

## **Vale Melva Truchanas**

It is with great sadness that I pass on the news that Melva Truchanas suddenly passed away this week, just a few days after attending the Kingborough Day meeting and while planning to attend the evening meeting this week. Active in her beloved Society to the end.

*Jenny Boyer, President Hobart Group*

Melva was such a passionate, committed, dedicated, loyal and enthusiastic founding member of SGAP/APS in Tasmania. A hugely important figure in our Society.

*Christine Corbett*

As one of the first members of the Society for Growing Australian Plants (SGAP), Melva was a very committed, involved and active member. Part of a strong team of the Society.

*Heather Clark*

One of the giants of the Tasmanian conservation scene, an active member of APST/SGAP since its inception, and a good friend, has left us. Apart from the many other things Melva did, she came on many of our SGAP/APS walks, most memorably perhaps on the first walk we did to the Tyndall Range, in February 1985. Also on that trip were Jeanette and Don Closs, Kay and Dudley Geeves, Doris and John Wythes, Jill Roberts and family, Heather Gulline, Christine and Dave Howells and young Glynn, a younger Bruce Champion, and 75-year-old Duncan Wade. We also remember Melva being with us on a trip up Mt Jukes in 1990. She loved being in wild places, and was always good company.

*Keith and Sib Corbett*