



PROPAGATION DAYS

These were held on a Thursday and Sunday late last month at Peter's property in Run-O-Waters. It was the first APS propagation event in the new facilities. Peter had managed to acquire some benches not needed when a shop was closing down. They are flat of course with a border all around. Members brought propagation material - mostly from their own gardens.



Propagators busy at work; it may look like an assembly line but it is each person for him/herself.

I don't have a full list of the species propagated but among them were *Persoonia mollis* ssp. *livens* and *Dampiera lanceolata* (herbaceous clump). The *Persoonia* is a shrub to around 1.5m and being an upright geebung is very difficult to propagate from cuttings. I had intended to have material of *P. asperula* (low-growing) but a plant I had seen some years ago on a road bank was gone courtesy of road-widening. It is much more common south of Braidwood and if you were on the Big Hole walk, you would have seen a fair bit of it.

OCTOBER 12 EVENT

On this date the Goulburn Group (TGG) is holding the Goulburn Connects Sustainability Festival in conjunction with the monthly Rotary markets in Montague Street. Initially our committee was not keen to participate but a few members pushed a bit harder and we took up the invitation. It 'goes' from 8.30 am to 1.30 pm. We will be looking to have two or more members in the stall - just answering queries- gaining publicity is the objective. No plants will be for sale but some things that are in flower would look good. A roster will be organised next week and members will be asked to bring in some display flowers.

LOCAL PIMELEA

The species shown below is *Pimelea linifolia*. It is common in the area and would make a good garden plant. This particular plant appeared in a grassy area, initially unnoticed. It budded up early winter. It was previously upright but the effect of the recent snow and perhaps the weight of the flowers have made it droop somewhat. I know of one other member on whose property it grows in reasonable abundance.



Pimelea linifolia - protection needed not so much from wildlife as from two domesticated (?) canines.

This species propagates quite readily from cuttings.



Close-up of *P linifolia* flowers

CALENDAR

Sat Oct 5	Walk -Etrema Gorge
Sat Oct 12	Sustainability Festival - Montague St
Wed Oct 16	Wetlands working bee
Sun Nov 3	Riversdale plant stall
Sat Nov 16	Walk - Penrose State Forest
Sat Dec 7	AGM + end of year function