

### Members Meeting

Limit of 40 attendees - you must therefore register to attend.

**Thursday, 8 April**

**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:** Gail Ritchie Knight.

**No refreshments will be available**

**Meeting Book Sales:** as usual. See item on page 3.

#### April Raffle prizes:

The plants will be provided by: Member growers Bilby Blooms [bilbyblooms.com.au](http://bilbyblooms.com.au)

**Plants for sale:** Our Propagation group will have a few plants for sale.

**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.

To register to attend the members meeting –

email [secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

In accordance with ACT Health Rules, 40 people is the limit in the ANBG Theatrette (it holds 98 people). We will be taking COVID precautions and you will need to use the QR Code reader or be signed in. Masks are not required but please wear one if you wish. Social distancing rules will apply.

### Meeting Talk: Plant Recovery after High Severity Fire in the Australian Alps

High severity fires in both the 2003 and 2020 fire seasons impacted large swathes of the Australian Alps, particularly in Kosciuszko National Park and in Namadgi National Park. Of particular concern are those areas that burnt at high severity in both 2003 and again in 2020. Using his long-term research before and after the 2003 fires, Michael will detail patterns of recovery after high severity fire in subalpine, montane and tablelands ecosystems in the northern parts of the Australian Alps and then discuss the potential impacts of recurrent high severity fire on the plant species and plant communities found across the region.

#### Guest Speaker: Michael Doherty

Michael spent his formative years bushwalking & botanising in the floral wonderland of the Sydney Basin and graduated with a BSc from the University of Sydney in 1986. Over the past 35 years he has worked on a wide range of research projects in plant conservation, vegetation management and natural resource management with NSW NPWS, CSIRO and also as a consultant. He has just completed a PhD at ANU on the fire severity and plant community dynamics in the Australian Alps and is otherwise undertaking a modicum of botanical consulting whilst indulging his passion as a gentleman naturalist.

### Members Meeting Speaker organiser(s) needed

**Would you like to be our Speaker organiser or member of a Speaker organising team?** The role is not onerous and can easily be shared by a number of people.

Our members meetings are ANPSC's most popular activity.

We are fortunate in Canberra to have access to a wide range of experts on a variety of relevant and interesting topics we can approach to talk at our meetings.

Please contact Christine, our Secretary if you are interested on [secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

### Council vacancies

There are 2 vacant positions on Council until the AGM in November. Here is an opportunity to participate in the management and administration of the Society - any member can nominate for Council. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Christine, Kendrick, our Secretary on [secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

### Deadline for articles for the June ANPSC Journal is 1 May.

Please send items/articles to our Journal Editor, Daniel Charron at [journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

**Exhibitions at ANBG**  
**Visitor Information Centre**  
9.30am to 4.30pm, daily

**Friends Botanic Art Group's Exhibition -  
*From the Desert to the Sea***  
3 April to 2 May



An exhibition celebrating the wide range of native flora in Australia including plants from arid areas. The artists have used a variety of media including watercolours, coloured pencil, graphite, pastels and acrylic paints to illustrate plants in an intricate and highly realistic manner. All works are for sale with a 20% commission going to the Friends of the Gardens.

***Talking with Trees***  
5 to 30 May



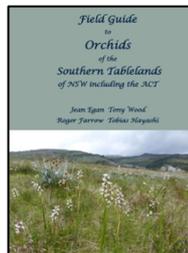
An exhibition featuring historic and contemporary images showing how the Gardens has evolved into a site of understanding of our native flora, as well as a place of reflection, discovery and species protection.

Artist Tracey Benson seeks to evoke the emotions of reverence, hope and empowerment through the use of photography, video and augmented reality. Part of Canberra Tree Week.

**Books Available** from selected local book shops.

***Field Guide to Orchids of the Southern Tablelands of NSW including the ACT***  
by Jean Egan, Tony Wood, Roger Farrow, Tobias Hayashi

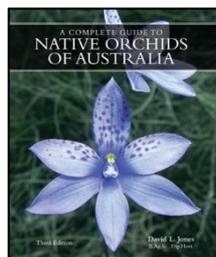
Price \$45 RRP. A special concession price is available to ANPSC members through on-line sales at email [tobiashayashi@hotmail.com](mailto:tobiashayashi@hotmail.com)



***A Complete Guide to Native Orchids of Australia Third Edition***  
by David L Jones

This book is 800 pages with colour photos and line drawings. It has twice the number of orchids than the 1988 original edition and 379 more species than the 2006 edition.

