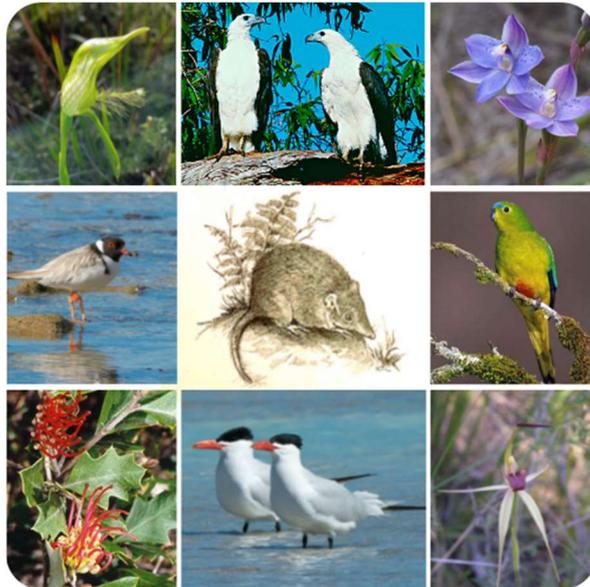


September 2021

Angair Nature Show

www.angairnatureshow.org.au



This year the popular Angair Nature Show will run alongside and complement the Wildflower & Art Weekend. An additional theme for this year is Protect, focusing on the many threatened habitats and species of flora and fauna in the area.

The nature show will be online from 9 September until the end of October. Make a visit and explore new content including more filmed and self-guided walks in downloadable and flipbook format; see how our Environmental Care team work; view an online tutorial by Marg Lacey on how to photograph birds; share Peter Forster's love of the many, many birds he encounters on his regular walks along the Anglesea River; view the Student Online Exhibition about the threatened species of our area and much more. Many items from last year will remain online, including by popular demand the jigsaw puzzles. Also calling all poets to submit a poem for the Poetry Share on the theme of a threatened environment, fauna and flora. You can read the 2021 poems here:

<https://angairnatureshow.org.au/themes/create/poetry-share-view-contributions/>

Get To Know Our Tracks Walk
Ironbark Gorge Walk: 4.6 km, approx. 1.30 hr, 25 September

Gail Slykhuis



A botanical spring feast awaits as we enjoy this easy circuit which starts and finishes at the Distillery Creek picnic ground. Be prepared for a variety of vegetation, from tall timber to small heathland species with some superb ferns thrown in. Meet at the Aireys Inlet Community Hall car park at 9.30 am
Bring morning tea and water. Please contact Gail 040 130 1851

Help Wanted



COVID-19 restrictions will inevitably mean fewer visitors to the Angair Wildflower & Art Weekend this month. Ironically, they will also mean we need many more volunteers to ensure that the show is COVID-safe. In addition to the usual throng that sets up and staffs the show each day, we will need extra people to act as COVID marshals to direct the foot traffic and to ensure physical distancing, mask-wearing and QR code registration are happening. Several of our dedicated show volunteers are unable to help this year so we will also need more people to do some of the regular tasks.

If you can give a couple of hours of your time on the show days (18-19 September) or the set-up days (16-17 September) please contact admin@angair.org.au with Show Volunteer in the subject line and indicate the sort of job you'd like to do.



Orchid of the Month

Margaret MacDonald and Alison Watson

As winter draws to a close some of our springtime orchids are starting to appear. The heart-lipped Spider Orchid is widespread in the area but is not common. The species is very variable in colour and very distinctive with its broad heart-shaped labellum bearing a central cluster of thick glossy calli crowded on top half. It should flower through until October.

For a full report on local springtime orchids, see the coming edition of the Angair Quarterly.



Bird News

Ellinor Campbell

Breeding season is here and there are signs everywhere in the bird world. Along the clifftops at Aireys Inlet and Anglesea, Rufous Bristlebirds are running, chasing and calling. One of our members was privileged to view a courting couple in her garden. Listen out for the long, ringing multinote call of the male, closely followed by the shorter reply from the female.

Black-shouldered Kites can often be seen on the lookout at the top of a dead tree on the west side of the Painkalac Creek near the small reserve, as they are nesting nearby. We are wondering if this is the pair that nested in the Allen Noble Sanctuary last year, as the Norfolk Island Pine there is currently unoccupied. The Nankeen Kestrels are courting again near Point Roadknight, but hopefully have not nested in any of the trees that are about to fall off the cliff. On the beaches the Double-banded Plovers have been displaying their magnificent breeding plumage before flying back to New Zealand. Our own Hooded Plovers are pairing up, so we hope they will have a much better season this year. It is important that dogs are now on leashes as they could disturb nests. For a full bird report, see the coming Angair Quarterly.



