



Members Meeting

Thursday, 14 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: Peter Woodbury.

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

April Raffle prizes:

The plants will be provided by:
Bilby Blooms- bilbyblooms@bigpond.com

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.



Autumn Plant Sale - Setting out the plants.
Lucinda Royston photo

Please continue to register to attend the members meeting – email secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au

ACT Covid-19 requirements: Mask wearing. *'While mask wearing requirements have eased, the Canberra community is strongly encouraged to continue to wear a face mask when entering public indoor settings where it could be difficult to maintain physical distancing.'*

Meeting Talk: A Plant-finding Wander through Western NSW and Queensland

Take a wander through mid-western NSW and Queensland with speaker Dr Lyndal Thorburn. Lyndal leads the Eremophila Study Group for ANPSA. She and her husband Tom Jordan travelled to a Study Group meeting at the Myall Park Botanic Gardens in Queensland in July/August 2021 via Cobar, Gundabooka, Bourke, Cunnamulla, Charleville and Carnarvon Gorge National Park, returning via Lightning Ridge and Coonabarabran/Warrumbungles. Lyndal was keen to find Eremophila growing in the wild, but of course they found a lot more. Lyndal has compiled a presentation that provides insights into the plant communities through which they travelled, and associated history, during a La Nina period.

Guest Speaker: Lyndal Thorburn

Lyndal Thorburn and her husband Tom Jordan are ANPS Canberra Life Members.

They joined ANPSC in 1979 and have been active in our propagation group for almost as long. They host the Society's Queanbeyan propagation hotbed and igloo facilities and Lyndal currently keeps the propagation database for the Society. In the past, Lyndal has had numerous roles on ANPSC's Council - Tom is a member of the current Council - and Lyndal is a member of our Plant Database team. She and Tom are also members of APS NSW South Eastern NSW group based at Batemans Bay, near where they have 3 Ha of bushland (house pending).

Lyndal has led the ANPSA Eremophila Study Group since 2015. Lyndal and Tom both joined the Study Group in 1985 and have introduced many species and forms of Eremophila to Canberra via the propagation group, through their own purchases of plants from nurseries and growers in Victoria, South Australia and NSW. Lyndal has launched several projects for the Eremophila Study Group, and, as 2022 is the Group's 50th year, is currently curating development of an Eremophila colouring book for launch at the ANPSA Biennial Conference at Kiama later this year. Lyndal and Tom both like photographing fauna and flora on their travels.

Gail Ritchie Knight is back being ANPSC's Journal Editor and we will resume the normal program. The deadline for articles for the June Journal is 1 May 2022.

Please send items/articles to our Journal Editor at journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au

ANPSA (Australian Native Plants Society Australia) Biennial Conference 2022

<https://events.humanitix.com/conference-tours-and-excursions>

Theme: Australian flora - past present future.

Conference Dates: Monday 12 September to Friday 16 September 2022.

In addition pre and post conference tours are planned.

Location: Kiama, NSW

Registration for the conference and tours: To register for the conference and express interest in tours, go to the website.

Queries: Please contact organisers via email with any questions on Conf2022@spin.net.au

Exhibitions at ANBG

Visitor Information Centre
9.30am to 4.30pm, daily

15th Annual Art in the Gardens Exhibition 'Growing in the Gardens'

Saturday 9 April to Sunday 8 May

All art by members of the ANBG
Botanic Art Groups

The exhibition will feature a range of native plants growing in the ANBG, and all artworks will be available for purchase along with cards and bookmarks.

Image: Kristen O'Keefe, *Eucalyptus sideroxylon*



Item from Bill Willis

Eucalyptus interesting fact

Some Eucalyptus bark & leaves contain saponins which foam when wet. When it rains these saponins wash off the leaves & bark, foaming up as they roll down the trunk. Some of the native terrestrial orchids that grow at the base use these saponins during their growth cycle.