Go to <http://newhollandpublishers.com/orchids>



**Interesting item from Rosemary Blemings**  
**The Conversation - 5 remarkable stories of flora and fauna in the aftermath of Australia's horror bushfire season**

(The Conversation Australia and New Zealand presents research-based news and analysis.)

Go to:

[https://theconversation.com/5-remarkable-stories-of-flora-and-fauna-in-the-aftermath-of-australias-horror-bushfire-season-155749?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Latest from The Conversation for March 16 2021 - 1889918460&utm\\_content=Latest from The Conversation for March 16 2021 - 1889918460+CID\\_491b7604a50bb7183a6da6f3a6294d8d&utm\\_source=campaign\\_monitor&utm\\_term=5 remarkable stories of flora and fauna in the aftermath of Australias horror bushfire season](https://theconversation.com/5-remarkable-stories-of-flora-and-fauna-in-the-aftermath-of-australias-horror-bushfire-season-155749?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest from The Conversation for March 16 2021 - 1889918460&utm_content=Latest from The Conversation for March 16 2021 - 1889918460+CID_491b7604a50bb7183a6da6f3a6294d8d&utm_source=campaign_monitor&utm_term=5 remarkable stories of flora and fauna in the aftermath of Australias horror bushfire season)

**Interesting item from Bill Willis**  
**Eucalypt – A film series by Remember the Wild**

Rediscover an Australian icon. Stream all five episodes of EUCALYPT now for free at

[rememberthewild.org.au/eucalypt](http://rememberthewild.org.au/eucalypt).

Twitter: @RTW\_Aus. Threads : #EucBeaut #nature #trees #ozplants #australia #eucalypt



Plant Sale set up – plants being delivered, counted in and put out into rows. Lucinda Royston photos



## ANPSC calendar & services

### Book Sales at Members Meetings

We sell a small range of local plant books only and at our normal low prices. In addition, there will be other stock at sale prices.

Come and have look at what specials you can pick up!

**Next Council Meeting:** \*Tuesday 6 April at 12.30pm, Dickson Room, ANBG.

\* Easter Holiday on Monday

**Council Business - Reminder: Council Minutes are on our website in Members Area under 'Minutes'.** The March 2021 ones will go up after the April Council Meeting.

**Collation:** Only when mailing out the quarterly Journal and Australian Plants magazine.  
95 Price Place, Downer. Host Winifred Mumford.

**Next Bulletin: May 2021:** If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by Wednesday 28 April to [bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au).

## Plant Sales

### Australian Native Plant Market

Next Market Day is Saturday 3 April (Easter), 8.30am-3pm

At Cool Country Natives, Pialligo

\*Some of our member growers will be there\*.

This market is held monthly except in January and June to August.



Plant sale day  
– final set up and  
checks and first  
customers.

Lucinda Royston  
photos

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

Limited numbers - booking a seat is essential.

For bookings go to:

[https://www.friendsanbg.org.au/calendar\\_talks](https://www.friendsanbg.org.au/calendar_talks)

1 April	'The iconic Wollemi Pine' - Dr Heidi Zimmer
8 April	'The decline of the entomofauna and its drivers' - Dr Francisco Sanchez-Bayo
15 April	'Living on the Edge: How do Plants of Threatened Ecological Communities Cope with Extreme Temperature?' - Professor Adrienne Nicotra and Dr Veronica Briceno Rodriguez
22 April	'Ginninderry Conservation Park' - David Coutts & David Maxwell
29 April	'Banksia Garden' - David Taylor



## Plant Sales

Plants available from some of our member growers

Plants lists from some of our member growers are available on our website at

<https://nativeplantscbr.com.au/articles/plants-available-from-some-anpsc-member-growers/>

Contact each grower for details and prices.

