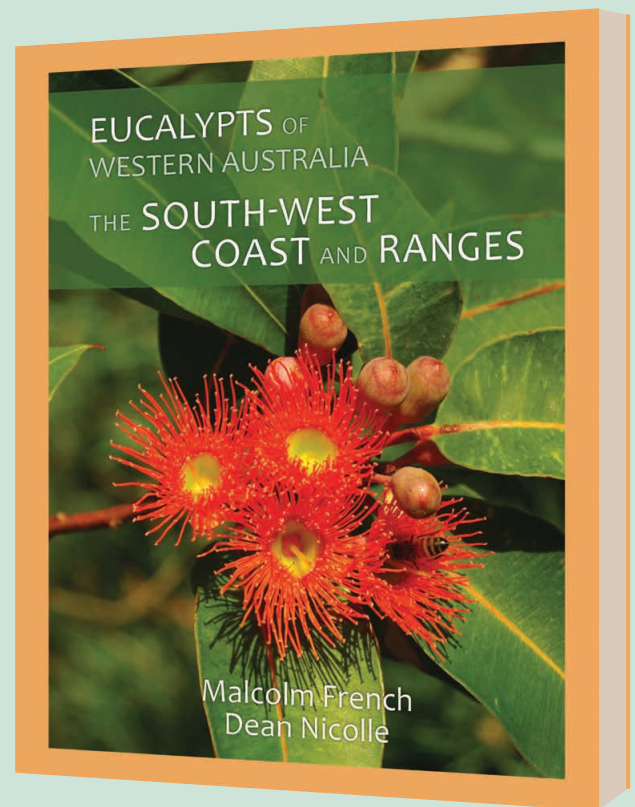A big welcome to EucMedia 13.

Firstly, with my co-author Dean Nicolle, I must thank you all for your support and interest in our new book
'Eucalypts of WA - The South-West Coast and Ranges'.
The response has been truly amazing and the interest in our special plants is very noticeable and pleasing.

Self signing book for Kier Douthie, principal of Jerdacuttup Primary School

So thank you all and a special big thank you to the
Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show
who invited us to launch the book at their fabulous wildflower show and display opening on September 9th this year.
What a great show and book launch.
The Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show & Spring Festival runs over 12 days and is a must go to: Not only is the show one of the largest in Australia, the eucalypt display is excellent.

Did you know that the

Ravensthorpe region

is the epicentre of the genus? Yes, there are more naturally occurring eucalypt species and subspecies in this region than any other region of Australia (over 100).

The region, most fittingly, also has the crown jewels of the genus,

Eucalyptus coronata (crowned mallee).

Check out Mother Nature's amazing crafting of the ornamentation of the fruit. Can you believe this species is practically unknown in cultivation!!

HOW GOOD IS THAT!

E. coronata, East Mt Barren, Fitzgerald River National Park

A few **special thanks**
in regard to the book:

To **Ian Roberts** for his expert botanical art in seedling paintings.

Ian Roberts with *E. latens* (secret mallee), at Mt Talbot
in Wandoo National Park, east of Perth

To **Tony Rouphael** and to **Fred & Jean Hort,** whom I call the caretakers of the large Wandoo National Park (Darling Ranges, east of Perth), for sharing valuable research.

Over the last eight years they have found many new populations of *E. latens* (secret mallee), *E. decurva* (spearwood mallee), *E. horistes* (pointed-bud mallee) and *E. dorrienii* (silver mallee), the latter two species discoveries representing new distribution extensions.

Tony Rouphael and Jean & Fred Hort inspecting *E. dorrienii*
in Wandoo National Park, east of Perth

To **Peter Keelan** in regard to one (west of Denmark) of only three populations of the rare and little-known

E. virginea (Mount Lindesay white gum)

To **Annett Boerner** for her masterly design of the book and to my co-author

Dean Nicolle, a big thank you.

And here they are, nestled on a

E. salubris (gimlet), at the species' most easterly known population in the Plumridge Lakes area of the Great Victoria Desert (WA).

And that's another big HOW GOOD IS THAT!

Peter Keelan admiring the quite rare *E. virginea*, Lapko Road area, west of Denmark

Annett Boerner & Dean Nicolle on a *E. salubris* in the Plumridge Lakes area of the Great Victoria Desert

E. salubris, Plumridge Lakes area, Great Victoria Desert, south-east of Sydney Simpson Cliffs

And what a remarkably healthy population it is, located in such a harsh but beautiful environment.

E. salubris, Plumridge Lakes area, Great Victoria Desert, south-east of Sydney Simpson Cliffs

These grass trees are known affectionaly here at Queen Victoria Spring as "The Sentinels". Flowering already!

