

Australian Native Plants Society Canberra (ANPSC)

2023 Annual Plan

Australian Native Plants Society Canberra (ANPSC) is one of 8 state-territory affiliates of the Australian Native Plants Society (Australia) [ANPSA]. We are a small non-profit organisation run by volunteers, earning and spending roughly \$25,000 annually.

The Society's key purposes are improving the horticulture of Australian native plants, plus preserving these plants and their habitats. Elected at the November 2022 AGM, our governing Council has 9 members for 2023.

After COVID disruptions in 2021, activities recovered in 2022. Despite a slight dip in finances, the Society maintained memberships, held two successful Plant Sales, ran Members' Meetings, Wednesday Walks and Field Trips.

Following are brief statements of plans and intentions for 2023:

Affiliations and Governance

- In 2023, ANPSC President continues as Delegate (and Public Officer) for ANPSA. He will continue to log in to ANPSA meetings.
- As well as ANPSA, other 'Friends' of ANPSC continue: Friends of Grasslands, Australian Flora Foundation, Canberra Ornithologists Group, Conservation Council ACT and Southern Tablelands Ecosystem Park (STEP).
- ANPSC submitted its Annual Return in November 2022, and this has been acknowledged by the regulator. Next Return is due after November 2023 AGM.
- ANPSC aims to hold all scheduled Council and Member Meetings for 2023.
- ANPSC publishes its Constitution and Policies — no changes occurred in 2022.
- ANPSC President has updated the register of 'Offices and Jobs' for 2023.
- The ANPSC has a nominee who links to national 'Plant Study' Groups, and individual ANPSC members are prominent in these Groups.

Finances

- The Society is responding to the major January theft on our accounts, albeit this being reversed in February, by reviewing our banking and security arrangements.
- 2021–22 Society's income was slightly up, compared with 2020–21. Expenses jumped due to amortising of one-off website costs, while assets fell.
- 2021–22 Audit and Financial Statement were finalised satisfactorily.
- Outside of Financial Statements, the Treasurer is asked to provide a regular break-down of our main expenses.
- In 2022–23, we aim for a stable or slightly improved financial situation, upping Plant Sale receipts if possible, and reining in avoidable costs.
- For STEP at the National Arboretum, Member Growers donated plants in 2022. Under our Donations Policy (covering research, plant/book donations and untied support), the Society will continue to make donations as opportunities arise.
- Society's Accounts and Delegations arrangements were not revised in 2022, but this will be done in 2023, comprising stronger security arrangements.
- In 2023, we will review our charges to Growers — Sales commissions, Grower Supply levies and Plant Threatened Species Label printing fees.

Memberships

- January 2023 total Society membership (including partners) was a bit under 300, similar to January 2022. The Society aims to keep membership around these levels.
- Memberships, Plants Sales and our Plant Book, continue as the key ANPSC revenue-income sources.
- The Membership 'pitch' is promoted at public events like our Plant Sale, and other promotions may be considered, should memberships flag.
- The Society will aim for a full 11 Member Meetings in 2023. We will continue to cover speaker presentations, in our Journal.

Activities and Working Groups

- In 2022, we gave ANBG a major financial donation, as per our Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), and we also donated to the ACT Conservation Council. In 2023, we look to strengthen our links with the ANBG, and restore the CIT plant donation, under MoU.

Plant Sale

- Twice-yearly Plant Sales will continue as a flagship event and income spinner.
- While the total size of 2022 sales (5,000–6,000 plants in each case) worked for customers, and for Growers and Society, successful sales require continual effort.
- Total Propagation Group sales in 2022 were 2,250 plants for \$13,000 income. We will aim for continued support of and activity from the Group.
- While our new Plant Sale Coordinator has the advantage of a detailed 'Plant Sale Process', we will be fine-tuning this over the course of 2023.
- In 2023, the new 'Conditions of Supply' apply to ANPSC Member Growers.
- October 2022 Sale was the first at which ACT 'Threatened or Protected Species' (TS) carried separate labels, as required under ACT regulations.
- In 2023, we will renew our TS licence and improve the accuracy of TS labelling.

Wednesday Walks etc

- Post COVID, regular Wednesday Walks and Field Trips resumed in 2022, and should be able to continue with normal regularity in 2023.
- Daytime Activity Group/Garden Design Study Group (DAGs) will continue.

Website and Other Publications

Website

- Our website's (nativeplantscbr.com.au) main topics did not change in 2022.
- Society will look for opportunities to make Conservation Submissions in 2023.
- The website advertises our \$30 Plant Book, 4th printing of 5th edition. This is our other major revenue-income source, with supplies still on hand from the 2021 printing.
- 2021–22 Book revenue rose compared with 2020–21; we will try to keep this up.

Other Publications

- Other publications on the website — Plant Guides, Brochures, Conservation Submissions, Wednesday Walk Reports — are to be maintained or updated as required.
- ANPSC Bulletin (monthly, via Mailchimp) and Journal (quarterly, PDF) continue to be circulated separately, as key services to members.
- From 2023, Journals are emailed as PDFs, but 50+ members have opted for hard copies. From 2023, Society doesn't offer *Australian Plants* as a subscription add-on.
- Under a long-standing Agreement, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology continues to republish ANPSC materials.