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

For latest version go to

<https://nativeplantscbr.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Where-to-buy-Native-Plants-in-the-Canberra-Region.pdf>

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## Conservation News

### From our Conservation Officer, Geoff Butler

Geoff is also ANPSC's Representative on the Conservation Council ACT Region

### 'North Lawson Grasslands

By the time you read this, the Conservation Council and Friends of Grassland will have had a stall at the Lawson Markets (27<sup>th</sup> March) to raise awareness around the proposed Defence Housing Association's proposed development and its potential environmental impact on the site at Lawson North. But it is not too late! If you have not already done so, please [sign the petition](#) to save the threatened grasslands, but do it soon. A [guided walk](#) of the grasslands will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April to raise community awareness, but you must register.

### Regional Grasslands "under fire"

Other grasslands are under fire at the moment. Two projects with consequences for native grasslands have been proposed, one being a big battery to be built near Ginninderry, and a proposed new solar farm near Sutton. The Conservation Council is raising awareness of these critically endangered habitats, particularly through their campaign to save the Lawson north grasslands from development. Grasslands have also been at the centre of national controversy, with The Guardian reporting on a contentious government grant in [this story](#). More on this as the campaigns progress.

### Strategic Bushfire Management Plan (2019–24).

In 2019, the ACT community helped shape the Strategic Bushfire Management Plan (2019–24). As part of that plan, a revision of the Fire Management Zones was required. Since the development of the new zones and the changes to the landscape from the 2020 bushfires, the draft Regional Fire Management Plan (2019–29) needs to be updated to better reflect the situation on the ground. Consultation on the draft ACT Regional Fire Management Plan is **open for comment until 7th May**, and can be found at <https://www.yoursay.act.gov.au/bushfire-management-plan>

### Australian War Memorial (AWM) Extensions

Everyone is probably aware of the proposed redevelopment at the AWM, and it appears this is going to be done in various phases/stages which will be open for public comment. However, an as yet unconfirmed situation has arisen regarding the spoil (soil fill) - an estimate being some 50,000 cubic metres. The area of Defence/ACT land south of the airport, commonly referred to as the Newline Quarry site, has apparently been discussed. This area is notable for the very old woodland trees that remain, and is a high-quality bird habitat. It is not known where the spoil is to be located, so there is deep-seated concern about the potential effect on the environmental values provided by the woodland. It would be very useful, perhaps, to rehabilitate the quarry which is apparently closed or closing. More on this when available.

## Conservation Council ACT Region

ANPS is a member group of the ACT's "umbrella" environmental organisation. The Council have a very useful page on their website dealing with environmental issues that are calling for submissions. Take some time and explore the "Take Action" page of their website at regular intervals.

<https://conservationcouncil.org.au/get-involved/take-action/>.

## Vacancies - ANPSC's Representatives on the Conservation Council ACT Region

ANPSC is a member of the Conservation Council and may have 3 Representatives on the Council.

Geoff Butler is currently our only Representative and we have been fortunate to have Geoff represent the Society and its interests on the Conservation Council for the past years.

If any member is interested in being an ANPSC Representative or finding out more about what the role entails, please contact Christine Kendrick, our Secretary on [secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

Plant Sale day  
- totalling customer's plant numbers & cost..

Lucinda Royston photos



## Updating your email Preferences

We use MailChimp to send out our Monthly Bulletin, and it can be used to automatically produce email lists for each of our 4 Activity Groups. Currently only DAGs is using the facility while WWs used it until activities were suspended due to COVID and now as there is no coordinator.

To change your Mailchimp preferences/details ie Email Address, First Name, Last Name  
Members Groups preferences: Field Trips, Propagation Group, Wednesday Walks, Daytime Activities  
you 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.

\*\*MailChimp example

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#)



## New ANPS Members

✿ No new members this month.

## Members Activities

### COVID-19 health emergency – ANPSC activities

**Activity groups** –our activity groups (Propagation, DAGs, Field Trips, WWs) have COVID-19 Plans and have or are resuming activities.

**Monthly Members Meetings** – have resumed.

**Council** - is meeting monthly as usual.

**Our twice-yearly Plant Sales** – next Sale in October 2021.

**Member growers may promote their plant selling activities** on the ANPSC website and Facebook page.

### ANPSC revised COVID-19 Plans

We have revised the COVID-19 Plans for our 4 Activity groups. They have been streamlined and made more flexible to reflect the changing nature of government guidelines.