Plant price rise

Sally White

Rising costs have meant the prices for the plants lovingly propagated in the propagation unit will have to go up from this month. The price to members will be \$3.00 each and to the general public \$4.00 each. A 10 per cent discount will apply to orders of 30+ plants. The two *Xanthorrhoea* species will cost \$6.00 each. The price rise is the first for several years but inevitably costs have climbed. But members' conscientious return of the black plastic forest tubes for reuse has been invaluable in lessening our costs, even if it makes washing-up a chore! The members' sales day that is normally held before the Wildflower & Art Weekend has been cancelled. We will inform members by email of an online alternative as soon as details are confirmed.

Membership ... Lynn Wallace-Clancy

Angair is pleased to welcome several new members who have joined over the last month: Daniel and Fred Cassar from Hillside, Keith Mc Lean and Lesley Cadzon from Fairhaven, Bernadette and Danielle Gilbertson and Jeanette Butler and Bernard Skahill all from Aireys Inlet, Linda Hutchinson and Digby Williamson and Meredith Shears all from Torquay and Susan and Peter Sullivan from Anglesea

If you have any questions or problems, please email me at admin@angair.org.au

Anglesea Snappers

Ian Coles

Anglesea Snappers – a newly formed group of enthusiastic photographers from the Anglesea region – will make their public debut at the Wildflower Weekend & Art Weekend where the art component in the Senior Citizens Hall will display Snappers' work as well as that of local print-makers.

The Snappers' monthly excursions provide the chance to apply in practice what they glean from the knowledge they share at their meetings on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm at the Anglesea Community House.



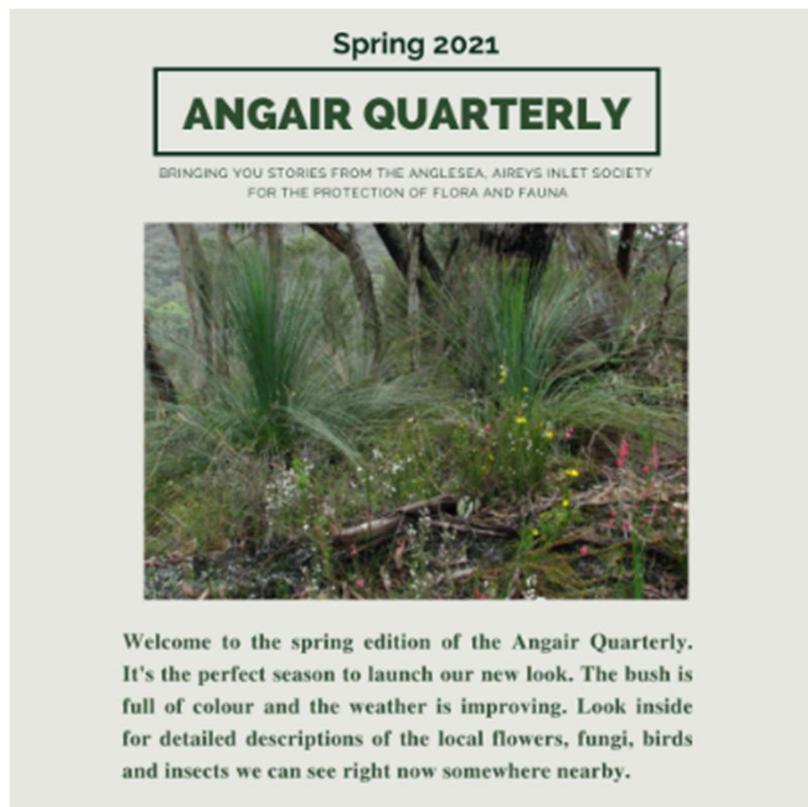
Save the Date ... Janet Stephens

Do you feel like a weekend away? 23 October is the annual Angair camping weekend and we are hoping that this time it will come off! Andrew Taylor and Kylie Rose have offered us camping on their unspoiled property in the southern Grampians, about 20 minutes from Dunkeld. It is home to enormous redgums, wetlands, orchids and grasses and is next door to Walker Swamp, currently being reclaimed by a concerned group of local ecologists. [Click here](#) to get an idea of the terrain and be sure to watch the video!

Dunkeld and surrounds have plenty of accommodation for those who don't wish to camp. More details to come next month but please contact Janet to register your interest. We will only go ahead if enough people are keen stephens.janet@gmail.com

The first issue of the Angair Quarterly is coming soon.

Look for the link to the issue in an email message at the end of the month.



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