The many fires of the Western Australian deserts go unreported in the media, so if you're going to

Queen Victoria Spring

next winter, be aware it's been razed.

But it's not doomed; the recovery power of our eucalypts and other plants is simply amazing.

Queen Victoria Spring, north of Zanthus

E. gongylocarpa
(marble gum)

is resprouting from epicormic shoots.

E. gongylocarpa, Queen Victoria Spring
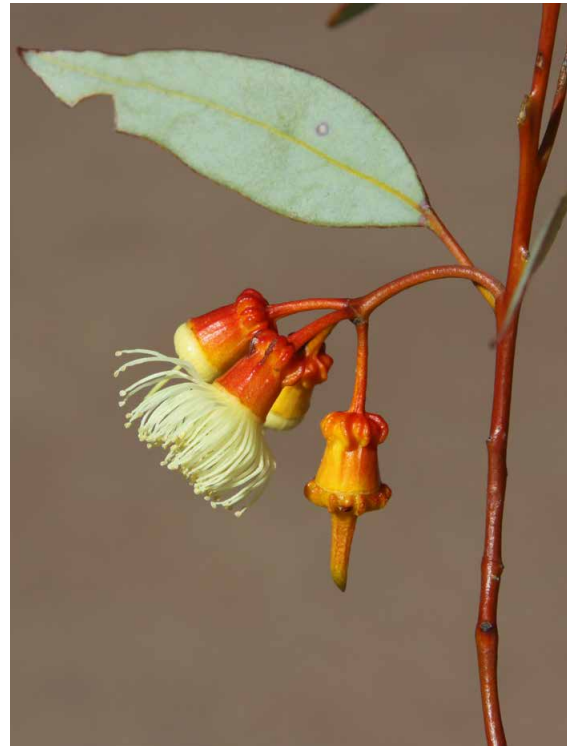

E. gongylocarpa, Queen Victoria Spring

Well, we all know it's been a drier season but this does not seem to deter our eucalypts with many species recently in **the goldfields** in brilliant, bud-busting bloom.

What is Mother Nature telling us? I wonder.

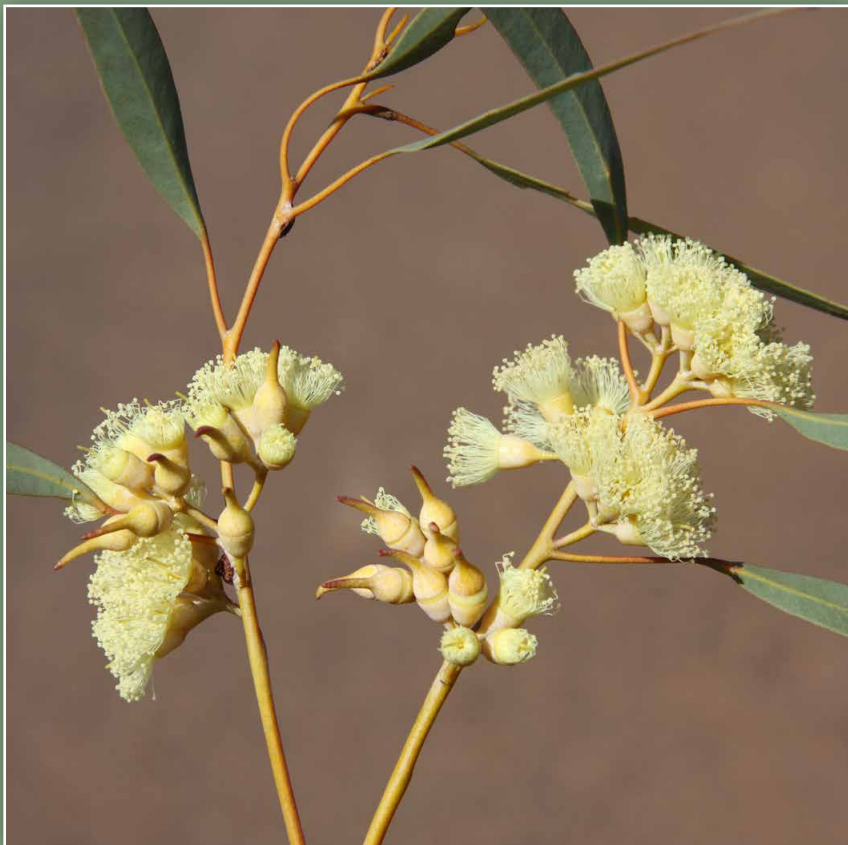*E. torquata* (coral gum)

E. incerata
(Mount Day mallee)

E. tenera
(glazed mallee)

E. transcontinentalis
(redwood)

May the new year and new decade be brilliant for you, Merry Xmas!

Malcolm

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