Copies can be found on our website under 'Our Policies' at <https://nativeplantscbr.com.au/our-policies/>.

## Propagation

**Propagation group queries to**  
[propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au).

**The COVID-19 Plan for this activity group has been reviewed and approved by Council and propagation at both CIT and Queanbeyan locations is subject to any ACT/NSW COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.**

Newcomers are always very welcome to join the propagation group activities. You do need to pre-register your attendance by emailing [propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au).

## Potting Bee

**Saturday 17th April, 10am to 1pm**  
**3 Considine Close, Queanbeyan**

We will be potting up and potting on. Please bring gloves, secateurs, and your own refreshments.

Would you please register beforehand with Lyndal at ☎ 6297 2437, [lthorburn@viria.com.au](mailto:lthorburn@viria.com.au)

## Crowea exalata (Ginninderra Falls)

The Propagation Group is looking for a source of propagation material of *Crowea exalata* (Ginninderra Falls).

If anyone has a known plant and would be happy to provide cutting material for the Propagation Group, please contact Nola at ☎ 0447 522 735, [nola\\_mckeeon@hotmail.com](mailto:nola_mckeeon@hotmail.com)

## Field Trips

**Our Field Trip Coordinator is Jeanette Jeffery**

Contact: [fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

The COVID-19 Plan for this activity group has been reviewed and approved by Council. Activities may go ahead subject to any COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.

### April Field Trip

**\* Mungo National Park**

**Monday 26 April to Friday 1 May (6 days)**

\* Applications to attend this field trip have been regrettably closed due to high number of people who have already signed on for this trip. Warwick will have a standby list.

**Contact:** Warwick Daniels, [wda68126@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wda68126@bigpond.net.au)

### Proposed Field Trips program

**Trips to be confirmed.**

If you would like to propose/lead a field trip, our field trip coordinator, Jeanette, would be pleased to hear from you.

<b>May – no trip as yet</b>
<b>June – no trip as yet</b>
<b>Fri 16 to Mon 19 July</b> Morton NP, Little Forest Plateau, Mt Bushwalker and Yatteyattah Nature Reserve near Milton
<b>August/September</b> – South West Queensland for 7-10 days.
<b>Mon 20 to Thur 23 September</b> Beechworth, Chilton, Mt Pilot NP
<b>October</b> Girraween NP, Qld and Mt Kaputar NP, NSW
<b>November</b> NSW Alps. Camping
<b>December – no trip as yet</b>
<b>January 2022</b> Victorian Alps

## Wednesday Walkers (WWs)

**Our WW coordinator position is vacant**

The COVID-19 Plan for this activity group has been reviewed and approved by Council. Activities may go ahead subject to any COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.

**There are no Wednesday walks planned at this stage as we are looking for a Wednesday Walker Coordinator.**

The Coordinator sends out information about coming walks and the reports walk leaders produce. The Coordinator does not have to attend walks. All information is sent out to members via the MailChimp system (training happily provided). To express interest or for further information please contact Christine at [secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

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

Coordinating Committee: Dave Bishop, Digby Gascoine and Bill Willis.

Contact: [dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

\* DAGs

The COVID-19 Plan for this activity group has been reviewed and approved by Council and this activity is subject to any COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.

### April Garden visit

**Tuesday 13 April from 10.30am**

**Brad Pillan's garden, at 30 Aspen Rise, Jerrabomberra**

Come and see this interesting and lovely garden.

You need to register if you wish to join in this activity with [dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

### Wanted - gardens to visit

If you would like to offer your garden for a visit (and/or advice) by the DAGs & GDSG group there are spaces in the calendar of Tuesday 13 July and Tuesday 17 August. Please email DAGs at [dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au)



Plant Sale day – totalling customer- s plant numbers & cost, customers choosing plants and the end of the Sale and packing up.

