at Colac as we had never been in this area before. The Myrtle Beech, Backwoods and Euc, regnans were truly remarkable. A report of this meeting will feature in DownUnder and on the website.

Planning has continued for the Charleville 2016 International & Australasian AGM. We have held meetings with the events coordinator and other key personnel and have also visited Augathella and Maryvale Station to complete the final arrangements. A copy of the Draft program is included in this edition of DownUnder.

The conference registration fee has been set at \$475 and the registration form is available on the IWCS website. You will note from the Draft program that we will be asking members with vehicles to help transport members with no vehicles between conference venues and our accommodation and on two days we will be asking those with 4WDs to help ferry other members

Members of the International Wood Collectors Society are devoted to advancing information on wood, distributing information on collecting word, correctly identifying and naming wood specimens, and using wood in a creative and sustainable way.

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Western Australia: Charles Broadbent (08) 9752 2111 New Zealand: Graham Trost + 64 (03) 3389363 with no 4WDs . If you are planning a private trip prior to or after the meeting Avis & Budget both have an office at Charleville. Prior bookings would be advisable and the cost of 4WDs start at about \$150 per day with reductions for longer periods.

Early booking of Charleville accommodation is essential. An accommodation guide was printed in the February edition of DownUnder and is also on the IWCS website as is the registration form.

As we travelled home, Esther and I went further west to Quilpie, Eromanga, and then on to the Dig Tree & Innamincka, finally passing through Hungerford & Bourke until we reached home. A report on the trees and other features of our trip are included in this newsletter.

2017 AGM and Conference - Graham Trost has indicted his willingness to coordinate this event in the North Island of NZ. This was accepted by members present at our last AGM so we look forward to a great meeting in NZ next year.

A hearty welcome to IWCS new members Karl Vikstrom & Lisa Hooper (Qld), Rohan Reid (Vic) and Jeff & Cate Wrigley (SA).

We have included a membership application form with this edition of DownUnder and we encourage readers to pass this on to interested people.

A reminder—membership fees are \$65 for 1 year, \$180 for 3 years and \$275 for 5 years.

As my term as Australasian Trustee expires at the end of 2016, you will find included in this edition a nomination form for the election of Australasian Trustee for 2017-2019

Good wood collecting & crafting to all Esther ξ Harry Dennis



Arriving early in Charleville for the 2016
IWCS Conference?
Go straight to Page 21 to see what's happening locally at that time of year.

AROUND THE STATES

VICTORIA

Coming events

Wed 19 May at 7.30pm Large Meeting Room

The Meat Market 5 Courtney St North Melbourne

Why Timber Changes Colour

Rohan Baker, Chemical Engineer at Preschem, will talk about why timber changes colour over time and the effect of weathering. He will also talk about ways that colour changes and greying can be prevented or minimised, and how timber preservatives work.

Rohan has 17 years working for Preschem, an Australian company established by Chris Macevoy (formerly of the CSIRO) to manufacture timber preservatives and exterior finishes. Rohan's experience includes product development for remedial timber preservative systems and exterior timber finishes. He is also a member of the industry body, the International Research Group for Wood Preservatives (IRG-WP).

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Coming events

July - a stand at the Home Show

October - static display highlighting Australian trees with photographs, wood samples and leaves at the North Lodge in the Adelaide Botanic Gardens

4th December - Christmas Picnic at the Waite Arboretum.

QUEENSLAND

Coming events

 $Sat\ 9^{th}\ July\ extbf{-}$ Commencing with morning tea 9.30 at Randall Kirkwood's property

237 Morgans Road **Purga**

Randall is a member of Ipswich Woodcrafts Club and Native Plants Queensland. He is passionate about preserving and growing native trees and plants.

After morning tea we will travel 10 minutes to the **Purga Nature Reserve** which is adjacent to Randall's property. Purga Nature Reserve allows visitors to view the largest protected area of endangered Swamp Tea-Tree forest in the world and one of only a few stands of *Melaleuca irbyana* in Australia. Check out the web site:

http://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0015/26430/purga nature reserve trails guide.pdf

The next stop will be the Rosewood Scrub Arboretum where Arnold Rieck will conduct a tour and provide the history of the Rosewood area scrub forests. Web site: http://www.stgmagazine.com.au/pdf/PTB 5d.pdf

An auction and lunch is planned for the Rosewood site. Lunch will be provided with the usual donation, and please bring something to share for morning tea.

Please bring along wood, wood specimens or woodcraft items for the auction.

Directions to 237 Morgan's Road:

From the Cunningham Highway turn left into Middle Road about 2 km from the Ipswich Boonah Road intersection. Travel about 6 km on Middle Road then turn left into Purga School Road, then right into Morgan's Road. The Kirkwood property is on the right at the end of Morgan's Road. Please confirm if you are able to attend. Email Neal McDonald neal 9mac@bigpond.com

Phone: 32811342 or 0448464497

QUEENSLAND

The **2016 IWCS International Conference and Australasian AGM** will be held in Charleville, Qld.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to visit the authentic Australian outback.



Species encountered during 2014 IWCS trip to Maryvale Station and typical of timbers we expect to see during the 2016 Conference program

Common (Scientific name) and wood density (kg/m³)

wilga (*Geijera parvifolia*) - 900

mulga (Acacia aneura) - 1200

bowyakka (Acacia microsperma) - 1250

silver-leaved ironbark (Eucalyptus melanophloia) - 1100

wild orange (Capparis arborea) - 900

western rosewood (Alectryon oleiofolius) - 1150+

sandalwood (Santalum lanceolatum) - 930

false sandalwood (Eremophila mitchelli) - 1050

emu apple (Owenia acidula) - 930

belah (Casuarina cristata) - 1150

rough-barked apple (Angophora floribunda) - 880

leopardwood (Flindersia maculosa) - 960

yapunya (Eucalyptus thozetiana) - 1120

whitewood (Atayla hemiglauca) - 850

supplejack (Ventilago viminalis) - 980

beefwood (Grevillia striata)- 960

kurrajong (Brachychiton populneus) - 450

corkwood oak (Hakea lorea) - 1130

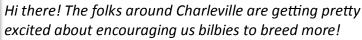
poplar box (Eucalyptus populnea) - 1150

myrtle tree (Psydrax oleifolius) - uk



A mature bowyakka (*Acacia microsperma*).