Elle Fox@EllesOrchids

pic.twitter.com/kMSRZSWHjN

31/3/2022, 2:16 pm



Eucalyptus macrorhyncha
Lucinda Royston photo

ANBG Thursday Talks, 12.30 - 1.30pm, Theatrette

Bookings are essential. Bookings open Friday before the talk until Wednesday night or until seating limits are reached. (Tickets are Free). <https://www.friendsanbg.org.au/calendar>

7 April	'The Strange Story of Ellis Rowan's Bird of Paradise Pictures' - Geoffrey Dabb
14 April	'Australia was much wetter and warmer than today some 8 to 6 millennia ago. Can we learn from this knowing future climate predictions?' - Emeritus Professor Patrick De Deckker
21 April	'The Little Eagle – a botanical perspective' - Dr Stuart Rae
28 April	'27 years in the Garden – The Story of Painting with Parkinsons' - Nancy Tingey
5 May	'Rising from the ashes: seed germination in response to fire' - Dr Lydia Guja

Protecting Canberra's big trees - Action plan to prevent the loss of mature native trees

The ACT has released its Draft Action Plan to Prevent the Loss of Mature Native Trees. In 2018, the loss of mature native trees (including hollow-bearing trees) was added to the list of Key Threatening Processes under the Nature Conservation Act 2014. The ACT is currently developing a plan to better protect mature native trees and to plan for future generations of trees which play such a critical role in our urban and rural environment including as habitat for birds and animals.



For more information or if you would like to have input into the Conservation Council ACT Region's submission on the Draft Action Plan, Go to:

<https://conservationcouncil.org.au/blog/2022/03/31/why-mature-trees-have-special-value-in-the-acts-environment/>

Consultation closes 27 May 2022.



Autumn Plant Sale – Lloyd, Daryl and Rod packing up at the end of the Sale with the help of ANBG's electric vehicle.

Lucinda Royston
photo

ANPSC calendar & services

Book Sales at Members Meetings

As we wind down our sales of new books we still have a few titles at set prices - all very good value. In addition, there is a good range of second-hand books, donated by members, which will be available for a donation of your choice.

Next Council Meeting: Monday 11 April at 12.30pm, Crosbie Morrison Building, ANBG.

Council Business - Council Minutes are on our website in Members Area under 'Minutes'. The March 2022 ones will go up after the April Council Meeting.

Next Bulletin: May 2022: If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by Wednesday 27 April to bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Plant Sales

**ANPSC Spring Plant Sale
15 October 2022 at ANBG**

Australian Native Plant Market
Next Market Day is Saturday 7 May, 8.30am-3pm.

At Cool Country Natives, Pialligo.
**Some of our member growers will be there*.*
This market is held on first Saturday of the month except in January and June to August.

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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ANPSC Notices

New Members – a warm welcome to

- ☘ Claire Mullin
- ☘ Michelle Lazaroo

Filling ANPSC Council vacancies

Four ANPSC Council positions are still vacant: Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and three ordinary members.

If you are interested in taking up one of these roles please contact either: Stephen Saunders, President at president@nativeplantscbr.com.au or Christine Kendrick, Secretary at secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Other ANPSC vacancies

Plant Sales Coordinator

Linda Tabe, our current Plant Sales Coordinator, is stepping down from the role so we urgently need a new Coordinator. Please consider becoming the Coordinator or a team member of this very important activity of ANPSC.

Wednesday Walks Coordinator

We are seeking a member to volunteer to be the Coordinator for the weekly Wednesday Walks. The Coordinator does not have to lead or attend any walks.

Members wishing to volunteer for the above positions or seek further information please contact our Secretary, Christine Kendrick at secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Members' Meeting Speaker organising Team

If you would like to be part of our Members Meeting Speaker organising team, please contact Garth Chamberlain garth44@tpg.com.au

Updating your email Preferences

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.

Example:

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).



