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2. Promote and encourage the growing of Salvias
3. Correctly name existing and new salvias
4. Maintain our Display Garden at Nobelius Heritage Park for the Group & the general public

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Welcome to the Winter edition of the Salvia News. This is the time of year when all the tall winter flowering Salvias come into their own, they are the ones that are “in your face” with their large beautiful blooms, vibrant colours and tubular flowers. They are the Salvias that the birds like. I’m sure there is a population explosion each winter when the little Eastern Spinebills flit through the branches. The Wattle birds and the Noisy Minahs try to do their bit, crashing into the shrubs, by hanging off the flowers and in the morning you’re left with a sea of once beautiful flowers on the ground. But don’t despair, now you have plenty of cuttings that when potted up, make good gifts to others who enjoy these beautiful plants.

Unfortunately Julie Kavanagh has had to resign suddenly, so we collated what we had and gave this issue to the expertise hands of Sharon Westin, who helped us publish our pamphlet, and will no doubt do a wonderful job.

As you all can understand that this issue may be a bit late in going out, but under the circumstances you will appreciate that for the moment, the Salvia News will continue. But unless someone comes forward and puts up their hand, the Salvia News as we know it may not be able to continue.

Enjoy all the photos of the Garden Visits, the Selling events, What is flowering Now and so much more.

Sit down with a warm cup and enjoy this special edition of the Salvias News.

Happy Gardening.

Lyndi

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**MAY SUN 9TH | Garden Visit – Amanda Habgood |
105 Victoria Rd, Wandin Nth – 11am**

After being cancelled last year, Amanda is again opening her garden. Come and see a lovely spacious garden. In May, her garden should be showing all those wonderful Autumn colours and her Salvias still being in full bloom.

Although it's Mother's Day, what a lovely and different idea, to spend the day wandering around a beautiful garden, chatting with other mothers whilst watching her ducks wagging their tails and dipping into the pond.

Great idea for Fathers/ Husbands to take their mothers or wives out for the day, among the autumnal beauty of a garden, something different and something so very nice.

Tea/coffee will be provided. Bring a plate to share and a chair.

Phone Amanda if coming Ph **0499 655 369**. Phone Lyndi to confirm Ph **9803 4534**.

All members welcome.

**JUNE SUN 20TH | Garden Visit – Peter Clarke |
12 Halcyon Rise, Mornington – 11am**

Come and see a garden full of Salvias as they should be grown.

Tea/coffee will be provided. Bring a plate to share and a chair.

Phone Peter if coming Ph **5976 3138**. Phone Lyndi to confirm Ph **9803 4534**.

All members welcome.

**JULY SUN 25TH | Melbourne Botanical Gardens – New Arid and Sensory
Gardens | 100 Birdwood Ave, Sth Yarra – 11am**

Join us on a wonderful journey into the New Arid Garden, designed by Andrew Laidlaw. Be inspired by the huge array of plants that grow and survive under these conditions.

Then wander through the new Sensory Garden, again designed by Andrew Laidlaw, where you can smell and touch the plants as you walk through this gorgeous garden.

Lunch will be a picnic near the Lakeside Kiosk. Bring a plate to share. Tea/ coffee will be from the Kiosk.

Meet at Gate D at 11am.

Please phone Lyndi if coming Ph **9803 4534** to confirm numbers.

**AUG SUN 8TH | Geelong Garden Visit – Judith & Earl Medlyn |
30 Cityview Dve, Wandana Heights, Geelong – 11am**

Although cancelled last year, Judith and Earl have kindly opened their garden again to allow our Group to wander through this amazing garden.

A truly magnificent garden, loads of ideas to take home to use in your own garden.

This is your chance to come and join us to look, find and see all the wonderful ideas that are situated throughout this amazing garden.

Tea/ coffee will be provided. Bring a plate to share and a chair.

Please phone Judy if coming Ph **5249 1272**. Phone Lyndi to confirm numbers Ph **9803 4534**.

**SEPT SUN 26TH | Antique Perennial Nursery | 3153 Healesville/Kinglake Rd,
Kinglake – 11am**

Matt and Michael have now opened their nursery to the public on weekends.

A huge array of rare and unusual perennials – All those plants that you can't find – look no further.

This is now the "go to" nursery for those rare and collectable plants that can't be found elsewhere.

Tea and coffee will be provided. Bring a plate to share and a chair.