Third Letter from Bowyakka Bilby Bowyakka Bilby (BB)





As you can see I'm in training. They're even building special large fenced paddocks and celebrating in the week before the IWCS meeting, finishing with a 'The 1930's inspired fancy dress Charleville Fur Ball' on Saturday, September 10th. Not my fur mind you! Proceeds will go to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Too good to miss I reckon! Come and see if you can meet up with me. If that isn't enough, there's a country race meeting at Morven, 90 km away, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. What a warm up you Woodies are going to have for your meeting starting Monday, September 12th until Saturday, September 17th. Find out everything you need to know at https://www.woodcollectors.org. Go to the Publications tab to read my two earlier letters and to the Future Meetings tab for the Australasian 2016 Annual Meeting.

Of course we like to tell visitors about the three 'Must Do's" right in Charleville:

- A visit to the Royal Flying Doctor Service base
- The amazing School of the Air, and
- Gazing at the stars at Cosmos, through the clearest skies in the world.

Some of these attractions are part of our conference program.

Since my last letter, I found out more about Jenny and Robert Crichton, local IWCS members who will be hosting attendees as part of the program with a look at their unbelievable property, Maryvale Station, including a camp oven dinner. Robert has lived in this area all his life with Jenny arriving as a new bride in the 1960's. They are passionate about this area that I also call home. As well as running their extensive outback grazing property they have established Outback Hardwoods of Australia to sustainably make available to the world the amazing timbers from the extensive red soil of the Mulga Bioregion of Western Queensland. Jenny handcrafts silver and gold jewelry. Take a look at this link to find out more about the hardwood enterprise established out of the desire to survive drought on their 22,000 ha property. http://www.abc.net.au/landline/content/2004/s1189705.htm

The day at Maryvale Station will include the opportunity to purchase code of practice harvested timbers from Maryvale. This is a once-in-a-lifetime turner's and wood crafter's opportunity. Twelve of the district timbers are so heavy that they sink in water!

For an excellent introduction to the hardwoods of this area this book will help - 'Australian Timbers Vol.2 – Western Queensland Trees and their timbers' by Ellie Fairbairn Qld. Dept. of Natural Resources ISBN 0 7242 7418 9. 117 pp and around AUD\$60. Available from various book suppliers.

Back at the meeting centre in Charleville ... two boxes, each containing 40 standard specimen size local timbers will be offered for sale at \$235, weighing eight kilograms with the boxes 34 x 31 x 11 cm and weighing 8 kilograms. One box will be made of Northern Silky Oak (Cardwellia sublimis) and the other of Red Cedar (Toona ciliata) for members who would like to purchase a ready made collection of the local timbers. These have been meticulously prepared by Col Martin.

A list can be found on the following page of this edition of DownUnder.

The craft and wood auctions are a real highlight and you can be sure they will turn up some incredible offerings. Donors need to list their items with Marcia at $\underline{\mathsf{mtg@netspace.net.au}}$ by August 1st so that full catalogue will be available at the meeting.

For a lifetime experience of the unending space of the Australian outback, the clear night sky stars, the silence, emptiness, the red soil and the amazing tree timbers they produce, this is an IWCS event not to be missed. Register now by contacting Colin Martin at cmartin@icr.com.au or phone 61(0) 7-4635-3697. Registrations close August 1st.

Until we meet in Charleville,

See ya!" BB



Two boxes of 40 selected timbers, mostly from the Mulga Bio Region of Western

Queensland have been meticulously prepared by Col Martin and will be offered for sale at \$235. Weighing eight kgs each, the boxes measure 34 x 31 x 11 cm.

One box will be made of Northern Silky Oak (Cardwellia sublimis) and the other of Red Cedar (Toona ciliata) and will appeal to members who want to purchase a readymade collection of the local timbers.

Email Col for a complete listing, including common names, etc.

Acacia aneura
Acacia excels
Acacia harpophylla
Acacia maranoensis
Acacia microsperma
Alectryon oleifolius
Alstonia constricta
Atalaya hemiglauca
Cadellia pentastylis
Capparis mitchellii
Capparis spinosa var. nummularia
Casuarina cristata
Citrus glauca
Corymbia terminalis
Eremophila mitchellii

Eucalyptus intertexta
Eucalyptus melanophloia
Eucalyptus populnea
Eucalyptus thozetiana
Flindersia maculosa
Geijera parviflora
Grevillea striata
Hakea lorea
Owenia acidula
Psydrax oleifolius
Ventilago viminalis
Santalum lanceolatum
Acacia cambagei
Acacia crombiei
Acacia melvillei

Acacia peuce
Acacia salicina
Acacia shirleyii
Allocasuarina inophloia
Alphitonia excels
Archidendropsis basaltica
Brachychiton populneum
Eucalyptus cambageana
Eucalyptus microtheca
Lysicarpus angustifolius
Maytenus cunninghamii
Petalostigma pubescens
Terminalia oblongata
Xylomelum pyriforme

VALE - JANE LA SCALA (nee Cornell) IWCS # 7128

12/9/1935 - 23/3/2016

The celebration of Jane's life was attended on 1/4/2016 by Eugene Dimitriadis, John Lyons and Ian McLaughlin, and a host of relatives and friends – the funeral parlour was packed and overflowing.

Jane's profession was *Librarian*. She started as a girl learning the 'ropes' at several libraries and at another in North America. On returning to Melbourne, she joined the staff at the State Library of Victoria, rising to the most senior position, that of State Librarian. She and her husband, Peter, had two daughters. Jane joined the IWCS in April 1997, shortly before Peter died in 1998. She was already a member of the Victorian Woodworkers Association, and was its valued and respected Secretary for many years.



