



Members Meeting

Thursday, 13 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: Fran Middleton and Maureen Mallard

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

April Raffle prizes:

The plants will be provided by: the Society's Propagation Group

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.



Volunteers and growers at the Plant Sale.
Lucinda Royston photo.

Meeting Talk: A local threatened plant species, the Double Tailed Buttercup Orchid, *Diuris aequalis*.

Laura is responsible for the management of a number of local threatened plant species including the Double Tailed Buttercup Orchid, *Diuris aequalis*, which is the subject of her talk. Her work involves long term monitoring of populations and the mapping and marking of individual plants as well as hand pollinating plants and collecting seed that is going into storage at Mt Annan. Part of her work is to enlist the cooperation of citizen scientists to go out and look for new populations of the species that has been very successful in discovering new populations. Her other responsibilities include the Bredbo Gentian that has waxed and waned over the years at its stronghold near Bredbo.

Guest Speaker: Laura Carnackle

Laura Canackle, is a Project Officer of the Saving-our-Species Unit at the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, in Queanbeyan.

Laura comes from a family Property near Bredbo and her interest in the bushland there led to her getting an environmental science degree at university and then joining the Department of Environment.



*ANPSA Biennial Conference 2024

'Gardens for Life'

30 September to 4 October 2024

Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre

APS Victoria is hosting the next ANPSA Biennial Conference in 2024.

We encourage all ANPSC members to consider attending this conference.

The first conference newsletter from the conference organising team is attached to this Bulletin email.

For more information and to register your interest go to:

<https://apsvic.org.au/anpsa-biennial-conference-2024/>

*Australian Native Plants Society Australia

The deadline for articles for ANPSC's June Journal is 1 May.

Please send articles and/or photos. Articles may be long or short, with or without photos.

Send **high resolution** images separately and not embedded in a document.

Send them to Gail Ritchie Knight, our Journal Editor, at journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Open Garden – ‘Yellow Box’

6 and 7 May, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

447 Spring Range Road, Spring Range, NSW

This extensive one hectare all native garden is located around the owner’s home on a prominent rocky knoll with 360 degree views of the rural countryside.

Meandering paths allow visitors to explore the many shrubby planted sections and a production area.

Refreshments available.

<https://opengardenscanberra.org.au/event/yellowbox-2023/>

Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden –

Festival - from 9 to 23 April.

‘From The Forest Festival’ is an event that celebrates the resilience, beauty and bounty of our South Coast forests in art, music, walks and talks.

Some activities have a charge but many are free. Bookings are essential for some of the activities. For more information and/or to book your spot go to:

<https://www.erbg.org.au>



Exhibitions at ANBG

Visitor Information Centre

9.30am to 4.30pm, daily

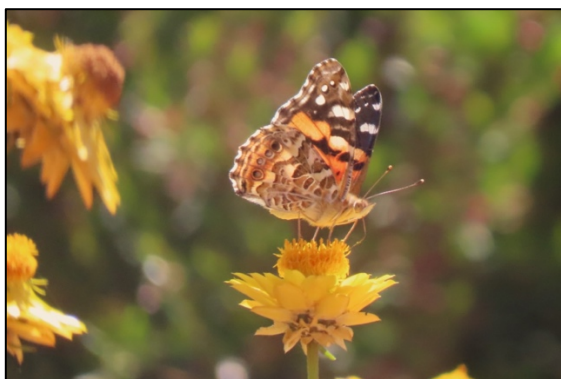
High Country Natives.

8 April – 7 May.

An exhibition focusing on native plants from the alpine, subalpine, montane and tableland regions by the Friends of the ANBG Botanic Art Groups.

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 proceeds going to the Friends of the ANBG.



Vanessa kershawi -Australian Painted Lady butterfly on Xerochrysum viscosum - Sticky Everlasting.
Gail Ritchie Knight photo

ANBG Thursday Talks, 12.30 - 1.30pm, Theatrette

Bookings open Friday before the talk until Wednesday night or until seating limits are reached. (Tickets are Free).