Lucinda Royston photos

## ANPSC Plant Sale

Our Plant Sale Coordinator is Linda Tabe

Contact: [plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

## ANPSC Autumn Plant Sale

**Held on Saturday 27 March from 8.30am to 1pm at ANBG**

### Jacket lost at Friday's Plant Sale set-up

Left in the top car park - a women's dark brown, zip-up jacket. If any thoughtful person picked this up please contact Nola at ☎0447 522 735, [nola\\_mckeeon@hotmail.com](mailto:nola_mckeeon@hotmail.com)

### 'A huge thank you to all the volunteers who participated in our first COVID-safe Plant Sale!

Our first plant sale for 18 months involved significant changes to our normal routine – but our volunteers and growers rose to the occasion.

This Sale was an experiment in many ways, and we learned a lot along the way. Disappointingly, despite rapid take-up of the 480 free tickets for the event, probably less than half of those ticket-holders actually attended. We had a total of just over 400 people through the Sale during the day, enabling us to keep well within our COVID restrictions. Feedback from the ANBG was good, as they had been nervous about how we could control crowds at our popular event.

The new arrangements for tallying and paying for plants were popular with both volunteers and customers. There was virtually no queuing at any point. The customers were delighted with the relaxed, spacious shopping conditions. Unfortunately, only just over 60% of the plants were sold. In a normal Autumn Sale, we would consider 80% sold a good result.

I'm confident that we can build on this experience to run a successful sale in Spring – the date will be Saturday 16 October.

Once again, thank you so much to the volunteers who make it all possible.'

Linda Tabe

Plant Sale Coordinator

*'An equally big Thank You to Linda Tabe for all the work she did to make this Sale happen and run so very well. She put in lots of hours and effort – she was determined to make this a safe and successful Sale. There were lots of things to change and to do to meet the COVID requirements and the deadline once we decided that we could have a Sale after all.'*

Lucinda Royston, President.

**Show and Tell – DAGs & GDSG visit to Dave Bishop's garden – Lucinda Royston photos**



## Show and Tell – March Field Trip to Nerriga by Gail Ritchie Knight

The field trip in March based at Nerriga turned out to be one of the largest we'd had in a while. This was fitting given it was also the first ANPSC sponsored field trip for some time. There must have been about 17 who ventured out. Some booked in to cabins at the Nerriga Hotel, others drove out for the day on Saturday while a small hardy group camped. Saturday was great for botanising, then on Sunday as forecast, the heavens opened up but after lunch the rain eased. So, four of us went walking at Tianjara Falls where there was a magnificent stand of Sydney Rock Orchids. Then two of us piked and retired to the Nerriga Hotel for the rest of the day.

The stand-out on this trip were the *Actinotus forsythii* (Pink Flannel Flower). They were spectacular - a rare sight indeed especially as they are reliant on fires to germinate. Our timing was perfect, thanks to Roger Farrow who led the trip.



*Actinotus forsythii* (Pink Flannel Flower)



*Corunastylis superba* (Pink Midge Orchid)

View from the Pylons - after 2019/20 fires



*Specularantha furva* (Tiny Greenhood)



*Hybanthus monopetalus*  
(Slender Violet-bush)



*Bossiaea ensata*

*Coronidium leucopsidium*



*Coronidium rutidolepis*



## Show and Tell

### From the Walcotts

Text by Ros Walcott, photos by Ben Walcott

In flower in the ANBG

*Grevillea* 'Robyn Gordon' has deeply divided green foliage and red/pink flowers. This popular plant has been planted widely in Australia and other countries and is a chance hybrid from the garden of the late David Gordon of Myall Park, Glenmorgan, Queensland and named for his daughter.



*Corymbia* 'Summer Red' is a grafted eucalypt with dark green leathery foliage and attractive new red foliage, red fluffy flowers and beautiful bud formations.



*Correa* 'Mannii' is probably a hybrid between *Correa pulchella* and *C. reflexa*, which first appeared as a chance seedling in Sir Frederick Mann's garden in Melbourne and is named after him. This small shrub has dark green leaves and long red bells.



*Correa* 'Snowbelle' is a small spreading shrub with grey-green foliage and white bell-shaped flowers with turned up petals bred by Peter Ollerenshaw, Bywong Nursery.



*Banksia paludosa*, or Marsh Banksia has young ginger-coloured cones which develop into gold brushes. This plant is native to central and southeastern New South Wales with an outlying population on the north coast near Kempsey.