Phone Lyndi Ph **9803 4534** if coming. Numbers need to be confirmed.

What is your favourite Salvia?

This is a tough question as there are so many beautiful Salvias. It's hard to choose, but my favourite Salvia at the moment is 'Brittany' and 'Red Envy'.

I love all the different colours of 'Brittany' that show when the sun shines and then I look at 'Red Envy' and see such a contrast between the bright red flowers and the green calyx.

That's why I think Salvias keep you enthralled, all the wonderful colours of the flowers, the contrast between the corolla and calyx e.g. *S. gesneriiflora* 'Tequila', the red flowers and the dark calyx and 'Violet Eyes', the violet corolla and the green calyx.

Right: Salvia 'Brittany' medium shrub 1.5-2mH.

Below: Salvia 'Red Envy' – medium shrub 1m-1.2mH.

So many flower all the time. When do they stop? They don't, they just keep flowering.

So, what is your favourite Salvia at the moment? Next season your choice will change again.



Winter What's flowering now

These Salvias are in flower now. Some are always in flower, some are just beginning, whilst others are beginning to fade.



Salvia involuctata spp. tall 3-4mH.



Salvia 'Phyllis Fancy' medium shrub 1.5mH.



Salvia 'Violet Eyes' tall 3-4mH.



Salvia wagneriana (Pale form) tall 3-4mH.



Salvia madrensis tall 3-4mH.



Salvia 'Waverley' medium shrub 1-1.2mH. Always flowering.



Salvia urica 'Blue Ribbon' tall 2mH.



Salvia 'Red Beacon' small 60cmH. Always flowering.



Salvia 'Timboon' Tall 3-4mH.



Salvia 'Blue Bird' tall, slender 3-4mH.

Val Jackson's Monbulk Garden Visit

By Heather Lucas, Heathmont, Victoria

This very delightful and immaculate (no weeds in sight here) garden, aptly called 'The Nook', is one of my favourite gardens to visit. Our group first visited this garden on 25th September, 2016 and I was very lucky to revisit her garden 4 weeks later on 21st October with the Secret Gardens of the Dandenong Ranges tours held by the Dandenong Ranges Tourism Network. So when we booked in to go and see her garden on Sunday, 28th February, 2021, I was very eager to see what changes had taken place.

This is the beautiful thing about gardens that although the structure is still the same, it is an ever evolving tapestry of change and of course plants do grow bigger, so visiting this garden five years later was a very exciting to me. These days I always take a notebook and pen with me, because there is always a plant that I want to get or an idea that I want emulate. Of course the other item I take to garden visits is my trusty camera, which my husband gives me a hard time about, as he feels I should update or use my mobile phone camera. No, very old school I am, what works and takes great photos is not going to be messed about with!!

So let me take you on a journey through her garden – the front of the house has a large gravel driveway with carport and then garden beds around the gravelled area with the house behind. You then come around the side of the house and through a lovely wooden entrance with a gate and picket fencing into the back garden, which has a brick pathway that winds up and around the back garden, to the back of the house. Val's garden was chock a block full of wonderful plants, amongst them a much admired fuchsia (she kindly let us take cuttings), fabulous hydrangeas (pink, blue and white varieties), dichroa febrifuga 'Blue Cap' (a beautiful shrub with deep blue

lace cap flowers), talinum, dahlias, echinacea (gorgeous orange/red colour), phlox, roses and clematis. Then naturally there were also a large number of salvias interdispersed amongst the garden beds/plants – *S. verticillata* 'Purple Rain', *S. microphylla* 'Heatwave Glow', *S. So Cool Lilac* (or was it *Mesa Azure*) and lots of other *greggi's* and *microphylla's*.

What are very special about Val's garden are the variety of different plants and the beautiful placement of them. There was a *Lobelia x speciosa* 'Tania' plant which had the most beautiful deep purple-crimson flowers and an *Artemesia lactiflora* 'Guizho' with its upright purplish stems bearing deeply dissected, purple-flushed dark green leaves and sprays of creamy-white flowers. When I got home



I immediately searched for and bought these two plants on the Country Farm Perennials website (now no longer available, as the owners Merrylye and David Johnson, closed the plant mail order section and will be concentrating on garden tours).

