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Members Meeting

Thursday, 9 June

7.30 pm** note ANBG
access times below.

ANBG Theatre,
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.**

Raffle prizes

The June Raffle plants will be
supplied by: Iris Philp of IDP
Nursery at Murrumbateman.

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.

Meeting Book Sales

There will be no book sales at the
July meeting as Murray, our
dedicated bookseller, will be away.

Meeting Speakers

If you have any suggestions for
future speakers, please advise
Alison Roach ☎0401 669 878,
[v.president@nativeplants-
canberra.asn.au](mailto:v.president@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au).

Meeting Talk: Pittosporaceae, life, the universe and everything.

The Pittosporaceae is a little known small family of East
Gondwanan plants with all the higher level diversity (nine
genera) occurring only here, in Australia.

Only *Pittosporum* has managed to escape Australasia but why
this is so remains unclear. However, the family contains some
spectacularly weedy species (eg *Pittosporum undulatum*)
which is why we mainly plant New Zealand *Pittosporum*
reintroductions (?) rather than our endemic species.

Taxonomically this family is a critically important member of
the Araliads (including Araliaceae/Apiaceae). Our research so
far has shown an unusual degree of congruence between the
molecular and morphological analyses in this family.

Guest Speaker: Lindy Cayzer

Lindy has been researching Pittosporaceae for over 20 years
(taxonomy is not a research priority in Australia), and is part of
an *ad hoc* international research group (similarly elsewhere
employed taxonomists!) working on Araliad relationships
when/where they can.

This year Lindy will be updating and preparing her 1999 *Flora
of Australia*, Australian Pittosporaceae treatment for web
delivery on the ABRS website, supported by a small capacity
building grant from that agency. Her current interest is in
sorting out the Pittosporaceae of the Malesian area, where
Bakker (1957) lumped at least eight species into two, and
famously stated that there were few novelties to be expected in
this group in this region!

ANPS Future Planning

At a meeting in April, Council began a Future Planning exercise
for the Society. Attached is a Summary of the outcomes of that
meeting.

We are now asking for members' input and we encourage you
to please provide your feedback, comments and ideas.

Deadline for members' responses is by 12 July 2016.

ANPS Life Membership Nominations

You have **until 30 June** to nominate a member whose
contribution to our Society you think deserves life membership.
Please send any nomination to our Secretary, by email or post.
Contact person is: Lucinda Royston ☎6231 6067,
president@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au

New Members

A very warm welcome to our new members:

- ✿ Anne Hastings
- ✿ Aimee Nizette

Vale Peter Ormay

3 April 1938 to 19 May 2016



Peter was a member of ANPS and until recently an active Wednesday Walker. He had a great interest in nature and knowledge of wildlife and had been a carpenter/builders and biologist in Antarctica and on Macquarie Island; a scientific officer and ranger with ACT Parks and Wildlife; was an inaugural member of Friends of Aranda

Bushland and Indian Miner Bird Action Group; a skier, fisher, photographer and beekeeper. He was: the ACT expert on Eucalypts and author of *A guide to eucalypts in the ACT*; and a major contributor to *Our Patch* and to creation of the self-guided walk in Aranda Bushland especially with the signs he designed.

We will miss his company and quiet expertise.

Lucinda Royston photo.

ANPS Conservation Committee

Now that we have a Conservation Officer, Geoff Butler, we are in a position to re-establish the Conservation committee.

If you would like to be part of this group of 5-6 people please contact Geoff ☎6236 9158, gbu22182@bigpond.net.au.

Meeting Book Seller needed

We are looking for someone to take on this valued service to members.

Murray Dadds has had the job for quite a few years and like our council positions it is preferable to rotate people in all society tasks. The Book Seller's role is to: select, order/purchase, receive, store, price, sell books; and take cash/credit card payments from members - invoices are paid by the Treasurer.

We have convenient storage at ANBG for the books. Training and handover would certainly be provided.

Would you like to do all or part of the Book Seller job, for example only do book sales at meetings, only select, order and receive books? For more information or if you are interested contact Ben Walcott ☎6161 2742, treasurer@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au.

Our thanks to Betty and Don Wood



'For the past 30 years until May this year, Don and Betty Wood had hosted one of the Society's shadehouses in their Weetangera garden. We warmly thank and acknowledge Don and Betty's generosity for

having the shadehouse in their garden, for all this time, for monitoring the watering system and for having people working there from time to time.

Think of all the plants that have been grown in that shadehouse and the return to the Society in \$\$ and society spirit. They have been great supporters and friends of ANPS.'

Lucinda Royston, President

Lucinda Royston photo.

Propagation Co-ordinator vacancy

We need a new Co-ordinator for this very important Society activity.

This person's role is to: co-ordinate propagation activities including the yearly propagation calendar of activities; liaise with hot bed and shadehouse minders; and liaise with Council and the Bulletin Editor.

For more information and/or to express your interest, please contact Phil Price ☎6251 4669, mackellarcg@bigpond.com.

