

## Winter Notes 2021

A big rain and storm event in early June made for interesting times. We saw water levels and flows that we hadn't witnessed for a long time.



with a compact to open habit. Leaves may be heart-shaped, rounded or narrow, often have conspicuous oil glands on their surface and may be covered with short hairs on rusty coloured stems. The flowers are tubular (bell shaped) up to 4cm long, and vary from pale green to red with yellow tips and other variations. The tips of the four joined petals are turned back or reflexed, with eight slightly protruding stamens tipped with yellow anthers. The flowers are usually pendulous with two or three together on short, slender terminal stalks. The follicles contain up to two brown seeds that are released explosively.

**Flowering is usually autumn and winter but also intermittently throughout the year. So you will see them now.** The correa has a good return of flowers as it is generally free from pests and diseases. The flowers produce nectar and attract native honey eating birds such as honeyeaters and spinebills and its seed is also food for various other native birds.

### Working Bees

First Saturdays of the month, meeting at The Shed 9.15am.

### Visitor numbers

- Almost 9000 in the month of May, with a big increase in patronage while the state was locked down again for COVID 19 .
- A very successful Bug Blitz was run for youngsters from Kosciuszko Primary School.



### Projects

- Plans are being finalised by LCC for the reconstruction of Deane's Bridge, but the need to alter the spillway is holding things up at the moment. As it has been deemed unsafe, the bridge has been closed off and will remain so until the new one is ready.
- Work on the design of the Middle Bridge continues with its replacement to be funded by the grant received some time ago from Darren Chester.
- Management of cats in the Reserve has long been identified as a concern. Council has this year letterboxed residents of adjacent streets to remind them of their responsibilities if they are cat owners. There is a cat curfew in place between the hours of 9pm and 6am, seven days a week. Unfortunately cats also like to visit in daylight hours.

### Thanks to our Supporters...

- Rotary Central for a donation.
- Bunnings for painting supplies and timber to repair seats.
- Graham Frankland for deliveries of topsoil.
- Pinegro for supply of mulch.
- Melina Bath MLC whose office photocopies this newsletter for us.

### Welcome to:

New volunteers - Rob and Julie. We really appreciate your help!

### Featured Flora

**Correa Reflexa** is also known as the Common Correa, or native fuchsia, and is endemic to Australia. It was first formally described about 1800 and named after the Portuguese botanist Francisco Correia da Serra who discovered it. Reflexa comes from Latin meaning to bend back, referring to the petals.

Distribution is from southeast South Australia, through Victoria to eastern NSW up to southeast Queensland and including eastern Tasmania and Kangaroo Island. The plant being hardy and adaptable, is widespread and occurs in a variety of habitats (including dry sclerophyll forest and heath), and grows well in practically any soil, in shade or full sun, but prefers good drainage and some shade. It has over 20 distinct forms, many given varietal names. The shrub can be short lived, 3-5 years. *Correa reflexa* can be semi-prostrate or up to three metres high,

**TRRCR Committee/Friends**  
Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Shed 7pm

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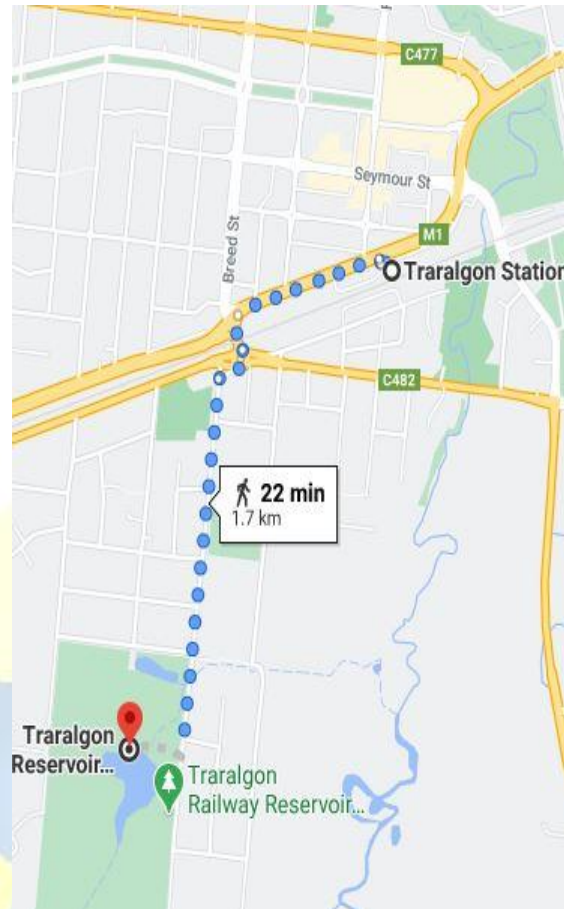
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