We knew her as a 'woody' and a keen one. She would help out at our public wood exhibitions and help out in any way asked of her, as best her family respon-

sibilities allowed. Over a period of about 3 years we held many wood identification workshops at her large home in Ivanhoe. This suited her because she could attend while looking after her aged mother, Barbara. It suited us as we needed a central place to meet and her home was large and ideal. She was always the perfect host and such meetings were always happy important social, as well as educational, occasions. Jane loved Mediterranean plants especially the softwood family and one of our members (John Lyons) inherited her collection of pine cones. Towards the end of her life her eyesight was failing but she remained active and determined to reach 80 before she succumbed.

The theme to celebrate her life was filled with another love: that of music - especially jazz. Around 2003, she renewed a friendship with a near- blind, former school friend, Graeme Huntington, who introduced her to jazz at a jazz club. Ever the willing worker she was the jazz group's Secretary and worked their world-wide Blog site very effectively and to great acclaim. So we had five musicians at the celebration-of-life service – oboe, clarinet, trumpet, bass and guitar playing traditional jazz music both during and after the service.

Jane was a very special, caring person. She will be long remembered for her sense of duty to the woodworking community and will be greatly missed. All those who knew her felt that it was a privilege.



IWCS SA Branch - Naracoorte meeting, 14th - 16th April 2016

Thirteen intrepid travellers made their way down from Adelaide to Naracoorte in the South East of South Australia to catch up with some of our more remote members. Actually that is not quite true, as Mary-Ann and Derby Munro came in from a trip to the Otways, and Naracoorte cannot really be called remote.

On Thursday evening it was a Meet & Greet with nibbles and a sausage sizzle with the occasional glass of red or brown water. We had a chat about upcoming events and our stand at the Home Show in July was confirmed. Discussion was held regarding our static display at the North Lodge in the Adelaide Botanic Gardens in October. It was decided to highlight a number of Australian trees with photographs, wood samples and leaves etc. Our Christmas Picnic will be on Sunday December 4th at the Waite Arboretum.

Friday morning at 0900 the group assembled and drove off in convoy. First stop was a property close to Bool Lagoon and the home of Bournes Bird Museum. Jack and Pat Bourne gave a tour of the museum with a great many stories. The museum holds over 600 birds comprising almost 330 species. They all seemed so alive, a testimony to the taxidermists skill. The museum also houses the Reg Attiwill Egg collection: not wooden eggs but real eggs. The majority of these had been single hole-blown as opposed to the way I tried as a younger person with a hole at both ends. This single hole method involves a hole in the centre of the egg, not the end, and air is blown over the hole through a tube extracting the contents via the Venturi Principle.





Jack and Pat took us next door to their home where Pat had savoury and sweet scones waiting for us with a nice cuppa. Jack sat down at a table and casually started to skin a raven (*Corvus coronoides*). (The crow (*Corvus orru*) is not actually found in southern Australia unless you count the football team). I think a lot of us were expecting a fair amount of blood and guts or at least a smell, but, nothing. The skinning process was technically incredible with the only slightly gruesome part being the removal of brains and eyes. The raven is a very intelligent bird and has quite a large brain as opposed to an Emu, when compared using the brain-to-body mass ratio. The bird was then restuffed using wires to hold leg bones and neck in place, with a polystyrene body and plastic eyes pressed in the putty-filled eye sockets. From first cut to finish took about 30 minutes.

From the museum we travelled to David Williamsons' (IWCS #7351) property and his gallery, Yulgilbar. David and Sandra set up the gallery in 1990 and the contents are a testament to David's love of Red Gum.

Lunch was in one of David's sheds, then back into convoy and off to Patyah, Victoria to visit Trevor Domaschenz on his property. This visit had 2 purposes; to look at trees and hopefully collect some wood, and to see Trevor's yabbi farm. We travelled around the property in convoy and stopped off to look at a number of trees and harvest some dropped material. There were 2 eucalypts about 20 feet apart. On one the bark spiralled clockwise, and on the other anti-clockwise. The locals claimed it was caused by a magnetic field. The jury is still out. We found Rough Barked Manna Gum (*Eucalyptus viminalis ssp cygnetensis*), Buloke (Allocasuarina luehmannii) and Moonah (*Melaleuca lanceolata*) as well as others, and harvested some wood from fallen limbs. But there was one amazing specimen and I don't think the photo does it justice. River Red Gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*). The canopy spread over 40 metres with branches touching the ground at both sides. You could quite easily lose yourself under the canopy.





River Red Gum (Eucalyptus camaldulensis). "Largest Flowering Gum Tree in the Southern Hemisphere".

Back at Trevor's house he took us around to the Yabbi (*Cherax destructor*) Farm. With claws like that it is no wonder they are called destructor. One, or rather two, interesting visitors on Trevor's property is a pair of Brolga (*Grus rubicunda*). Whilst we could not get close enough for photographs, they are majestic in flight.

It was then time to travel to Apsley for tea/dinner. There is a sign outside the town next to a Red Gum, "Largest Flowering Gum Tree in the Southern Hemisphere". I think it was a reference to the species which can be found in abundance in the area rather than to the particular tree. The Border Inn is a 166 year old hotel which closed in 2011. In 2014 a group of local farmers decided it was time to have a beer in the town again. The result is a wonderful version of a small town hotel, with one exception. They have one chef working in a small kitchen and what a job he does, no complaints from anyone. Then it was back to the caravan park for a rest.

