



# Australian Native Plants Society Canberra Region Inc.

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## Bulletin

### September 2016

#### Members Meeting

**Thursday, 8 September**

**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 September Raffle plants will be supplied by: ANPS' Queanbeyan Shadehouse with thanks to Ian Tranter.

#### 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.



New \$5 note featuring 'prickly moses' wattle - do they mean *Acacia verticillata*? or ?????? Looks pretty though. Ed.

Acacia elongate at Rt Lucinda Royston photo

#### Meeting Talk: Restoring Canberra's 'Flowerlands'.

Change in land managers, from indigenous to pastoral to government people, has reduced Natural Temperate Grassland in the ACT by 95%. These grasslands were once rich in brightly flowering plants and it would be appropriate to refer to them as 'Flowerlands'. Today's remnant and degraded patches are not secure; they are threatened by overgrazing, by excessive and untimely mowing regimes, by weed invasion, and by failure to apply fire regimes essential for the survival of many native plant and animal species.

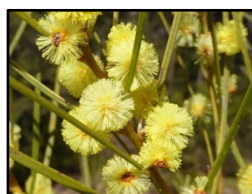
Research, some lateral thinking and growing concern amongst grassland carers is providing a new basis for grassland management that brings together indigenous knowledge, wildfire hazard reduction, weed control, biodiversity conservation, kangaroo needs and government working with voluntary land carers.

#### Guest Speaker: Ken Hodgkinson

Ken is a plant ecologist who worked in CSIRO for 35 years. His focus was the management and ecology of semi-arid woodlands and from 1986 to 1997 he led CSIRO's National Rangelands Program.

He currently writes up past research, lectures at the ANU and several China universities on grassland ecology, supervises PhD students and leads a citizen science project in the Ginninderra Catchment for the restoration of ACT's native grasslands.

#### National Wattle Day – 1 September



In 1988 *Acacia pycnantha*, the Golden Wattle, was officially gazetted as Australia's national floral emblem. Since 1992 National Wattle Day has been 1 September in all of Australia's States and Territories. [www.wattleday.asn.au/](http://www.wattleday.asn.au/)

#### Issuing the new Wattle banknote

On National Wattle Day 1 September 2016, the Reserve Bank of Australia will issue the first of its new banknotes, which will each feature a different Australian wattle and a native bird.

## New Members

A very warm welcome to our new members:

- ✿ Colin and Janette Sullivan
- ✿ Dot Gallagher

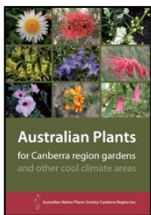
## Drosera species



One of our members, Phil Fradd, wants to hear from anyone growing Drosera sp. You can email him at [pfradd@grapevine.com.au](mailto:pfradd@grapevine.com.au).

## They love our book!

### 'Australian Plants for Canberra region gardens and other cool climate areas'



We received a reorder for our book from a local native plant nursery and they say *'Your book is a very popular volume and sells exceedingly well. We have no trouble in recommending it to all of our customers.'*

## Orchid Society of Canberra - Annual Spring Show

**24-25 September, Wesley Centre**

Australian native and exotic orchids will be on display and for sale. The Wesley Centre is at 20 National Circuit, Forest, hours are Saturday 9 to 5, Sunday 12 to 4. [www.canberraorchids.org](http://www.canberraorchids.org)

## 45th Black Mountain Spring Wildflower Ramble

**Saturday 8 October - 9.30am to 12 noon**

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.

## Floriade Bush Friendly Garden

**Would you like to be a volunteer explainer?**

'Here's an opportunity to promote Australian native plants. Join ANPS members as a volunteer explainer on the 4 week roster from 17 September to 16 October. Hours are 10am to 1pm and Noon until 3pm daily.

20,000 visitors see local weed species and the non-invasives that are bush-friendly alternatives for our region. There are explanatory signs and name-labels for each plant. Hoping to hear from you!' Contact Rosemary Blemings ☎6258 4724.

## Members Activities

### Our Bulletin and Journal now available on our website

All the 2016 Bulletins and the 2015 and 2016 Journals have been put up on the website.

[Go to 'Publications' menu on the Home page.](#)

We will be adding future editions as they come out.

Giving people who are interested in seeing what we are about online access to these publications means they can now look at our past field trips, speakers, propagation and other activities. This may encourage people to join/support ANPS.

### ANPS Future Planning

We have received 10 submissions from members into this process.

**The next steps** - we are going to list the issues raised by members and send them out to you for your information with the Bulletin. Council is going to have another special meeting to decide on priorities ie which issue(s) to look at first.

Contact: Lucinda Royston, President  
[president@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au](mailto:president@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au)

### ANPS Donations Policy

**Council has reviewed our Donations Policy - it is now on the website for you all to see.**

[Go to 'About ANPS' menu on the Home page.](#)

Basically it is not changing what we have done in the past. Rather it gives us momentum to donate some of the \$ we have accrued and can afford to donate: to organisations/individuals who are doing/want to do research; to non-research activities: and to like-minded organisations like ANBG. We will continue to give plants for planting projects, and copies of our Book to Libraries and other relevant organisations.

### Propagation

General ANPS propagation queries: Nola McKeon at [propagation@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au](mailto:propagation@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au) ☎6278 6619.

