

WELCOME TO 2022

Hard to believe, isn't it? I hope you all had a great break over Christmas/New Year and you're keen to get back into club activities.

Obviously, we'll still be keeping Covid safe as far as possible, but we hope there can be a little more normalcy in our lives from here on.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Fun and Games

Join us at The Ballroom on February 15th for a night of fun and games – all plant related. Bring your joyous attitudes and your sense of humour for a good, fun way to get into 2022.

Restrictions on numbers are in place due to Covid. The current rules say 1 person per 2m², which gives us 30 people allowed in the Jack Kendall Lounge. Please let Ade know if you intend to come by emailing him at <u>adefoster@internode.on.net</u> or replying to the email that brought you this newsletter. If the number limit is reached, you'll be informed that you are unable to attend.

Please remember that you must be vaccinated to attend and you will be required to log in via QR code and show your Valid Vaccination Certificate.

2022 MEETINGS

March 15 th	-	Geoff Lay – 'Desert Plants'
April 19 th	-	Neil Marriott – 'Grevilleas'
May 17 th	-	Royce Raliegh – 'Lesser Known
Plants for the Garden'.		
June 21 st	-	ТВА
July 19 th	-	ТВА
August 16 th	-	AGM and Photo Competition
Sept 20 th	-	David Pye – 'Dryland Eucalypts'.

CONTACTING THE SECRETARY

Please use <u>apsgeelong@gmail.com</u> if you wish to contact the secretary for any reason. Thanks

AT LAST

by Peter Nuzum

Amazing!!! My *Syzygium anisatum* which was planted some 30 years ago and has existed as a slender, nonflowering shrub about 2 metres in height has now decided it is time to do something. Over the past couple of years, it has doubled in size and width and finally it has decided to flower. Not many flowers but at least it does have some now.



From Wikipedia:- Known

as Aniseed Tree or Ringwood, it is a rare native rain forest tree, sold in the nursery trade as Aniseed Myrtle. Although previously known, it was first sold in the early 1990s as a bush food spice, and in the mid-1990s cultivated in plantations to meet demand. Research indicates that aniseed myrtle oil has antimicrobial activity, including on the pathogenic yeast *Candida albicans*.

CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

2021

Our Christmas function was well attended and everyone had a great time saying 'good riddance' to 2021. It was a great opportunity to meet and forget about the stresses of life for a couple of hours. Doubtless there will be many cherry tree seedlings popping up at Rippleside in the near future

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