Also what was really good was that I visited her garden in different seasons, first two visits September/October being spring time and the third February being end summer, almost autumn. I noted that this visit (summer/autumn), the plants in the garden beds were much fuller and taller than when I went in spring. The other change from my very first visit was that Val had had a maple tree that was growing out of the side of a tree fern, that must have self seeded itself and so she let it keep growing there. This unfortunately grew so big that it started pulling the tree fern over and so had to be removed.

There were also many ornaments, pots, watering cans and areas of seating (benches) and table and chair areas, so an incredible visual journey as you went around the garden.

We had a very good turnout of people and always have a super spread of food to share,



so this day was a lovely adventure of sharing food, conversation and love of gardens and plants. Thanks Val for such a wonderful garden, company and plant advice and cuttings.



Brett Horan's Emerald Garden Visit

By Heather Lucas, Heathmont, Victoria

I'd been looking forward to seeing his garden for a long time. Firstly because I had seen photos and his blog on the internet and was very intrigued by his planting of different plants (yes I know not salvia's, but as you might have realised from some of my newer newsletter articles, I am coming around to loads of other plants, but only in conjunction with my beloved salvias).

His first planned garden visit was on 22nd November last year and had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions. Then great news, we rescheduled for Sunday, 14th March, 2021 and I gleefully rang my Mum and said "it's on, we're going". Now I was determined that nothing was going to stand in the way of us visiting this garden, but the best laid plans of mice and men, etc., almost derailed us. My darling, youngest daughter had a cave climbing trip on this day and I wasn't worried about this interfering with our garden visit, as she had to be up and away very early in the morning. Two nights prior to Sunday (Friday night), she went out and got a wee bit (a lot) under the weather from you know what and

was rather unwell for the whole of Saturday, but was sure she'd recoup with a good night's sleep on the Saturday night. When I got up, she had left, so thought all was good. Hmm, not so, at around 9.00 am I got a call, "Mum I'm so sorry but I'm really unwell and can't go on the caving trip, can you come and get me". The cave was 30 minutes the other side of Yarra Junction, yep over an hour's trip away from our home. Our garden visit was 11 am start and I had to pick up my Mum first!! So off I raced, got my darling daughter, put her to bed and picked up my Mum and set off for Brett's. We actually did rather well time wise as we arrived just after midday, so we almost didn't get to see his garden, but we were so very glad that we did make it.

Brett lives in Emerald, Victoria, the same suburb as our wonderful salvia garden at Nobelius and I first met Brett at an event there and therefore when we made a date to go and visit his garden I was really looking forward to it. The front garden has lots of mature trees and as Brett said is mainly a woodland garden and they were not flowering or in full bloom at this time of the year. However there were lots of lovely shade loving plants that provided interest and structure at this time, amongst them Plectranthus, Azaleas and Rhododendrons.

Ornaments placed artfully in the garden (actually even not artfully placed, although this of course wasn't the case with Brett's garden) are such a lovely compliment to plants. I had a smile on my face when I saw a gorgeous iron dragonfly in front of a garden bed with Salvia Confertiflora, S. Amistad and a wonderful grass (miscanthus?? not sure) plant. There was also a lovely coupling of a tiled round disc which had a beautiful pattern of different hues of blue (looked like a flower in the centre to me) and a ceramic tortoise with a red tiled back.

At the back of the house was a large wooden verandah where we all sat and had our coffee/ teas and lunch and partook in the usual wonderful spread of food. The vista looking out down the back garden was truly gorgeous as of course there was the rest of the view beyond the back garden and being Emerald was full of trees





and greenery as far as your eye could see. Brett also had the most magnificent children's cubby house (more like a small house) and an enclosed trampoline down the end of the garden that I'm sure are both put to constant use by his children.

The back garden was a delight, full of all sorts of different plants, amongst them Sedum 'Autumn Joy', Rudbeckia, Hydrangea's, Abutilon, Canna, Aster's, Phlomis, Ginger Lilies, Thalictrum and some gorgeous Dahlia's. Brett also had lots

of salvias of course, *S. curtiflora*, *S. Mexicana* Limelight, *S. leucantha* and lots of *S. greggi's* and *microphylla's*. There was also an arbor with a climbing rose that was situated over a gravel pathway that led down to the bottom of the back garden.

All in all a gorgeous garden, jam packed full of wonderful plants and salvias – thanks ever so much Brett for letting us come and share your garden.



