

# Australian Native Plants Society Canberra Region Inc.

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# **Bulletin** August 2023

## **Members Meeting**

## Thursday, 10 August

7.30 pm\*\* note ANBG access times below.

ANBG Theatrette, Clunies Ross St, Black Mountain.

\*\* Please note —our gate minder will open the ANBG gates at 6.50pm and close them at 7.35pm so (s)he can attend the meeting.

Gate Minder: Daryl Crapp

Meeting Book Sales: as usual. See item

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#### **August Raffle prizes:**

The plants will be provided by: Megan Dixon, Canberra Native Nursery.

**Show and Tell:** Please bring along any plant material or pot plants you think we would find interesting and like to see.

**Reminder** it is important to bring any Myrtaceae specimens into ANBG in plastic bags.

# Vacancy - Treasurer's Position We urgently need to fill this position.

Our Treasurer is retiring this month and we need a member with some expertise to fill the position. This role is crucial to the running of the Society.

We are in the process of engaging a bookkeeper to assist the Treasurer. Our current Treasurer, Merelyn Southwell-Keely will give full information to any member interested in applying.

If you are interested please contact our secretary, Christine Kendrick, at secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au

## Meeting Talk: The Ian Potter National Conservatory (Conservatory) at Australian National Botanic Gardens.

Peter will give us a presentation on the new Conservatory at present being built in the Gardens.

Members will be aware of the work that has been happening in the Gardens as the building progresses. The building is due to open in November this year and will be a world class facility and, is in fact, said to have the lowest running costs of any Conservatory in the world with its solar passive architecture and properties. The mock-up is impressive as well as artist impressions of the new building that is being funded by the Ian Potter Foundation. The ANBG Nursery has been busy growing a special section of tropical plants that will be housed in the Conservatory so it will all be ready at opening time.

## **Guest Speaker: Peter Byron.**

Peter has been the General Manager of the Australian National Botanic Gardens since 2010 and responsible for the operation of the Gardens in areas such as management of the living collection, major projects, visitor services and corporate services. Peter project-managed the development of the ANBG Masterplan that was launched in 2015 and is providing the strategic direction for future developments. Peter has over 20 years' experience in park and venue management and has worked at Commonwealth, State and Local Government levels.



## Newsletter No 3 is attached to this Bulletin email.

## The deadline for articles for ANPSC's December Journal is 1 November

Please send articles and/or photos. Articles may be long or short, with or without photos.

Send **high resolution** images separately and not embedded in a document.

Send them to Gail Ritchie Knight, our Journal Editor, at journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au

#### **Exhibitions at ANBG**

Visitor Information Centre 9.30am to 4.30pm, daily

## **Bushland Retrospective** 9 August to 17 September

A glimpse of paintings by Anton Uildriks produced over two decades. This exhibition aims to provide the viewer with an appreciation of Australian flora and fauna, and to inspire young artists to pursue their own creativity.

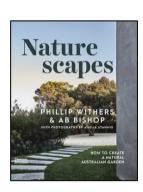


## **New Book**

## **Naturescapes** By Phillip Withers and AB Bishop

How to create stunning Australian gardens that support the local environment.

This book shows how to take inspiration from your favourite natural areas and create vour own outdoor wonderland.





## **State Conference, Cairns** 14 to 18 September 2023

If you are interested in attending this conference, go to: https://npq.org.au/state-conference/

You can download an application form which includes information on payment and accommodation options and a preliminary timetable.



## \*ANPSA Biennial Conference 2024 'Gardens for Life' 30 September to 4 October 2024

**Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre** 

APS Victoria is hosting the next ANPSA Biennial Conference in 2024.

We encourage all ANPSC members to consider attending this conference.

For more information and to register your interest go

https://apsvic.org.au/anpsa-biennial-conference-2024/

\*Australian Native Plants Society Australia

## ANBG Thursday Talks, 12.30 - 1.30pm, **Theatrette**

Bookings open Friday before the talk until Wednesday night or until seating limits are reached. (Tickets are Free). https://www.friendsanbg.org.au/calendar

3 August	'Using novel approaches to strengthen the relevance of lichen collections' - Dr. Cécile Gueidan
10 August	'Recent research on Koalas and their habitats in burnt and unburnt landscapes' - Murraya Lane
17 August	'Australian native tree species for bioenergy and carbon capture' - Dr David Bush
24 August	'The Story behind the Story, & Diprotodon Herd Insights' - Bronwyn Saunders '
31 August	'Living on the Edge: understanding the thermal ecology of plants from threatened ecological communities' - Professor Adrienne Nicotra
7 September	'Wattle days are here again' - Dr Suzette Searle '

## Plant Sales

#### Australian Native Plant Market

At Cool Country Natives, Pialligo is now in winter recess. Next Market Day - Saturday 2 September, 8.30am-3pm.

\*Some of our member growers will be there\*. This market is held on first Saturday of the month except in January and June to August.