Members Activities

Propagation

General ANPS propagation queries:

propagation@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au

Cutting Bee

Sunday 19 June, 11am- 2pm

73 Mackellar Crescent, Cook

This propagation activity is at the new Shadehouse location so come along for a look if you haven't already.

Bring cuttings from your garden, choosing healthy material that has some newer (not too woody) growth from the recent growing season. Plant material should be collected the morning of the Bee, placed in a bucket of water and kept in the shade until you arrive. Some secateurs and gloves are provided, or bring your own together with sun protection and other suitable clothing for the weather.

Please bring something to share for lunch - tea and coffee will be provided.

Contact Phil Price ☎6251 4669.

Field Trips

There will no field trips in June or July - unless someone comes forward.

Roger Farrow, our dedicated field trip organiser, is away.

If you would like to organise a day/weekend trip, please contact Alison Roach 0401 669 878, v.president@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au.

Advance Notice – August field trips

APS NSW Invitation

20 to 21 August, Tamworth

ANPS members are invited to attend APS NSW's annual get together in Tamworth. It is a weekend of activities including a seminar program, visits to private gardens, local wetlands and botanic gardens.

For more info contact Warwick Daniels ☎6231 0852, wda68126@bigpond.net.au.

Between time.

Members going on either or both of these August trips may be doing activities in the intervening week eg there is a tag-a-long drive around the Pilliga with Annabelle and Anthony. For details contact Neville Page ☎6238 1766, nevpage@bigpond.com.

August Field Trip

27-28 August, Coffs Harbour

Gwyn Clarke and Morrie Duggan will be our guides for this weekend away in northern NSW as we visit heathland and rain forest terrain. If you are interested and/or you would like more info, please contact Neville Page: ☎6238 1766, nevpage@bigpond.com.



Field trip to Araluen - Deua River at Leslie McKenzie's property 'Myrtle Rim'. Photo by Neal Gowen

Daytime Activity Group (DAGs) & Garden Design Study Group

Tuesday 14 June, 10:30am

National Library of Australia

'Winter is here and it is time for some DAGs to hide indoors and for others to flee north.'

For the hardy DAGs I asked the NLA if we could view any original art works (prints, photographs, books and any ephemera) related to the Acacia species (Wattles) within the collections of the NLA i.e. historical and botanical material 'in the flesh' so to speak. I received a very positive response from Catriona Anderson (NLA curator) on both the date and the availability of wattle related material at NLA.

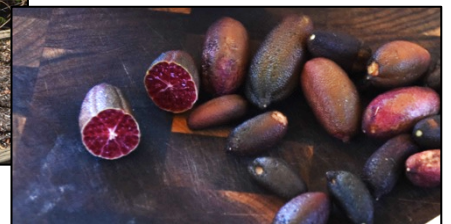
Note that parking can be tricky at the NLA.

Lunch will be at the NLA Bookplate Cafe and outdoor dining area, *Ex Libris*.

All ANPS members are invited and welcome to come along to this fun ANPS activity.' DAGs Co-ordinator Bill Willis wjwillis24@cuumbean.com ☎6297 5615, 0407 268 797.



DAGs&GDSG visit to Alison and Darryl's garden in Karabar.
- Alison talking to visitors Lt, view of the terraced back garden and native finger limes from the garden.
Lucinda Royston photos



Book Sales

At the June meeting we should have more stocks of Roger Farrow's new book **Insects of South-Eastern Australia**. If you would like to reserve a copy please email Murray on daddsm@bigpond.com

Calendar - activities and events

ANPS

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday 7 June, 12:00-1pm, Dickson Room, ANBG.

Next Collation: Tuesday 5 July, 2pm, 95 Price Place, Downer, host Winifred Mumford.

Next Bulletin: July 2016: Items due Wednesday 29 June to bulletin@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au.

ANPS Spring Plant Sale Saturday 15 October

Other

Australian Native Plant Market, The Heritage Nursery, Yarralumla

1st Saturday of the month, 8.30am-3.00pm.

Next one is not until spring, in September.

Open Gardens Canberra

Next open gardens will be in spring.

www.opengardenscanberra.org.au

Last chance to see this Exhibition:



Until 26 June, Canberra Museum & Gallery. Entry is free.

Don't miss this unique exhibition – our local ACT habitats/species are illustrated through works of art, scientific specimens, sound and video.

CMAG - open seven days a week, Civic Square near the Canberra Theatre complex www.cmag.com.au

ANBG Thursday Talks, 12.30-1.30pm, Theatre

2 June	'Hybrid vigour in plants; how does it work?' - Dr Liz Dennis
9 June	'The best system of trenches in Australia: World War I training trenches at the Jerrabomberra Wetlands' - Mark Butz
16 June	'Jerrabomberra Wetlands: Little known jewel in the heart of Canberra' - Lori Gould
23 June	'Fascinating flowers of Tongass National Forest, Alaska' - David Young
30 June	'Why you shouldn't eat your crusts: adaptation and diversity in a remarkable liverwort' - Dr Chris Cargill
7 July	'Today's Aboriginal culture: A Ngannawal Perspective' - Wally Bell

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