Autumn at Avondale

I live in Avondale Heights (Victoria) beside the Maribryngong River. This year has been very different weather-wise for me and I gather for many others. In January I had 70 mls of rain – almost double the usual. February however only gave me 9 mls. The saving grace I think was that this year we didn't have any of those awful 40 degree, hot north wind days. Those horrible days play havoc with me and my plants. I lock the door and don't go out. The poor garden just has to endure.

March has seen some gentle rain and the garden looks lovely. I always think if you cannot have your garden looking okay in Spring and Autumn then it is time to give up. Maybe I'm safe for one more year? Well actually only most of my garden looks lovely. The house next door has been demolished and the rebuilding is challenging as they say in the classics. My fence is being kept upright with a few supports and will eventually be replaced by a dark grey aluminium one. I have agreed to this but in my heart I would prefer the old wooden one. I like it when the wood turns silvery grey and fades into the background. Progress is not always a pleasure. Of course I have had to cut back all the plants along the fence line so the workmen can get in there. Because of this, all the big Salvias at the back are cut to the ground... no flowers there.

I do have quite a few Salvias flowering now and they do look lovely in the soft Autumn light. Autumn leaves are everywhere as well so the garden is very appealing (to me anyway). The Salvia So Cool range has been wonderful this year. I like all the purple/mauve/lavender colours and they just haven't stopped flowering. They all had a haircut mid-summer but grew back very quickly and are now blooming better than ever. Salvia 'Armistad' is wonderful. It has not faltered during Spring, Summer or Autumn. My only problem is with the nectar feeding birds breaking the flowering stems in their enthusiasm to eat. Salvia 'Royal Bumble' (red) I got from David Glen at Lambley. It is very tough and a good plant. It does 'march' though. It doesn't spread alarmingly like some plants and the pop ups are easy to remove and put somewhere they are needed. Always a good thing.



Salvia 'Miniata' (bright red) I have had for many years and it is a great plant in the shade. Any sun makes it wilt, in Avondale anyway. Two Salvia Heat Wave 'Glow' are always in flower as well. The colour is not to everyone's taste but I like it. They are a kind of

beige/pink. Salvia 'Mystic Spires' (purple) has had a chequered career in my garden. I do like it and it is supposed to be tough. In Avondale it prefers morning sun only or semi-shade. Actually Salvia 'Oxyphora' (hot pink) is the same. I find it marches towards the sunny parts of the garden but then droops if it gets too hot. Like me.



Salvia 'Meigans Magic' is just that. In Autumn it just glows. A real heart breaker for me at least. That combination of navy and white looks lovely. I have several Salvia Gregeii and they are invaluable. They have all been flowering non stop for months with no attention except adoration. The white one has been smothered in blooms. The purple one I grow with Salvia 'Chamaedryoides'. What a wonderful combination – purple and deep blue.



This garden has three rampant spreaders. Bog Sage (uliginosa) I'm sure every salvia nut knows. I grow it in full sun. It hates that so I pull it out by the roots each summer and by Autumn it has returned (gently!) and I get those lovely light blue flowers. You could say we have a working relationship. Mostly.



Salvia 'Black and Blue' spreads a lot so take care. My local nursery says nothing about this on the label. I planted it in a central bed which contains shrubs. I find S. Black and Blue looks a bit ragged mid-summer so I pull it out. By Autumn it is back and looking lovely again.

In summer I have the tough shrubs to fill the gap. Same with Salvia Microphylla 'Cyclamen'. This one is very tough too and quite a bright pink. Salvia 'Purple Majesty' is the only big salvia I have flowering at the moment (because of that fence!). It is the first salvia I ever bought and I got it many years ago from Sue Templeton. It is cut back in Winter and every year it comes back. An old and trusted friend.

How lucky are we to be able to enjoy all these wonderful plants. Even this awful Covid virus can't take that pleasure away. Garden on...

TEA for TWO

Remember the 'ol song – Tea for Two cha cha? Well I've experienced a fabulous activity to increase the growth and flowering capacity for plants – Salvias in particular. Therefore you and the tea make two!!

About 6 months ago when visiting a friend's house I noted an ice cream container with a heap of discarded tea bags swimming around in some very dark water. Intrigued, I asked 'what is that mess for? Why don't you discard your used tea bags into the compost bin?' 'What, and destroy the best liquid plant fertiliser I know of!'

It was then explained that tea leaves, therefore liquid tea is a great food for plants. One cupful of tea per plant does wonders. Being somewhat inquisitive, the next step was to approach Dr Google to establish why tea leaves are such an effective fertiliser.