Photo Cull from ANPSC's Plant Database

Some members may have noticed a sizeable cull of photos from our new Plant Database. This is the reason why.

When we moved photos over from the old Database to the new, we placed the photographer's name (the copyright owner) underneath each photo. We also posted up an advice, that permissions should be sought, before any photos were reused.

A couple of photographers wanted actual copyright symbols embedded on their photos. We demurred, as was our right. They took their photos down, as was their right. Our intention now is gradually repopulate the Database with other photos provided by willing members.

Steve Saunders, President.



B. Walcott (1)
Photo with name of photographer -
from the PDB

ANPSC's Plant Database photos wanted Behind the scenes, Society members (particularly Ben Walcott and John Carter) are working hard on the Plant Database.

Team member, Lyndal Thorburn recently approached the convenor of the ANPSA Hakea Study Group, Paul Kennedy, to see if he could provide photos to fill in some of the gaps in our illustration of the 60 Hakea species we have listed. Paul has just provided photos to illustrate a further 16 species, so now there are only a few gaps. **We'd like to thank Paul and the Study Group for his assistance.**

We'd also like to acknowledge other contributors who are generously providing their photos for the Database so members and the general public can see what plants look like without having to go to a separate source of information. As you will have noted, if you have searched the database recently, all photographers are now acknowledged under the thumbnail images that show when you search at genus or species level. There is only one thumbnail shown, and it will belong to the first-mentioned photographers. The other photographs and their owners will show up (on a rolling image) if you click through to the species description.

We are always looking for more photographs. There are quite a few gaps in Acacia, for example, and Grevillea (the latter mostly of cultivars). If you have a collection of photos, or even single images, that you can share, the Database team would be pleased to hear from you. When you provide photos, you can now also specify if the Society can use them for other purposes or just the online Plant Database. You can check if a species is already illustrated by searching the Database at <https://plantdatabase.nativeplantscbr.com.au>
Lyndal Thorburn

Autumn Plant Sale – setting up

Setting up the Sale on the Friday and Saturday morning early – consigning in plants from growers, ANBG checking plants for Myrtaceae rust, sorting and setting out plants, watering, checking the rows and plants, putting out plant labels.

Lucinda Royston photos

Jacki and Alison



Alison and Annabelle



Members Activities

ANPSC Plant Sales

Our Plant Sale Coordinator is Linda Tabe
Contact: plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au

ANPSC's Autumn Plant Sale Report 18 - 19 March

'Many thanks to the volunteers who powered our second post-Covid plant sale!

A total of 5,066 plants were consigned by the growers and ANPSC's propagation shade-houses. Despite the draw-back of having 3 cars parked in the middle of the Sale site on Friday, 37 volunteers and growers were able to set out the lower than usual numbers of plants at an easy pace. There was plenty of time for a chat and coffee break at the café.

Around 30 volunteers and growers were present on Saturday Sale Day. Using a ticketing system for the first half hour, 168 people were admitted at 8:30am, and then customers continued to arrive in a steady stream throughout the morning. The first hour of the sale was busy, as usual, but the rest of the day was relaxed. The new counting and payment arrangements worked well, and many customers complimented us on the efficient organisation of the sale. 92% of the plants were sold to a total of nearly 600 customers over the course of the day, producing a good financial outcome for the growers and for the Society. All 40 copies of the book "*Australian Plants for Canberra Region Gardens and other Cool Climate Areas*" that were offered at the Sale were sold.

Thanks again to all involved.' Linda Tabe.



Ensuring ANPSC Plant Quality

Following the successful Autumn Plant Sale, where there was positive feedback about the quality of the plants, ANPSC is reviewing its approach to make sure that this happy situation continues.

ANPSC wants to be proud of its plants, and customers to be confident in their purchases. This is generally achieved by the member growers and our propagation group continuing to provide good quality plants, as well as having a final quality check of all the plants presented, at the Plant Sale.

So, if members have ideas for improvements, please let us know. Your thoughts on how ANPSC could continue to provide good quality plants and information to buyers are welcome.

