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Bulletin

May 2016

Members Meeting

Thursday 12 May,
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 April Raffle plants will be
supplied by: John Carter of *The
Plant People* in Wanniasa.

Show and Tell

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

Meeting Talk: What did I hear you say? Native plants can become weeds!

Stephen will talk to us about one of the confronting
realities, that some native plants become weeds.
Who is responsible? Is it the plants, or us, both or
neither?

This talk will draw in a little taxonomy, a bit of invasion
science, and a fair amount of ecology as applied to both
environmental and agricultural ecosystems.

Guest Speaker: Dr Stephen Johnson

Stephen has worked for the New South Wales
Department of Primary Industries since 2003, and in
Orange where he is now based since 2005. Before this,
he was a research agronomist, and before that a pasture
ecologist. One of the projects he worked on from that
time involved the native *Microlaena* turf that covers
Capital Hill.

He is currently a weed ecologist/weed risk assessor
working on the policy, technical and legislative interface
of what plants become weeds and what to do about them.
Stephen trained at the University of New England as a
botanist and plant ecologist and at Central Queensland
University as a crop agronomist.

Canberra Tree Week

2 to 8 May 2016

For Canberra Tree Week activities:

- at ANBG go to www.anbg.gov.au
- at other sites go to www.tams.act.gov.au/parks-conservation/trees_and_forests/canberra-tree-week-2016

National 20 Million Trees by 2020 Programme

- providing \$50 million over four years to contribute to re-establishing native vegetation, providing habitat to support our threatened plants and animals, and creating greener spaces to improve the liveability of our cities and towns.
www.nrm.gov.au/national/20-million-trees

ANPS Life Membership Nominations

Do you think that the contribution
made by one of our members
deserves life membership?
Then please consider nominating
her/him.

You have **until 30 June** to put in a
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:

- ✿ Robert Smith
- ✿ Robert & Pilar Perez McKay
- ✿ Shawn Capararo

45th Black Mountain Spring Wildflower Ramble

Saturday 8 Oct., 9.30am to 12noon

This walk is open to the public and introduces people to and encourages them to learn about our local flora and bushland.

If you would like to be a guide or helper please contact Jean Geue on ☎6251 1601.

Exhibition: 'Bringing the natural history of our region to life'

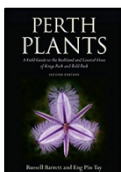


Until 26 June, Canberra Museum & Gallery

There's still time to go along and see this unique exhibition – 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

Book Sales

Two recent additions to our monthly meeting book sales:



Perth Plants: A field guide to the bushland and coastal flora of Kings Park and Bold Park.

Of great use when visiting anywhere in south west of WA and not only Kings Park.



Second Edition of **The Complete Field Guide to Butterflies of Australia** by Michael F. Braby.

Price to members for these new books is just \$33 each.

Any enquiries on books sales to Murray Dadds at daddsm@bigpond.com

Invitation

Members of ANPS are cordially invited to attend the book launch of:



Insects of South-eastern Australia, an ecological and behavioural guide by Roger Farrow.

The book will be officially launched by Geoffrey Robertson, conservationist, and former President of ACT

Conservation Council and Friends of Grasslands

When: Friday 13 May, 11.00 am to 12.30pm

Where: ANBG Theatre and Dickson Room

The author will be signing copies of the book available for purchase from the ANBG Bookshop on the day.

RSVP to Christine christine.kendrick@me.co

Members Activities

Weed Swap

'A big thank you to all the volunteers who made our April event so successful.' Rosemary Blemings.



Judy from ANPS and Philip from ACT Parks & Conservation Service at the Belconnen Weed Swap. Rosemary Blemings photo

Propagation

General ANPS propagation queries:

propagation@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au

Potting Up

Saturday 14 May, 10.30am- 1.30pm

3 Considine Close, Queanbeyan

We have 80 punnets to pot up (at least!!) so a good turnout would be appreciated. Please bring secateurs, gloves if you need them, and your lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

If it rains we will proceed under shelter.

Those who attend may take home a free plant from the Queanbeyan igloo.

Contact Tom Jordan or Lyndal Thorburn

☎6297 2437.



Field Trips

May Field Trip

Weekend 20-23 May, *Myrtle Rim*, Araluen
Leslie McKenzie has invited us to visit her place and Araluen.

Leslie is planning half day walks on Saturday and Sunday. Come for the weekend or for either day – Araluen is an interesting 2 hour drive from Canberra.

You can camp on the block or stay in the house. Bathroom and cooking facilities are available. For more information including a map of how to get to *Myrtle Rim*, please contact Leslie ☎ 0428 274 726, grahammckenzie911@hotmail.com



Advance Notice

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

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 wda68126@bigpond.net.au, ☎6231 0852



Mallacoota field trip

- *Epacris impressa* in a variety of colours

Lucinda Royston photos

Daytime Activity Group (DAGs) & Garden Design Study Group

Tuesday 17 May, 10:30am

6 Temora Place, Karabar (Q'beyan).

Our hosts will be Alison Roach and Daryl Crapp. Alison writes "Our garden is a 'work in progress', and has parts we are happy with, parts that are difficult, parts that are under construction (particularly the new chook fortress) and parts that we haven't touched yet.

We'd be delighted to listen to any advice members can give us. You'll see some of the difficulties we have with soil (clay and rock) when you visit.

Temora Place is off Candlebark Road, Karabar (Q'beyan) and our driveway is the second on the right. We are on a battle-axe block, so it is better for people to park on the street and walk up the driveway. There is room for a couple of cars, if people can't walk up the hill - the driveway is steep-ish."

Lunch will be at Country Heir, Monaro St.

All ANPS members are welcome to come along to this ANPS activity. DAGs Co-ordinator

Bill Willis wjwillis24@cuumbean.com

☎ 6297 5615, 0407 268 797.

Left: DAGs&GDSG at Wybalena Grove.

Lucinda Royston photo



Above: Mallacoota field trip

Lucinda Royston photos

- Shipwreck Creek to Secret Beach coastal walk

- 13 of the group of 17 at Betka Beach

Calendar - activities and events

ANPS

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday 10 May, 12:00-1pm, Dickson Room, ANBG.

Next Collation: Tuesday 31 May, 2pm, 95 Price Place, Downer, host Winifred Mumford.

Next Bulletin: June 2016: Items due Wednesday 25 May to bulletin@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au.

ANPS Spring Plant Sale Saturday 15 October

Other

Australian Native Plant Market, The Heritage Nursery, Yarralumla

Saturday 7 May, 8.30am-3.00pm.

Held on the 1st Saturday of the month Feb – May, Sept - Dec.

Open Gardens Canberra

Next open gardens will be in spring.

www.opengardenscanberra.org.au



ANBG Thursday Talks, 12.30-1.30pm, Theatre

5 May	'A trip to the Tip: Cairns to the Torres Strait' - Doug Laing
12 May	'Modifying oil-seed crops to produce fish oils' - Dr James Petrie
19 May	'Dirk Hartog and other early expeditions' - Peter Reynders and Dr Wolf Mayer
26 May	'How to discover over a thousand new species of plants in modern-day Australia' - Dr Brian Hawkins
2 June	'Hybrid vigour in plants; how does it work?' - Dr Liz Dennis

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