## Where to buy Native Plants in the Canberra Region Brochure

The 2023 version of ANPSC's Where to buy Native Plants in the Canberra Region is now available. Go to https://nativeplantscbr.com.au/

## Australian Plants publication

This quarterly publication is produced by the Australian Plants Society, NSW on behalf of the Australian Native Plants Society (Australia) (ANPSA). Members who wish to subscribe to Australian Plants contact:

office@austplants.com.au

For more information go to:

https://anpsa.org.au/about/publications/



## **ANPSC** calendar & services

## **Book Sales at Members Meetings**

We have a few titles of new books at set prices - all very good value and a good range of second-hand books, donated by members, for a donation of your choice.

**Next Council Meeting**: Monday 7 August, at 12.30pm, Dickson Room, Banks Building, ANBG.

# Council Business - Council Minutes are on our website in Members Area under 'Minutes'. Luly Council Minutes will go up on the website after

July Council Minutes will go up on the website after they are approved at the August Council Meeting

**Next Bulletin: September 2023:** If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by Wednesday 30 August to <a href="mailto:bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au">bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au</a>

## **Members Meeting Speakers**

Send speaker suggestions to our speaker organiser, Roger Farrow at <u>r.farrow@iimetro.com.au</u>

## Write-ups of Member's Meetings talks

For those who may not be able to attend meetings, we are including articles on the speaker presentations in our Journal.

## **Updating your email Preferences**

To change your Mailchimp preferences/details ie

- Email Address, First Name, Last Name
- Members Groups activity preferences: Field Trips,
  Propagation Group, Wednesday Walks, Daytime Activities.
  Go to a link at the bottom of the page of any Mailchimp
  announcement such as your Bulletin email. Just above the
  \*\*black rectangle with MailChimp at the very bottom of the
  page is an underlined link update your preferences. If you
  click on that you will be sent an email that you use to take
  you to the webpage where you can change your details.
  Example:

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#### **ANPSC Notices**

#### Welcome to our new Members:

- **Real Penny Pengryffyn**
- **★Ann King**
- \*Karin English
- Sarah Butler
- &Luke Hush
- **%** John-Paul Berenger
- **Sheree** Martin

# ANPSC's Plant Database - photos wanted.

You can specify if the Society can use your photos for other purposes or just the online Plant Database. You can check if a species is already illustrated by searching the Database at



https://plantdatabase.nativeplantscbr.com.au Contact for queries is Lyndal Thorburn at lthorburn@viria.com.au

#### Conservation

## **Item of interest from Rosemary Blemings**

## From CSIRO - News Drought-resilient shrub goes east to support farmers in dry times

The elite variety of saltbush was developed over 15 years and will help farmers through poor seasons, building their resilience to drought.

https://www.csiro.au/en/news/All/News/2023/July/Drought-resilient-shrub-goes-east-to-support-farmers-in-dry-times

#### Item of interest from Bill Willis

## Severe droughts devastate eucalyptus trees that predate Ice Age By University of South Australia

South Australian scientists have documented the catastrophic decline of a stand of red stringybark (Eucalyptus macrorhyncha)\* in the Clare Valley, a tree species that has survived in the region for 40,000 years but is now at risk of extinction due to climate change.

https://phys.org/news/2023-04-severe-droughts-devastate-eucalyptus-trees.html

\*Eucalyptus macrorhyncha are 'common' trees within our region.

## **Members Activities**

#### **ANPSC Plant Sales**

Our Plant Sale Coordinators are Alison Roach and George Till.

Contact: plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au

## ANPSC Plant Sales Coordinator Council is pleased to announce that we have two members who will be filling the Plant Sale Coordinator position.

Alison Roach and Georgie Till will be working together in this important role and we thank them for the support they will be giving to the Society.

The Plant Sale is our one large activity requiring a lot of organisation and management and we ask members to help Alison and Georgie by offering assistance and helping with the October Sale.

## ANPSC's Spring Plant Sale is 21 October at ANBG

## A message from our Plant Sales Coordinators

'This year we have a team to coordinate our Spring Plant Sale. And there is still room for others to join! We always welcome volunteers to help at the Gardens with the Sale Set up and on the day, but there are a number of other things to get done in the weeks leading up to Saturday 21 October. If you can help in the earlier stages please email plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

We'll circulate some specific job descriptions in the next Bulletin- some are quite small and discreet, and every little bit helps.'

Thank you. Alison



Lunchtime. Robert Gibbon photo

## Wednesday Walkers (WWs)

Contact: Christine Kendrick at secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au

If you would like to receive information on future Wednesday Walks, go to the bottom of any ANPSC email and click on 'you can update your preferences'.

## Photos from WWs on outing to Bluetts Block.



Brunochilus-Pterostylis sp in front of Eucalyptus rossii and the group.

Gail Ritchie Knight photos.





Hovea heterophylla. Jane Roberts photo.

## Propagation

## Propagation group queries to

propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Newcomers are always very welcome to join the propagation group activities and no experience is necessary. You do need to register your interest by emailing <a href="mailto:propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au">propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au</a>

## August Cutting Bee Sunday 20 August, from 11am to 2pm. CIT Bruce, Charles Weston Lane, off Eade St.

We will again focus on cuttings.

Please bring labelled cuttings, secateurs, warm clothes and your own mug.