It is reported a cup of tea (no milk or sugar) contains 4 to 5% nitrogen, 2,5 potassium, 0.8% phosphorous, 0.6% calcium and 0.5% magnesium. The report suggests high levels of nutrients exist in tea.

Therefore Tea leaves contain tannic acid and nutrients that are natural fertilizers for a garden," states Natural Ways. As the leaves and bag decompose they release the nutrients into the soil, creating an ideal growing area. They help retain water and many gardeners plant them next to the roots of their plants.

Reviewing further the 'perfect' cup of tea for plants is 2 heaped tablespoons of tea (loose from a packet) to 2 litres of water is a great plant fertiliser for plants shrubs and indoor potted plants. So, I ratted the kitchen cupboards finding a 1 cup measure – I was in business!

My experience has been to water your salvias that are struggling a bit in the dry; then the next day pour one cupful of liquid and tea leaves onto the base of the plant; stand back, and in under two weeks' time the plant will be flowering and looking very healthy.

Methodology

- Obtain an old 2 litre ice cream container.
- Put 2 heaped tablespoons of tea leaves into the bottom of the container.
- Boil the kettle of water – enough to pour about 50-60cms of water into the container.
- Allow it to steep until nearly cold giving it an occasional stir with the table spoon. When cold fill the container with cold water.

There you have it, ready to fertilise your favourite plants!



2 litre ice cream container with boiling water added to let it steep.



When the brew is cold fill the container with cold water. The 1 cup pinched from the kitchen cupboard lives hooked to the container.

Winter Salvia News 2021

By Meg Bentley

Early Summer was delightfully wet, and this was a great help to my dry gardens here in Gruyere, topping up the water tanks and giving the trees, shrubs and salvias a glorious, much-needed drink. As Summer progressed, though, and slipped into Autumn, we did have many dry periods.

This, of course, brought on an early autumnal leaf drop, and as I write this article, it feels like Winter has crept in early – cold and wet! But I'm sure this coming Winter, we will have a great flush of salvia flowers. Some are already budding up whilst others are starting to bloom.

Some Winter flowering salvias:

Salvia involucrata includes cultivars 'Pink Icicles', 'Bethellii' and 'Joan' (which hasn't stopped flowering all Summer), Salvia 'Meigans Magic', Salvia 'Anthony Parker', Salvia sagittata, Salvia macrophylla, Salvia semiatrata (which also hasn't stopped blooming since early Summer), Salvia 'Margaret Arnold', Salvia 'Phyllis Fancy', Salvia chiapensis (which flowers all year), Salvia 'Costa Rican Blue' and many of the S. microphylla's and greggii's.



Another great flowering plant is the relatively new splendens type Salvia, 'Roman Red', which seems to flower for months. A new one to me, Salvia tortuosa, is just starting to flower. The unusually coloured orange-red flowers have a short 'blunt' corolla emerging from the calyx and rather large leaves. This one is blooming in its container, but I'm sure when I plant it into the garden, it will need a part shaded position with a cool root run.

Picture of S.tortuosa below left, and S. madrensis on the right would look good growing together.

Nullawarre Visit

By Lonni Holland

My friend and I were treated to a most lovely, extensive and well organized garden at Daryl Lyon's and Janine Molan's Nullawarre (near Warrnambool) property, early January on a Saturday morning.

It was Wow, Wow, Wow! Usually it is a good garden with only 1 Wow factor. This possessed many.

Daryl and Janine were so generous with their time, showing us through their multiple garden rooms. They live on a working dairy/beef farm, so they are very busy. You wouldn't think so however, as the gardens are so well cared for. A lot of time and consideration has gone into the design and the landscaping of the garden spaces, using trees for height, interspersed with other perennials, annuals, notwithstanding a wide range of Salvia's.

In Daryl's back pocket, he keeps a list of the plethora of Salvia's he grows. He has a good plant knowledge, and an understanding of their cultural/environmental requirements. They are both very enthusiastic about Salvia's.

Darryl told me he has been to the Salvia Group's gardens at Nobelius, and purchased some plants. I think that's where he and Janine were smitten with growing Salvia's!

He and Janine said they would welcome anyone from the Salvia Group to come and visit their wonderful garden!



