

Montrose Environmental Group presentation

## Hairpin Banksia:

## **An Iconic Plant that Needs Our Help!**

## **Presented by Annette Muir**

(Plant ecologist with Arthur Rylah Institute)

**Date:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**Time:** 10.40am (followed by light refreshments)

Where: Montrose Town Centre, 935 Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Montrose

**RSVP:** Email to <u>secretary@meg.org.au</u> by Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Aug



## **Cash donation requested**



Learn more about this threatened species, MEG's newsletter icon and how local community could contribute to securing its future.

Hairpin Banksia grows in the foothills between Montrose and Silvan and is an important nectar source for honeyeater birds and small animals like sugar gliders. However, it has been gradually declining from areas where it was once known. Annette will describe how her research into this species is helping to discover its lifecycle and threats it faces. One possible action is to re-establish patches of Hairpin Banksia in the Dandenongs (MEG has assisted with one such planting) and she would like to discuss how local groups and residents could help preserve this species.