Saturday Morning at 0900 its back on the road. This time we head for Andy Clifford's (IWCS #9172) property, Yallum Park. Anyone who attended the Australasian 2014 meeting will remember Yallum. On that occasion members planted a number of trees. About three specimens were planted by each state represented. We are happy to report that the majority are thriving and it would appear that Neville Bonney and Andy Clifford are making plans for some new plantings. Andy once again showed us around the main house and you can see the progress on restoration work that has been made since our last visit. Lunch was homemade soup, salads and a BBQ. Then it is time for the auction. Andy has some newly cut English / Irish Yew (*Taxus baccata*), Swamp She-oak (*Casuarina obesa*) and Giant Redwood (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*), Spanish Fir (*Abies pinsapo*) and Weymouth Pine (*Pinus willichiana*). Other members had brought all sorts of wood and the bidding was done in good fun. We travelled back to Naracoorte and dinner that evening was at the Naracoorte Hotel.



Everyone agreed it had been a great couple of days.

Victorian Members at Colac

by Harry Dennis and Morris Lake

Fifteen members gathered at Colac of Friday evening, 23rd April for a weekend meeting in Colac and the surrounding area as well as to share each others company and friendship. The first event was on Friday evening where we shared a buffet dinner at the Mid City Motel in Colac and caught up with everyone and John Lyon outlined the program for the next two days.

Bambra Agro Forestry Farm

Saturday after breakfast we set off for Bambra Agro Forestry farm and were conducted on a tour by the owner and Agroforester, Rohan Reid, who began by explaining and demonstrating the workings of his Norwood Sawmill, and demonstrated its excellent capabilities of manipulating a home-grown blackwood log (*Acacia melanoxylon*) by rotating it so it could be quarter sawn. He also water-cools the sawing process. As we progressed through his 42 ha plantation Rowan showed us his novel tree guard, which prevents destruction by sheep or wallabies, but also supports the tree without any tying which can cause damage by creating pressure points on the young growing stem.



Rowan demonstrating his tree guard, which uses a 1200 mm heavy plastic sleeve held up by flexible off-cuts of electrical conduit allowing the tree to bend naturally in the wind and develop strength as it grows, but the tree is not actually tied, and is protected from bark damage by sheep. In this case it is protecting a young red cedar tree.

Rohan demonstrating the unique log manipulation capabilities of his Norwood Sawmill, and the resulting product as seen on the right.

Rohan's gully management also involves the creation of fallen log barriers or whatever obstruction material is handy which will impede or divert the flow of water as it

runs down the gully following rain. In this way, by holding the water back for longer and slowing it down, a greater proportion of the normal precipitation will soak into a broader gully base, as well as developing water holes which have the potential to create greater biodiversity and will rehydrate the landscape and so increase overall tree growth. This is very similar to the concept of the Keyline System which has been proven to improve performance of livestock as well as creating greater biodiversity.

The group standing around a table made by Rohan, which has been placed between two 22 year old mountain ash (Eucalyptus regnans) trees. The table is made from trees planted at the same time as the trees it has been placed between.

Rowan believes that by planting at lower tree densities, the resulting, faster grown timber, will be comparable in total yield and quality as from a more dense stand which is progressively thinned.







Rowan, performing the last pruning of a young yellow stringybark (Eucalyptus muelleriana) Note his position on the ladder and the use of a safety harness. All trees planted have been pruned to give clear mill logs with a clear trunk to 6.5 metres.

The original plantings on the property were:

- shining gum (Eucalyptus nitens),
- blackwood (Acacia melanoxylon),
- poplars (Populus spp.)
- oaks (Qurcus spp.),
- Californian redwod (Sequoia sempivirens)
- black walnut (Juglans nigra)
- radiata pine (*Pinus radiata*)
- hickory wattle (*Acacia aulacocarpa*)

Along creek flats thoughout the farm, early species are now being replaced with sub-tropical rainforest species which include;

- Australian red cedar (*Toona australis*) which at this latitude is not attacked by tip moth and thus survive and grow well. The 10 year old trees have a diameter of 15 cm and are growing well despite being out of their normal environment. The Californian redwoods, which are 85 cm in diameter at 29 years and have helped to control tunnel erosion on steep banks because they have a deep rooting system which *Pinus radiata* do not have.
- native pepper (Tasmannica lanceolata) and
- lemon myrtle (*Backhousia citriodora*) have been planted on the creek margins to sell their leaves to restaurants as flavourings.

We spent 3 hours with Rohan and only covered about a third of his 42 ha lot and we were amazed at his passion and knowledge of Agro Forestry. Before leaving we retired to his shed for a pleasant sandwich lunch and some more discussion and thank you's.



One of the original planting of Californian redwood (Sequoia semivirens) which are now 29 years old and the largest of which has an 85 cm diameter. This species is the tallest tree species in the world growing to 115.5 metres.

The thick ground cover of redwood fronds under the trees.



In an oak grove beside the creek Rohan is growing Shitake mushrooms on English oak thinning's and this will be another source of income as well as selling oak logs to mushroom growers. These are a delicacy and are currently returning \$400 per kg.



Colac Woodcafters Guild workshop with blackwood tables in the foreground.

Colac Woodcrafters Guild

After lunch we drove back to Colac for a visit to the Colac Woodcrafters Guild premises and were given a run down on Guilds activities by their President Norm Griffiths. We were then introduced to 6 members who each spoke on the features, uses and beauty of one of following species:

- satinwood, (*Phebalium squameum*)
- sassafras (Atherosperma moschatum)
- blackwood (Acacia melanoxylon),
- jarrah (Eucalyptus marginata),
- myrtle (Nothofagus cunninghamii)
- mountain ash (*Euc. regnans*).

Following presentations, Harry Dennis gave a short description of IWCS activities and objectives and presented the members with several slabs of wood from outside their area as a thanks for their hospitality. which included afternoon tea.

Timber auction and meeting

We returned to Mid-City Motel Colac and held an impromptu auction of donated woods followed by a discussion on the next meeting site, and it was agreed that it be held in late Nov in the Healesville region. John Lyons will also advise of a venue and date for a weekend meeting to be held prior to Anzac Day, 2017 in the Marysville region, which Harry will investigate.

This was followed by a show and tell session and a pleasant dinner at the Oddfellows Restaurant — a very apt name for this group.