### Cutting Bee

**Saturday 17 September, 11am-2pm**  
**1048 Old Cooma Road, Googong**

'We will be under cover or inside if necessary. Please bring cutting material from your garden or you can raid ours. Cuttings/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. Bring something for lunch to share. Tea and coffee will be provided.' Peter.

Contact Lyn or Peter Woodbury ☎6299 5064.

## Field Trips

### September Field Trip

#### 23-27 September, Hawkesbury Nature Reserves

This trip is being organised by Wendy Grimm from APS NSW, Hornsby Group. She has booked a special visit to Muogammara Nature Reserve that is only opened by NPWS for guided plant viewing a few weekends each spring.

**Program:** Saturday: Muogamarra NR easy day walk about 4 km. Sunday: Marramarra NR Ridge moderate day walk about 12 km return. Monday: Kuringai Chase, Centre Track 3.2 km, easy walk, car shuffle, plus afternoon stroll to West Head.

**Accommodation:** Accommodation at Lane Cove Caravan Park is fully booked. There is hotel/motel accommodation nearby.

We will commute each day to the Reserves. Contact Roger Farrow, on email only until September, [r.farrow@iimetro.com.au](mailto:r.farrow@iimetro.com.au).



Orchids on Black Mountain -  
Lt - *Corybas incurvus*  
Lt - *Acianthus collinus*  
Top - *Bunochilus umbrinus*  
Brigitta Wimmer photos

## APS NSW invitation

### September Field Trip

#### 5-8 September – Goulburn River National Park and environs

Canberra ANPS are invited to join APS NSW' field trip to the Goulburn River National Park and surrounding areas. The NP is located in the western Hunter Valley near the small township of Merriwa. It extends some 70 km along either side of the Goulburn River, immediately adjoining the northern boundary of the better-known Wollemi National Park.' Contact Morrie Duggan ☎6649 3202 (preferably at night) or [morris@guarana.org](mailto:morris@guarana.org).

## ANPS Spring Plant Sale

**Saturday 15 October, 8.30am to 1.30pm**

**Volunteers needed to help with the Sale.**

Volunteers may purchase up to 10 plants before the sale and receive refreshment vouchers.

These sales are an important source (two thirds) of annual income for the Society and are only possible with the help of many member volunteers.

We need people to help with a variety of tasks on either setup day (Friday) or sale day (Saturday). No previous experience necessary!

Attached to this Bulletin is a List of Plant Sale activities we need your help with.

If you are able to help on either or both days, please contact our Plant Sale Coordinator, Phil Price at [plantsales@nativeplants-canberra.asn](mailto:plantsales@nativeplants-canberra.asn)

### Plant Sale Advertising Flyer

A Flyer is attached to this Bulletin. Please use it to promote our Plant Sale at work, at the local shops, email around networks etc.



Above and below - DAGs event – visiting the ANBG botanic art collections. Lucinda Royston photos

## Daytime Activity Group (DAGs) & Garden Design Study Group September activity

Bill had not been able to arrange a DAG event for September in time for this Bulletin's deadline. Bill will email DAGs if he is able to organise an activity for Tuesday 13 September.

All ANPS members are invited and welcome to come along to this ANPS activity.

DAGs Co-ordinator Bill Willis, ☎6297 5615, 0407 268 797, [plantnatives@cuumbeun.com](mailto:plantnatives@cuumbeun.com).





## ANPSA – Study Groups

### Australian Native Plants Society (Australia)



'ANPSA has 18 active study groups that concentrate on the various plant genera or other areas of interest such as Bonsai and Garden Design.

There are links on the ANPSA website (<http://anpsa.org.au>) to each of the study groups and many have webpages where you can read newsletters.

Everyone is welcome to join a study group as it is a great way to learn about plants and how to enjoy them.' Ben Walcott, President ANPSA.

**ANPSA's June Newsletter is included with this month's emailed Bulletin.**

## Calendar - activities and events

### ANPS

**Next Council Meeting:** Tuesday 6 September 12:00-1pm, Dickson Room, ANBG.

**Next Collation:** Tuesday 4 October, 2pm, 95 Price Place, Downer, host Winifred Mumford.

**Next Bulletin: October 2016:** Items due Wednesday 28 September to [bulletin@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au](mailto:bulletin@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au).

**ANPS Spring Plant Sale:** Saturday 15 October.

### Other

**Australian Native Plant Market, The Heritage Nursery, Yarralumla**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 8.30am-3.00pm.**

Next one is 4 September.

### Open Gardens Canberra

Next open gardens will be in spring.

[www.opengardenscanberra.org.au](http://www.opengardenscanberra.org.au)

## ANBG Thursday Talks, 12.30-1.30pm, Theatre

1 September	'Spring's Golden Plumes: Wattle in Australian art of the twentieth century' - Dr Emma Kindred
8 September	'Quill and Spade: Pioneer garden writing in Australia 1788-1888' - Dr Greg Johnson
15 September	'The natural appeal of the Bush Capital: Surveyors, catchments and the kitchen sink' - Brett McNamara
22 September	'Painting birds for field guides: why not photos?' - Peter Marsack
29 September	'Looking after a lost bit of Australia: Montague Island.' - Max Bourke and Lainie Lawson

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