Please send your comments, by 25 April, to Tom Jordan at emailtomjordan@gmail.com.

Autumn Plant Sale Saturday

Saturday Sale Day – customers arriving, choosing plants, the payment area where customers plants are counted and \$ totalled and then customers go to payment area. Finally, end of day clean up.



And then there were none!
Lucinda Royston photos

Propagation

Propagation group queries to
propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Newcomers are always very welcome to join the propagation group activities. You do need to register your interest by emailing
propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au

April Propagation Bee

Sunday 10 April, from 10am to 1pm
3 Considine Close, Greenleigh/Queanbeyan

At this Bee we would be particularly interested in significant numbers (>30) of Banksia and Callistemon cuttings so we can trial different hormone strengths (these are genera with which we have had limited success from cuttings in recent years).

Please bring labelled cuttings, gloves, hats/sunscreen, secateurs, insect repellent and your own food. Coffee and tea will be available.

Lyndal Thorburn

'Five in one'



Photo from Beryl Cuthbertson of a Banksia integrifolia sp Campara growing in her garden.

May Propagation Workshop - Advance notice

The Propagation Group is planning to offer a beginners' propagation workshop in conjunction with its 14 May working bee (10am to 1pm).

The workshop will be held at the Society's space at CIT at Bruce (off Eade St) and is open to members who want to learn about taking cuttings of their own plants for the garden. Participants will be instructed on taking and setting cuttings, use of hormones and record keeping. Potting up will be demonstrated. Participants will then be paired up with a more experienced member to learn potting up and potting on.

Pre-Registrations are essential as there will be only 10 spaces available. To register interest please email propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au. More information on timing and what to bring will be sent to those who register.

Further May propagation details will be provided in the May Bulletin. Lyndal

Field Trips

Our Field Trip Coordinator is Jeanette Jeffery

Contact: fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au

If you are interested in any Field Trips it is best to contact the Coordinator, Jeanette Jeffery, to go on the emailing list, at fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au

For a particular field trip, contact the person named next to each trip for more information and to book your spot on their list.

And if you have any suggestions for trips or would like to lead one, also please contact Jeanette.

April Field Trip

Tarra-Bulga NP & Morwell NP, Victoria

Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 April

This trip is now full.

May

Nothing offered - as yet. Ideas welcome.

June Field Trip

Barren Grounds and Budderoo National Parks.

Tuesday 14 to Friday 17 June

One day Barren Grounds, other day Budderoo National Park. Walks are about 5-8kms. Easy. Sandstone flora and mainly flat.

We will be staying at Moss Vale Caravan Park.

Contact Lesley: lespage26@gmail.com.

July Field Trip

Bundeena – Royal National Park

Monday 25 to Thursday 28 July

Mostly formed trails. Spring flowers and unpredictable weather but a good time as it is beginning to warm up in the Sydney area.

Contact: Pat & Warwick Wright ☎0406 662 122,
warwickwright28@gmail.com.



Autumn Plant Sale - Andy staffed our Information Tent.

Wednesday Walkers (WWs)

Currently in abeyance. If you would like to receive emailed details of any future WWs, register your interest in your membership record in the members area on our website.

Day Activity Group* & Garden Design Study Group

Contact: dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Coordinating Committee:

Digby Gascoine vasey46@gmail.com; Tom Jordan emailtomjordan@gmail.com; Maureen Mallard mmallard303@gmail.com; Pam Morrison pam.d.morrison@gmail.com.

* DAG

If you have registered your interest in DAG in your membership record in the members area on our website you will receive DAG MailChimp emails detailing the next activity.

Report on March activity

'The Southern Tablelands Ecosystem Park (STEP) at the National Arboretum is currently closed to the public because of water damage, but it can still serve its educational role even in its present state. On Tuesday 15 March, 22 DAG members toured STEP under the guidance of David and Lainie Shorthouse to learn about the impacts of excessive water flows, above and below ground, on plants and infrastructure. DAG members also visited the Terra Australis Garden and the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection at the Arboretum.'