Eucalyptus regnans reaching for the sky,

Sunday activities - Otway Fly visit

Sunday we were off to the Otway Fly where we viewed the forest from the base of the trees, to the tree tops. Some of the ancient blackwood's approx. 40 m high, rivalled the giants we saw in the Dismal Swamp in NW Tasmania. In another section there was almost a monoculture of myrtle (*Nothofagus cunninghamii*) with huge Mountain Ash on the drier slopes. Susie was delighted with bird life and managed to photograph a bird that she had seen before but never been able to photograph.

The skill of the engineers and steel workers who built these structures, which in some places are at least 50 metres above ground is remarkable and the view is tremendous,





and Acacia melanoxylon not far behind it

Morris was able to photograph the flowers of *Eucalyptus regnans* which would have been at least 50 metres above ground — except that he was standing at the very top of the tower on the highest treetop walk in the world, which took the viewer right into the crown of the trees — actually the tallest growing flowering trees in the world — WOW!!!!

The alternative would have been to swing on a rope from a star.

Following that momentous event we continued on south to Binns Rd to the Redwood Forest planted in 1938 on the banks of the Aire river where we had a picnic lunch.



Lunch on bank of the Aire river with 78 year old redwoods in background.

.After lunch we travelled further south in the Great Otway National Park to Maits Rest where, in the carpark we found a kangaroo apple tree (*Solanum aviculare*) that was in full fruit. The short walk down into Maits Rest took us through towering mountain ash, satinwood (*Phebalium squameum*) — and identified by the distinctive smell of the bark, blackwood (*Acacia melanoxylon*), and some very old myrtle beech (*Nothofagus cunninghamii*) trees.

Having 'treed' ourselves out, we returned to Colac via Lavers Hill for a well earned rest and dinner at the motel.



Flowering buds and leaves of the tallest flowering tree in the world!



 $Redwood\ stump\ developing\ coppicing.$



lan Heffernan admiring the huge mountain ash (Eucalyptus regnans) with figured trunk flanked by silver wattle (Acacia dealbata)



Ancient myrtle beech covered in burl with tree fern (Dickisonia antartica).



Ancient myrtle beech (Nothofagus cunninghamii) showing the original ground level and the exposed root system.

Colac Botanical Gardens

Monday morning we met at the historic Colac Botanical Gardens where our guides Anne Mercer and Helen Paatsh gave us a very enlightening run down on the history of gardens which was initially laid out in 1868 by Daniel Bruce (also Curator of Geelong Botanical Gardens) and remodelled in 1910 by Willian Guilfoyle. The gardens were classified by the National Trust in 1990 and are home to 5 trees on the National Trust of Victoria Significant Trees Register. These include;

- 1. Pagoda Tree (*Sophora japonica*), a native of China and Korea and 90 years old.
- 2. Eila Keightly Kohuhu (*Pittosporum tennifolium*) a native of New Zealand.
- 3. Bunya pine (*Araucaria bidwillii*) a native of Queensland.
- 4. The Huntingdon elm (*Ulmus X hollandica* "*Vegeta*") a rarely planted cultivar and 100 years old.
- 5. Tecate cypress (*Cupressus forbesii*), the only known planting of this 80 year old tree in Victoria.



John Lyons presenting a copy of **Australian trees and shrubs- common and scientific names**, to Anne Mercer and Helen Paatsh for their interest in showing us around the Colac Botanic Gardens.



Harry is seen here standing 'under' the old root system which you can see in the photo on the left

The gardens also feature an Oak Drive with 100 oak trees, most of which are English oak (*Quercus robur*). The gardens have 16 oak varieties, and 34 acacia's as well as many other overseas and Australian trees and shrubs — a well cared for and obviously well administered public garden, and one in which the local inhabitants obviously have great pride and use as well. As we were leaving the gardens the local Anzac Day Commerative March was leaving from outside the main entrance.

Victorian Trustee Rep. John Lyons, made a presentation to our guides Helen and Anne from Friends of Colac Botanical Gardens before we all said our goodbyes — which can be difficult when you have — again — experienced such a great time with your woody friends.

In conclusion

It takes a number of people to organise a weekend such as this and its also more sustainable when others give their help and in closing Harry expressed his thanks to John and Judy Wheeler for suggesting Colac, arranging the visit to Colac Botanical Gardens and researching accommodation, etc, in the first place. Also thanks to Annie and Eugene for arranging catering and to Eugene for recruiting Rohan Reid who was a vital component which put the meeting on a sound footing as the first event. It also attracted Morris and Robin Lake to travel from Queensland to take part.

Thanks also to Ian McLaughlin and Ian Heffernan for researching and arranging the forest sites, and to John Lyons for arranging the visit to the Otway Fly and administration for the weekend.

Many hands make light work, — as has been shown by this meeting — so we encourage members in other states to pick up the phone, or send an email to your State Trustee Rep if you have somewhere you consider to be suitable for a get together.

Taking the Long Road Home

Esther & Harry Dennis 9260

If you are planning to drive to Charleville in September for the International IWCS Meeting here is some information which may be useful should you decide to come, or go, the long way round. It may help if you use a map and follow us as we relay our somewhat leisurely journey home from Charleville to Staghorn Flat. If you have never been on the inland route here's what you can expect to see — and some of it is absolutely unique, and the likes of which occur nowhere else on this planet.

So, we hope this may be helpful for your journey if you should decide to come the long way.

Esther and I were in Charleville after the Turnfest (at Sea World, Southport, Qld) in order to complete arrangements for the meeting so, with that completed, we left Charleville at 8.30 am.

After crossing the Warrego River we turned onto the Adavale road with its dense stands of mulga (*Acacia aneura*) on both sides of the road. Eight km out of Charleville we called in at the Evening Star Caravan Park to check out the sites, and met Trevor who showed us around. About 17 km down the road and after we crossed the Ward River we saw gidgee (*Acacia cambage*i), coolabah (*Eucalyptus coolabah*), brigalow (*Acacia harpophylla*), yapunyah (*Eucalyptus ochrophloia*) and river red gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulen-sis* var. *obtusa*).