<https://www.friendsanbg.org.au/calendar>

6 April	‘Natural Asset Farming – key ways to integrate woodland conservation and agricultural production’ - Professor David Lindenmayer AO.
13 April	‘Lindsay Pryor: A Man of the Trees’ - Dr John Turnbull.
20 April	‘The story of three threatened Eucalypts’ - Genevieve Wright & Pete Bredell.
27 April	‘Marie Stopes - palaeobotanist extraordinaire!’ - Dr Liz Truswell.
4 May	‘Enlightened Conservatory Design and Plants’ - Peter Byron and Joe McAuliffe.



**Native Plants
Queensland**

State Conference in Cairns – September 2023.

At the Kiama ANPSA Conference, some people expressed an interest in going to Native Plants Queensland 2023 State Conference being held in Cairns from Thursday 14 to Monday 18 September.

If you are interested in attending the conference, you can now download an application form which includes more information on payment and accommodation options. A preliminary timetable is also available to download. Go to: <https://npq.org.au/state-conference/>

Plant Sales

Australian Native Plant Market

Next Market Day - Saturday 6 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>

ANPSC calendar & services

Book Sales at Members Meetings

We have a few titles of new books at set prices - all very good value. In addition, there is a good range of second-hand books, donated by members, for a donation of your choice.

Next Council Meeting: *Tuesday 11 April; at 12.30pm, Dickson Room, Banks Building, ANBG.
*Note change in day due to Easter holiday.

Council Business - Council Minutes are on our website in Members Area under 'Minutes'.
March Council Minutes will go up on the website after they are approved at the April Council Meeting

Next Bulletin: May 2023: If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by Wednesday 26 April to bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Updating your email Preferences

To change your Mailchimp preferences/details ie

- Email Address, First Name, Last Name
- Members Groups activity 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](#).



At the Plant Sale –
Customers choosing and paying for their plants
Lucinda Royston photos

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ANPSC Notices

Welcome to our new Members:

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| ☘ Morgan McClurz | ☘ Anne Gibbon |
| ☘ Rohan Wilson | ☘ Liza Spink |
| ☘ Joanne Lisinska | ☘ Robert Gibbon |

Members Meeting Speakers

Send speaker suggestions to our speaker organiser, Roger Farrow at r.farrow@iimetro.com.au

Write-ups of Member's Meetings talks

For those who may not be able to attend meetings, we are including articles on the speaker presentations in our Journal.

ANPSC's Plant Database - photos wanted.

You can specify if the Society can use your photos for other purposes or just the online Plant Database.

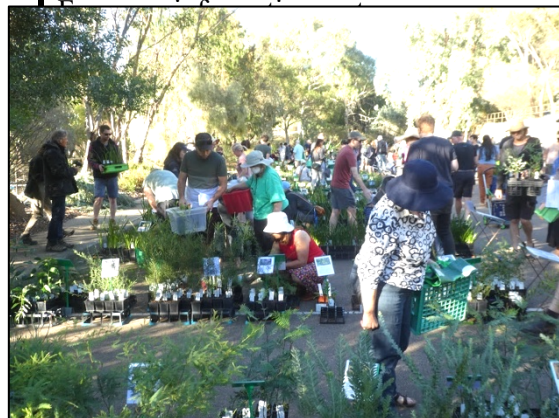
You can check if a species is already illustrated by searching the Database at <https://plantdatabase.nativeplantscbr.com.au>

Contact for queries is Lyndal Thorburn at lthorburn@viria.com.au



Australian Plants publication

Australian Plants is a quarterly publication produced by the Australian Plants Society, NSW on behalf of the Australian Native Plants Society (Australia) (ANPSA). Members who wish to subscribe to *Australian Plants* contact: office@austplants.com.au



Conservation

The Southern Tablelands Ecosystems Park (STEP).



