



SEPTEMBER 2026

News from Peacehaven

From the president

The Nursery has seen a busy month, with sales continuing to surprise us in the best way. The mild winter has certainly encouraged people to get out into their gardens, and it has been lovely to see so much interest in what we do.

Thanks to the Rotary Club North Toowoomba for inviting me to speak at their August meeting. Sharing the story of our park and the work of the Friends is always a pleasure.

Friends of Peacehaven will have a stall at the Friends of Escarpment Parks Open Day at Duggan Park on Sunday 20 September from 8:30am to 12pm. We will send out a message shortly asking for volunteers. It would be great to see Friends members there, and it should be a relaxed and enjoyable morning.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held a little earlier this year, on Wednesday 7 October at 6pm in the Nursery Shed. All members are very welcome.

Our next Tavern Talk is scheduled for Thursday 8 October, with dinner from 6pm and the talk beginning at 7pm. Our guest speaker will be Mitchell Roberts, a wildlife photographer - **Louise de Beus**.

The photograph (right) by Fiona Stone shows ***Xerochrysum bracteatum*** growing wild in the Crows Nest hills. Golden everlastings occur naturally throughout local ecosystems.

Nursery opening hours for September

Thursdays 9am – 12.30pm

Saturdays 9am – 1pm



Xerochrysum bracteatum

Plant of the Month: Golden Everlasting Daisy

Brighten your spring display with ***Xerochrysum bracteatum***. **Claire Petterson** explores the much-loved native daisy that grows naturally throughout our area and continues to be a favourite among local gardeners.

Xerochrysum bracteatum is one of Australia's most recognisable wildflowers, renowned for its long-lasting straw-like blooms. The genus *Xerochrysum* contains 13 species, all endemic to Australia. Over time this species has carried several botanical names, previously *Bracteantha bracteata* and, earlier still, *Helichrysum bracteatum*. Common names are Strawflowers and Paper Daisies.

Xerochrysum bracteatum occurs in both annual and perennial forms, reaching up to one metre in height. Tolerant of various free-draining soils and light frosts, it makes for an easy, quick-growing plant that produces an eye-catching display of bright yellow flowers. Distribution is widespread across Australian coastlines, stretching inland to the edge of the arid areas.

The Golden Everlasting has been cultivated for many years, and hybrids include orange, red, purple, pink and white varieties. Light annual pruning will encourage more long-lasting blooms. Propagation by seed or cuttings is straightforward, with no pretreatment required. Everlasting daisies are currently available at the Nursery.



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