Further on we interrupted a pair of wedge-tailed eagles feeding on road kill, and by now the mulga was interspersed with false sandalwood (*Eremophila mitchellii*), poplar box (*Eucalyptus populnea*) and Dawson gum (*Eucalyptus cambageana*).

We pulled up at Oak Swamp, 98 km out from Charleville and parked in the shade of a belah (*Casuarina cristata*) for smoko. It was not long before we received a visit from a very friendly Adavale police officer who checked that we were OK, and gave us a rundown on the rest of the road to Quilpie. We also found some creek wilga (*Eremophila bignoniiflora*) growing among the belah.

On reaching Mariala National Park we spotted some more wedge tailed eagles, emus and wallabies and the mulga was interspersed similarly with poplar box, false sandalwood and then some brigalow, coolabah and river red gum in the creek beds. As we crossed the causeway at Blackwater Creek the water from a recent downpour further up the creek was gushing through the pipes. We reached the historic town of Adavale —now with a pub, Police Station and 25 residences, which has dropped from a population of 2,500 in 1900. The pub also serves as Cafe, Information Centre, Store and general meeting place, and we had a very delicious Outback Pie and salad for lunch.

The road from Adavale to Quilpie follows the Bulloo River through a very dry and rocky section with stunted mulga and the occasional leopard wood (*Flindersia maculosa*) with coolabah, river red gums on the creek crossings and gidgee on the clay flats.

We arrived at Quilpie at 4.30 pm and visited the Information Centre which has lots of local history to see, and to work out what we could do in Quilpie the next day.

We could have travelled the 225 km to Quilpie in just 3 hours down the highway, but we chose to take the alternative route through Mariala National Park and Adavale which, although it is 295 km and around 75% dirt road, is well worth the extra effort.



Baldy Top Thargomindah Road Quilpie Gidgee foreground and Mulga on summit.



Mulga on Summit Baldy Top jump up

From Quilpie to Eromanga, we travelled through alternating mulga and gidgee, interspersed with leopard wood, desert bloodwood (*Corymbia serosa*), boree (*Acacia tephina*), with river red gum, coolabah and a stand of brigalow in creek beds until we crossed the Grey Range, which is 224 metres above sea level — and we saw our first mob of sheep. We reached Eromanga, and enjoyed lunch in the 100 year old Royal Mail Hotel.

At Eromanga we toured the Natural History Museum where three dinosaur fossils are on display: one 30 metres long and standing 6 metres high was discovered recently and is being preserved and prepared for public display. These are a completely new dinosaur species, Titanosaur.

Also being processed are the are the Eulo megafauna, nicknamed 'Kenny' which is a *Diprotodon optatum* - a giant wombat. The facility is open on week days only, with tours at 10am, 12am, and 1.30pm. The interesting feature is that you not only see the displays, but staff also explain the process of preparing the bones for exhibition. (07 4656 3084,

Driving on we entered the Bulloo Shire where the roads immediately widened. We travelled through alternating gibber country and ironstone flats, with the vegetation criss-crossed by dry creek beds with creek wilga, coolabah, mulga, desert bloodwood and in one creek bed we found several ghost gums (*Corymbia aparrerinja* syn. *Euc. a.*).

We spent the night at Noccundra in a very comfortable 'donga' at historic Noccundra Hotel, built in 1882 of sandstone quarried at Mt Pool in New South Wales and transported across the border by Camel Train. The hotel is all that remains of the town and was listed by the National Trust in 1977. It is adjacent to a very deep water hole on the Wilson River which has never been known to dry up and which is a mecca for anglers and is now part of Noccatunga Station. They serve excellent meals and the hosts are very friendly (07 4655 4317). All the roads are sealed to here. 280 km from Quilpie.

The following day we set off from the Noccundra Hotel, passing through undulating and flat gibber plains with sparse vegetation and dry creek beds, until we reached the Cooper Flood Plains which are around 25 km wide. We stopped here for smoko at a bridge over the main channel of the Cooper, at Naccowalah Waterhole. There were many very old, large coolibah's followed by treeless plains with occasional sand hills and many small creek beds with mineritchie (*Acacia cyperophylla*) lining the banks. Across the flood plains we saw bull oak (*Hakea chordophyllia*), straggly corkbark (*Hakea eyreana*), Queensland bean tree or native bauhinia (*Lysiphyllum gilvum*), native apricot (*Pittosporum phylliroides*) and needlewood (*Hakea leucoptera*), to name a few.



Mature Boree (Acacia tephrina)



Yapunyah (Eucalyptus ochrophloia)



Mature Coolabah at Naccowlah Waterhole



Mineritchie tree at Cooper Floodplain

We turned off at St Anne's Range where flat-topped hills broke the skyline as we neared the famous Dig Tree on Nappa Merri Station. Along the 14 km track to the Dig Tree we met Ranger Col, who was a 'fount of knowledge' and also helped us confirm the identification of the Queensland bean tree.

The Dig Tree is of course an Australian Icon and is well bedded in Australian history. In 1860, the Government of Victoria, then Australia's richest state, decided to sponsor a lavish expedition to make the first south-north crossing of the continent to the Gulf of Carpentaria. Eighteen men, twenty camels, and over twenty tons of provisions started out from Melbourne in August on their illfated trip led by Robert O'Hara Burke and William John Wills. The party reached Cooper Creek by December and having built a stockade, Burke and Wills started north, along with Grey and King, with four men remaining at the stockade camp. The team followed the Corella River into the Gulf and found vast salt marshes lay between them and the sea. Disappointed they left the Normanton area in February 1861 and headed back south. Their progress was slowed by the wet season and food was

running out. On the evening of April 21 they staggered back into the stock camp which had been decamped only that morning. They tried to walk south and reached the Innamincka area where they were fed by aboriginals but by September when a rescue party had tracked them down only King was still alive. Burke's grave may be seen further downstream near Innamincka.