Judy Percy's Garden

We have been doing a change in the back garden making a narrower garden bed. I can now have two borders and a wider path. A couple of small salvias would be nice I thought. So far it's leaning towards a lemon and blue garden. I do have a couple of *S. Nemerosa* to go in. Also a huge smoke bush has been removed in middle of front garden, leading to trimming back blue salvias, that have not stopped flowering. I have a Forest pansy that will replace it. The dwarf yellow forsythia will go well with that I thought. The fun of changes is a challenge as are the aches that go with it. Winter project is the removal of trees the possums got to and are slowly dying. We have lots to do.



UPCOMING GARDEN VISITS

June – Sun 20th

A garden visit to Peter Clarke in Mornington. A beautiful garden full of Salvias that he has collected and grown over a number of years and now they are looking stunning and will look wonderful with all the winter flowering Salvias coming into bloom. More details on website.

July – Sun 25th

We will be visiting the newly completed Arid and Sensory Gardens within the Melbourne Botanical gardens. This promises to be eye opening to what is possible and enlightening to all your senses whilst taking in the beauty of the surrounding Gardens. More details on website

Aug – Sun 8th

This is the garden that was promised last year that had to be cancelled due to COVID, but is now open again. Come and see some amazing ideas for small shade gardens and what to grow where. More details on website.

Sept – Sun 26th

Antique Perennial Nursery. This is the go to nursery for perennials and unusual plants. They are now open to the public for garden tours and sales. Come and find those plants you've been looking for but can't find.

More details on our Calendar of Events.

All members welcome to join us on the day.

Successful Selling Events

Yarra Valley Autumn Festival 2021



Above: Customers with their purchases, ready to get into the garden.

Right: Salvia stall and helpers.



Left: Imparting valuable salvia knowledge to customers.

Below: Getting the stall ready.



Ferny Creek 2021

A very successful weekend for Ferny Creek this year. This is the First Garden Event on the calendar which saw people flock to the event with the possibility of finding, touching and smelling wonderful plants again.



Ferny Creek



Ferny Creek – Brett Horan Garden Visit

Let your plants stand tall and proud with Wayne's Plant Props.



Wayne's Plant Props (single)				
Choose your height		Choose your width		
(allow 150-200 mm to anchor into the garden - depending on your soil type)				
Height		Small	Med	Large
		230mm	400mm	580mm
Short	500mm	\$18.00		\$22.00
Medium	750mm			
Tall	1000mm	\$28.00		\$30.00
X-Tall	1250mm			
Special widths/heights available on request				



Wayne's Plant Props (double)				
Choose your height		Choose your width		
(second bar will be 250mm from top unless requested otherwise)				
(allow 150-200 mm to anchor into the garden - depending on your soil type)				
Height		Small	Med	Large
		230mm	400mm	580mm
Short	500mm	\$26.00		\$34.00
Medium	750mm			
Tall	1000mm	\$36.00		\$42.00
X-Tall	1250mm			
Special widths/heights available on request				



Additional delivery charges may apply

For more information contact Wayne :-
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WE NEED HELP!

Is there anyone among our members, with Editing Skills who can help us?

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Unfortunately Julie Kavanagh had to resign suddenly, and so we need someone with Editing Skills who can volunteer their time and expertise to edit the Salvia News.

Most of our members really enjoy receiving and reading the Salvia News each quarter. It would be a shame if this service was to fade away because we couldn't continue to produce the magazine.

So please put up your hand and volunteer your services to keep our Salvia News alive. The

magazine features great articles from all over Australia, showing member's gardens and their favourite Salvias, some technical knowledge, newly promoted Salvias, loads of photos for identification and our successful selling days at Garden Events and don't forget what is coming up in our Calendar.

If you have Editing skills and can volunteer your time, please contact:

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A MANUAL FOR SALVIA GROWERS

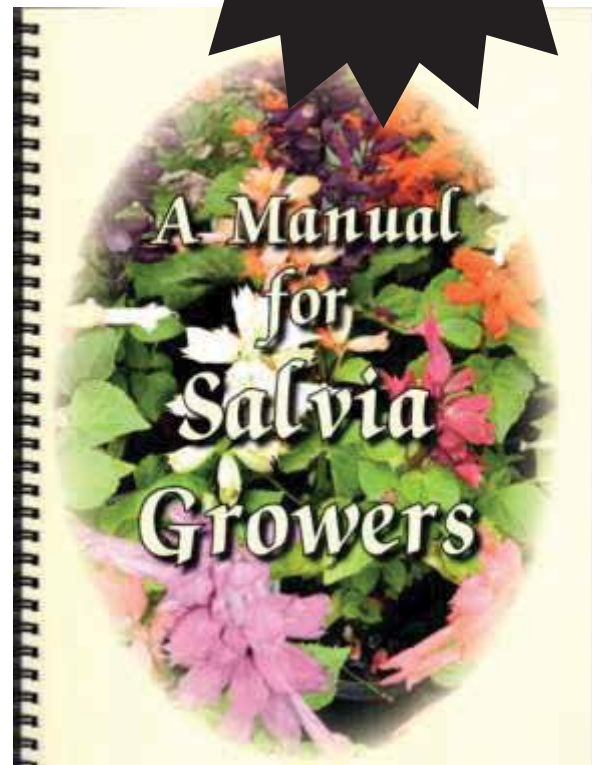
by Meg Bentley



There are now approximately
370 Species and Cultivars represented,
202 Photographs, Illustrations and Index

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- Salvia microphylla & greggii differences
- Salvia karwinskii and cultivars
- Purple Majesty and Black Knight
- Salvia Maintenance
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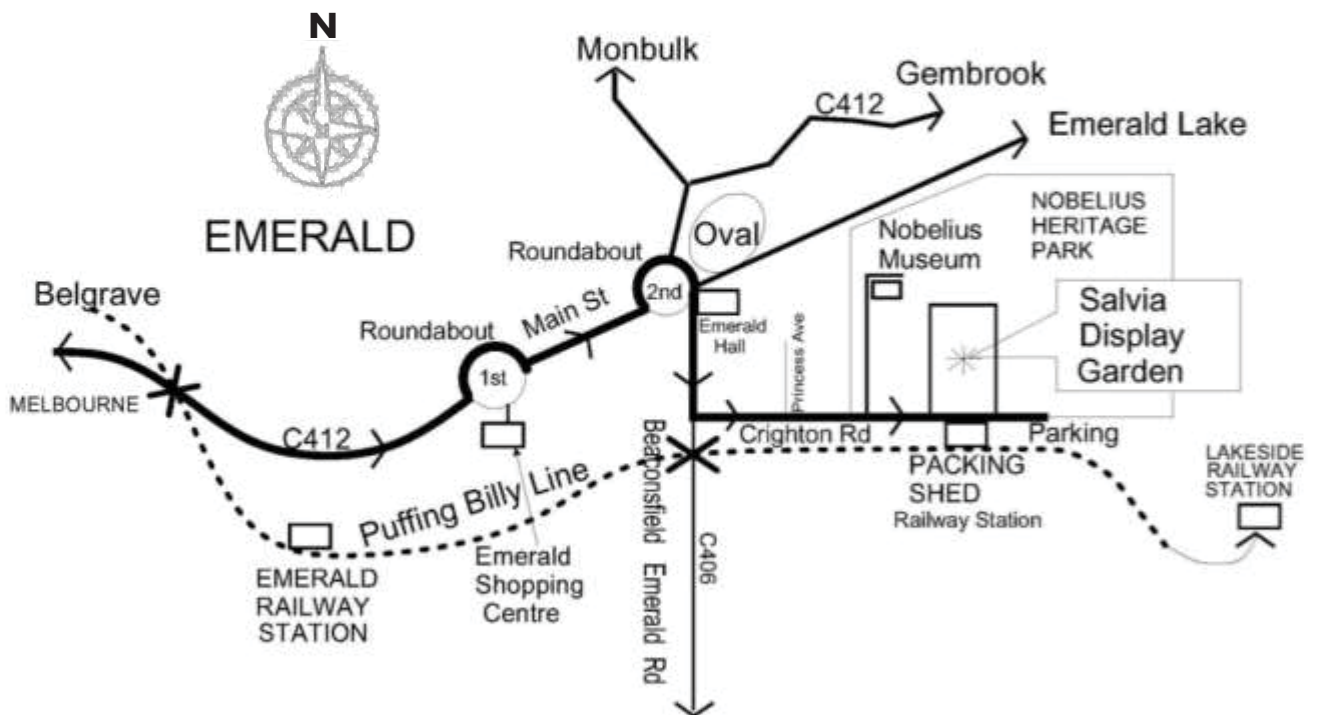
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