Digby Gascoine

Garden Visit to Glenda and Greg Snape's garden overlooking Lake Burrinjuck at Good Hope, near Yass. Tuesday 19 April, 10.30am.

Over the past twenty years, Glenda and Greg have revegetated their nearly bare block and constructed a handsome house on it. Many new eucalypts now frame the view of the lake from the terraces in front of the house, and Glenda is interested in additional planting to fill out the ample space available.

A notice with further details will go out to those who have indicated their interest in DAGs activities in their membership record.

Given the distance from Canberra, closer to the date, those going may like to offer/consider/arrange carpooling.

Contact: dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Calendar of activities for this year and into 2023. If you would be happy for DAGs to visit your garden or you know of gardens that would be of interest to the group, please contact one of the members of the coordinating committee to discuss scheduling a visit or to provide suggestions.



Pelargonium australe



Reporting back on DAGs Melbourne Trip, November 2019, *Wahlenbergia gymnoclada* from Shirley Carn's Monbulk garden pot by Bill Willis

'My plant was first collected by Karen then potted up and divided by Tegan. The plant continues to survive and to slowly sucker in my pot. I am hopeful that by next Spring the plant will be ready for division and distribution to Interested DAGs. Growth has been very slow. PlantNet has it confined to far SE coastal NSW. Such a vibrant Bluebell. Image taken 21 January 2022.'



DAGs at STEP in March



Our guides David and Lainie Shorthouse in yellow tops

Photos by Lucinda Royston



Show and Tell –Some plants flowering at Ben and Ros' home in Red Hill in March.

Text by Ros Walcott, photos by Ben



Correa reflexa x decumbens 'Redex'

We have planted thirty of these narrow shrubs, 1m high x 0.8m wide, with small, tough, shiny crinkled leaves and red and yellow bird attracting flowers, from 2004-21. This cultivar arose in Kangaroo Island SA, and is thought to be a natural hybrid of *Correa reflexa* and *C. decumbens*. We have lost some over the years, but this plant is very floriferous and frost resistant and remains a favourite in our garden.



Eremophila mackinlayii subsp. *spathulata*

This shrub, 1.5m x 1.5m, with grey green leaves and large blue-purple flowers is one of our most reliable bloomers in the garden. We planted one in October 2017 and another in May 2019. The first planted has grown to its full size, is dense and well-shaped and very rarely out of flower.



Banksia seminuda – River Banksia

We planted this quick-growing erect tree, 5-15m high by 2-4m wide, with attractive dark green foliage, silver underneath, and large red and gold flowers in August 2016. Ben grew our plant from seed and the tree has now reached 5m high and 3m wide. This plant is native to southwestern WA.



Banksia marginata miniature

We planted this shrub, with masses of small yellow flowers, and dark green leaves with silver undersides, very frost hardy, in June 2007.



Eremophila oldfieldii ssp. *angustifolia* x *E. oppositifolia* 'Piccaninny Dawn'

We have planted three of these compact shrubs, 3m high x 3m wide, with dark grey leaves and rose-pink flowers, in 2011, 2018 and 2020. This plant will grow in a variety of soils, is drought tolerant and is somewhat tolerant of frost. Our first plant died after -6 deg. C. frost in June 2012. We have placed the other two under more overhead protection and they are flowering well.



Correa 'Mallee Pink'

We planted four 'Mallee Pink', 1.5m high x 2m wide, a winter flowering plant with pink bell flowers, in May 2005 and another three in May 2008. Only one survives, but it is a terrific plant with many flowers over a long period.



Correa glabra pink and cream

We planted three of these plants, 1m high and wide, with shiny green leaves and pink and cream bell flowers, in March 2017. This plant is native to NSW, Queensland, Victoria and South Australia.