We inspected the Dig Tree and the carving of Bourke's head in an adjacent tree.

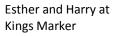


Blaze on the Dig Tree B LXV



Bourke's head carved on nearby tree

We spent the next day at Innamincka and visited Wills grave site and Kings Marker, where he was found alive living with the local Aboriginals. We also visited other areas along Cooper Creek.



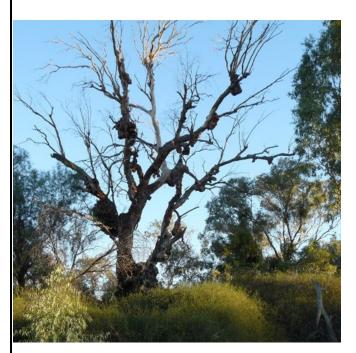




Inca Cruise boat at Cooper Creek

We returned to Noccundra Hotel for lunch and then drove on to Thargomindah, noticing that the land-scape changed from being dominated by mulga with patches of gidgee on the clay soil and the previous mixture of the flood plains with Lignum lined banks, to include western dead finish (*Acacia tetragono-phylla*) in the rockier areas. 360 km.

As we left Thargomindah and crossed the Bulloo River we came into an almost monoculture of yapunyah on the flood plains which quickly gave way to mulga again on the sandy flats and rocky areas with the occasional desert bloodwood and later leopard wood and poplar box.



Dead and live burls on the river red gums



Pelicans appear as soon as the flood waters raise the water levels.



An ancient coolabah.

We stopped at Lake Brindogully National Park where all the lakes were dry, but there were specimens of *Acacia ammophlia*, which has no common name and which grow only there and in the Mariala National Park. Other species found included emu apple (*Owenia acidula*), myall (*Acacia pendula*), corkbark (*Hakea ivoryi*), needlewood (*hakea leucoptera*) and leopard wood.

Further on to the west of Eulo, on the flood plains of the Pardo River, the mulga gave way to very large gidgee and yapunyah again — and of course is the home of the giant wombat fossils on display at Eromanga.

We also drove along an interesting nature loop which runs along a billabong of the Pardo River where the major tree species are identified by name, which is unusual, but useful.

We then set off for Hungerford, but had the misfortune to experience a blowout in a rear tyre. We put the spare on and continued through Currawinya National Park with plenty of native bauhinia (*Lysiphyllum gilvum*), wild orange (*Caparris mitchellii*) and belah (*Casuarina cristata*) plus 15 acacias and a further 8 eucalypt species.

We travelled very slowly the last 80 km to the Royal Mail Hotel at Hungerford where we spent the night and were able to add some air to a dodgy spare tyre. The Royal Mail Hotel was established in 1873 and from 1875 was a Cobb and Co. staging post. The hotel was constructed of corrugated iron which was transported over 200 km from New South Wales on bush tracks. This is the original building and is still in use today. They certainly were made to last. 250 km travelled.

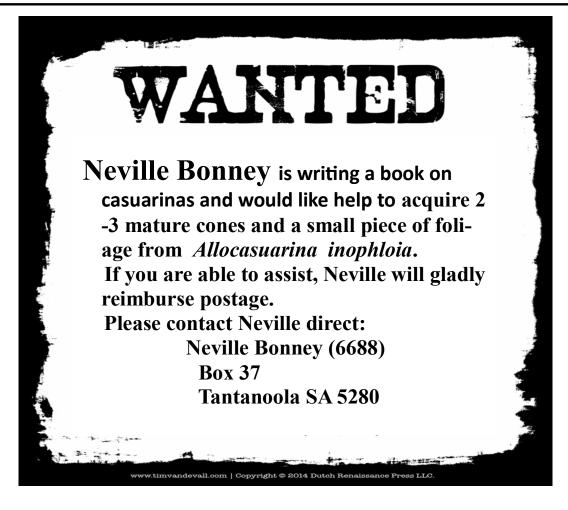
We then spent the next three days driving home via Bourke where we were finally able to obtain a spare tyre, then on to Griffith, and home to Staghorn Flat, some 1200 km in the last leg of our adventure.



Yapunyah in full flower



One destroyed rear tyre, which came to a sudden end 40 km south of Eulo.



Nominations for Australasian Trustee

Period: Nomination of IWCS Region Trustee for the three year term 2107 to 2019.

The retiring Trustee, under the IWCS Constitution, is not eligible to nominate for re-election.

- 1.2 <u>Closing Date</u> for Nominations: Closing date of August 1st for nominations. All nominations are to be submitted to the Trustee on the published nomination form.
- 1.3 Who may nominate? A member may be nominated with their consent, or nominate themselves.
- 1.4 Who may be nominated? Nominees must be paid up members of the Society on good standing and have read and be committed to adhere to the current IWCS Role and Responsibility statement on the Trustee's position including the additional regional documentation on the position. A copy of this statement is held by and is available from the Trustee.

2. Nomination Form for I	IWCS TRUSTEE, AUSTRALAS	SIAN REGION 2017 to 2019
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[A]	[A] I wish to nominate		for this position	
	Membership number:	Signed:		
[B]	Name of person nominating:		(Name)	
	Membership number:	.Signed		

Note:

- (1) If you are nominating yourself, complete part [A] only. If you are nominating another member, please have the person you are nominating sign part [A] and complete part [B] yourself.
- (2) Nominees and nominators must be paid up members of the IWCS.
- (3) Nominees must have read and be prepared to adhere to the current IWCS Role & Responsibility statement for this position. This is available from the current Trustee.
- (4) Complete the details on this nomination form and send to:

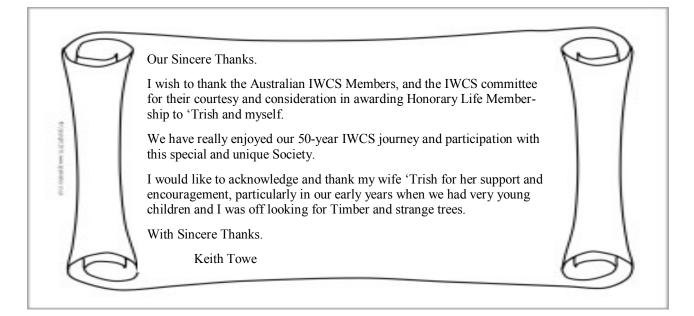
Harry Dennis

IWCS Trustee

566 Wodonga- Yackandandah Rd Staghorn Flat 3691

Email: dennispastoral@bigpond.com

By August 1st, 2016



Maleny Wood Show, 30 April-2 May, 2016



Seventeen Queensland members took the opportunity to attend this year's Maleny Wood Show, which was extended to three days this year because of the Monday public holiday, and despite the wet conditions at the beginning, which is not unusual for Maleny, being elevated as it is in the Blackall Ranges, the crowds were still present and kept us busy for most of the time.

As you can see from the photographs of the display — and I have taken these shots before opening, so as not to hide any of the display — you can appreciate that Brian Davis, Colin Martin and Peter Simpson went to great effort to put together over 750 standard specimens on the upright boards for this years show — all of which have been built by Brian over preceding years — as well as around 250 individual specimens arranged on the tables. This gave a grand total of around 1,000 different specimens on display all together. This is without a doubt the most spectacular and best presented IWCS specimen display that I have ever seen, and if you can imagine this display as seen above, filled with show visitors, then that was the mood for most of the time we were open.

It's not an exaggeration to say that most visitors spend time handling and discussing the specimens on the table as well as viewing the boards, of which more than two-thirds are Australian species arranged in alphabetic order by genus and species, and one third overseas species.

Many visitors come prepared with questions about individual species, which we then locate on the boards and this provides the focus for a discussion on wood, which can lead off in as many directions from that point as you can imagine. The presence of actual specimens is the trigger for discussion on topics about wood. Others bring specimens with them to confirm their own or others identification. We also handed out our IWCS brochure which describes what IWCS is, and also contains a membership form, and I am positive that we will have new members as a result of this display.

The display is right for the event and gives a very good opportunity for visitors to talk to members manning the stand and to find out what we are all about. The specimens on the boards are not glued to the backing board, but are housed in slots with bottom and upper overhang so that they can be 'lifted' to judge weight and get a feel of the wood -— so it's very tactile and the wood can be gripped and moved despite being locked into the display boards.

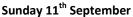
The meeting also provides an opportunity for individuals to catch up and share their stories and relate activities that they have been participating in.

Thanks to all who participated.









8:00 am: Set up hall, auction, Show & Tell at Raceview Early Bird Registration from 10:00 am at Raceview Complex

Monday 12th September

8:00 am: Registration at Raceview Complex: set up hall, auction, Show & Tell

9:00 am: 4WD Tour - Nick Swadling

Sausage sizzle lunch

1:00 pm: 4WD Tour - Nick Swadling

Afternoon: Own selection of local attractions at your pace, e.g. World War II Convoy Tour, USA Air Force Base, RFDS old hanger

Royal Flying Doctor base Donna Reynolds Studio of Arts

School of Distance Education (incorporating School of the Air)

Native tree walk River Walk Historic house

5:00 pm: Pre-dinner drinks & nibbles

6:00 pm: Welcome to country. Official opening followed by welcome BBQ hosted by Rotary / Lions.

Tuesday 13th September

9:00 am: Bus pick up Raceview Complex - Sommariva Olives, Maryvale Station: Maryvale Lunch by Bakery Camp Oven

dinner by Robert& Jenny 7:00 pm: Bus depart Maryvale

Wednesday 14th September

Tour Tregole National Park, Morven Museum, Augathella, Augathella Visitors Centre. Lunch by bakery.

Baily Bar Yabby races. **OPTIONAL** camp oven dinner - **cost \$23 p/p cash only** (Vegan, gluten free & lactose free available) Booking and payment needed at time of registration.

Thursday 15th September. Delegates do their own thing at own pace.

9:00 am: Wood & Craft Auction 1:00 pm: Lunch at Raceview Complex

2:00 pm: Australasian AGM 4:00 pm: International AGM 6:00 pm: Cosmos. BBQ by Cosmos

Friday 16th September

9:00 am: Wood & Craft Auction continues

1:00 pm: Lunch

Afternoon: Own selection of local attractions at your pace, e.g.

World War II Convoy Tour, USA Air Force Base, RFDS old hanger

Royal Flying Doctor base Donna Reynolds Studio of Arts

School of Distance Education (incorporating School of the Air)

Native tree walk River Walk Historic house

Evening: Optional Bilby Experience. Cost \$10

Saturday 17th September – Open Day to the public

Craft Demo, Show & Tell, specimen swap & sales, Craft sales, silent auction, craft & wood

Lunch: BBQ

Evening: Wind-up dinner. Good old Aussie Roast

Sunday 18th September

Dismantle displays at Riverview Complex

<u>NB:</u> Delegates with vehicles will be asked to offer those without vehicles transport between venues.



2016 International / Australasian IWCS Annual General Meeting

Charleville Qld Australia 12 – 17 September 2016

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

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Members are asked to bring items for Show & Tell, Swap or Sale and craft items for sale to the public on Open Day. Auction items: All items for inclusion in the Auction must be registered with Marcia Tommerup by 1st August 2016 (mtdg@netspace.net.au). No item will be accepted for auction at the meeting if not registered prior as the auction schedules will be printed prior to the meeting commencing. Example of Auction Registration:

Type	Common Name	Species	Comment	Donor
Wood	Brittle Gum	Eucalyptus mannifera	100 x 100 x 300	Doug Malsem



AUSTRALIAN

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or RENEWAL

FOR

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For residents in Australia renewing or applying for new membership

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Make cheques payable to: IWCS Australasian Region

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