We will provide tea and coffee. As we stretch over lunch time you might like to bring a sandwich.

Let me know if you are coming by emailing via <a href="mailto:propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au">propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au</a>

All are welcome to come along to our regular bees; no previous experience necessary. Nola McKeon.

## July propagation photos

By Lyndal Thorburn



Bill Willis and Digby Gascoigne at the Bee



Just completed cuttings waiting to go into the hotbed

## **Field Trips**

## Our Field Trip Coordinator is Jeanette Jeffery

Contact: fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Email Jeanette to go on the emailing list and keep up to date with Field Trip arrangements.

For a particular field trip, email the contact person for that trip for more information and to book your spot on their list.

## **July Field Trip report**

See the report under DAGs Group as the field trippers joined them for a trip to Illawarra Grevillea Gardens/Menai Wildflower Group/Mt Annan Botanic Gardens. Below - Grevillea photos by Paul Goggin

## **August Field Trip**

No trip has been organised for this month.

## **Future Trips suggestions**

'If you have thoughts on a place to go with good companions and friends, please make a suggestion. I'm sure you will get takers!' *Jeanette* 







## Day Activity Group\* & Garden Design **Study Group**

Contact: dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au **Coordinating Committee members:** 

Digby Gascoine, Tom Jordan, Maureen Mallard, Pam Morrison.

\* DAG

\*\*Register your interest in DAG in your membership record in our website members area to receive DAG MailChimp emails detailing the next activity.

## **DAG August Activity** Garden Visit, Oakdale NSW, south of Sydney **Sunday 13 August**

The group will be visiting Peter Olde's Oakdale garden, "Silky Oaks". Peter is a grevillea expert, co-author of "The Grevillea Book" and his garden has one of the largest collections of Grevilleas in Australia. It will be a 2 and a half to 3 hour drive depending on where you live. We will meet at 12.00pm for a picnic lunch before viewing the garden.

Details will be sent out to Day Activity Group members. If not a member of DAGs, join soon via the ANPSC website as per instructions in note above \*\* Enquiries to dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

Note: Peter received the Australian Plants Award (Amateur award) at the 2015 ANPSA conference in Canberra.

## DAG 2023 Program **Future planned activities**

• Tuesday 16th September. Visit to a garden in Burra.

If you have a garden you'd like to share with the group, or have a garden suggestion, please contact the DAG Committee at dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au







## **DAGs July Activity Report** Grevillea photos by Paul Goggin

Over two sunny days in July (Sunday 9th and Monday 10th) a keen group of DAGs members visited the Illawarra Grevillea Park Botanic Garden on the Sunday afternoon, then on the Monday visited the Menai Wildflower Group, and finished the day by visiting the Mt Annan Botanic Garden.

The time spent in the gardens was enjoyed by all, and many arrived back in Canberra with new plants for their gardens. There was lively chat about plants at the picnic lunch on the Sunday, followed by a wander through the Grevillea Gardens seeing many unusual and stunning species.

Monday took us to the Menai Wildflower Group's garden at the Illawong Rural Fire Station where we were provided with a delicious morning tea before exploring the two native gardens. One garden was replanted in 2004 after severe bushfire damage, and has not looked back. It now has a mature collection of plants from all over Australia, plus hives of native bees. Many were in flower. The second garden is behind the fire station and known as 'The Mounds' project. This was built on three mounds built by Sutherland Shire Council out of rubbish removed from the Gross Pollution Traps in the local area. After rubbish was removed from the silt and capped with clean soil the MWG planted out the mounds with specimens propagated by the Group from as many different plant families deemed able to handle the unusual 'soil mix'. Almost everything grew and is a successful experiment.

After farewelling the Menai Wildflower Group members, we drove to the Mt Annan Botanic Garden, lunching in the restaurant there before wandering through various sections of the Gardens. Again, many plants were in flower.

Pam Morrison.





## Show and Tell – Plants currently flowering or in fruit at the ANBG Text by Ros Walcott and photos by Ben Walcott.



Banksia ericifolia 'Little Eric' is a compact bush with dark green heathlike foliage and orange brushes with maroon styles.

Banksia neoanglica, or New England Banksia, has silver backed dark green foliage with gold brushes held upright. This shrub is native to the eastern tablelands of Queensland and New South Wales.



Banksia menziesii, Firewood Banksia or Menzies Banksia, is a small tree or shrub with oblong, toothed, green leaves and deep pink to red flowers This plant is native to the west coast of Western Australia, around Perth.





Banksia hookeriana or Hooker's Banksia has upright, slender. green toothed foliage and bright orange flowers. This plant is native to the area between Perth and Geraldton in Western Australia.

Banksia 'Stumpy Gold' has fine, toothed linear foliage and masses of short gold brushes with rusty red styles. This plant is a dwarf cultivar of Banksia spinulosa var. collina that was selected by Richard Anderson of Merricks Nursery in Victoria from material collected on the New South Wales Central Coast.



Banksia oblongifolia is a small shrub with oblong leaves and vellow flowers. This plant grows along the eastern coast of Queensland and New South Wales between Bundaberg and Ulladulla.