STEP is a regional botanic garden, education and conservation centre demonstrating southern tablelands species within the National Arboretum.

The STEP community group works in partnership with the Arboretum to create and sustain this garden. There's always something in flower there and it's inspiring to see what the members have achieved and do so regularly.

For more information go to: <https://step.asn.au>
Parking fees at the Arboretum go to the Arboretum.

Australian Flora Foundation Inc

The Australian Flora Foundation Inc was established as a non-profit body in 1981. It arose mainly from the desire of members of the Australian Plants Society and plant scientists to see more research carried out on Australian flora.



Its Objective is:

To foster research into the biology and cultivation of Australian plants by funding research projects, giving prizes for research, organising seminars, publishing research findings and by any other effective means.

Membership of the Foundation is open to anyone who supports its objectives. ANPSC members might like to apply for individual membership of the Foundation. Go to the website for more information.

<https://aff.org.au>

The Eucalyptus of the year for 2023



is the spectacular Sydney Red Gum, *Angophora costata*. The Sydney Red Gum is synonymous with the sandstone escarpments



of coastal NSW.

This is the first year that an Angophora has taken out the gum gong!

<https://www.eucalyptaustralia.org.au>

Interesting item from Glynn Shepherd Plant discoveries in outback Queensland to build on knowledge about flora, fauna.

'After studying this 'harsh and stony' landscape for decades, Jen is still uncovering flora 'surprises' Blooming, new flora is showing up in outback Queensland and scientists say some discoveries are not "little, tiny things" '.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-03-30/new-plants-discovered-in-arid-outback-queensland/102141214>

Members Activities

Wednesday Walkers (WWs)

Contact: Christine Kendrick at secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au

If you would like to receive information on future Wednesday Walks, go to the bottom of any ANPSC email and click on '[you can update your preferences](#)'.

Photos from the WW on 15 March at the Tinderries, near Michelago by Gail Ritchie Knight.



Spiranthes australis



Geranium neglectum



Propagation

Propagation group queries to propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Newcomers are always very welcome to join the propagation group activities and no experience is necessary. You do need to register your interest by emailing propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au

April Propagation

Potting up

Saturday 15 April from 10am to 1pm
CIT horticultural space, on Charles Weston Lane, off Eade St, Bruce.

While potting up is only a small step in the propagation process, it's a good way for new-comers to 'try-out' this group activity and get a taste of the range of plants we propagate.

There's no obligation to attend for the whole 3 hours. Please bring secateurs, gloves and your own mug for morning tea. We supply tea and coffee.

For registration or further information contact Nola McKeon by emailing nola.mckeon@hotmail.com or ☎ 0447 522 734.

May activity - Advance notice

Beginners' propagation workshop
Sunday 14 May, 9 to 10:30 am
3 Considine Close, Queanbeyan.

The Propagation Group is holding this special activity for any interested ANPSC members.

More details will be provided in the May Bulletin, but **expressions of interest are welcome now**, as there will be a limit of 6-8 people at the workshop.

The workshop is timed to finish up so you may go to Mother's Day lunch if you have that planned. You will learn about growing plants from cuttings using hormones, and potting up of rooted cuttings.

If you are interested please email Lyndal Thorburn on lthorburn@viria.com.au, providing your name, email address and phone number. Places will be allocated on a "first come first served" basis. The workshop will be held under cover and hence will proceed even if it is raining.



ANPSC Plant Sales

Our Plant Sale Coordinator is Tom Jordan
Contact: plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au

ANPSC's Autumn Plant Sale 18 March at ANBG

'Many thanks to all the members and growers who helped with our Autumn Plant Sale.'

'The Autumn Plant Sale was held as usual at the National Botanic Gardens. It was an unusually hot day for this time of year, but the Sale was moderately successful in any case. We offered just over 6,000 plants and sold nearly 4,300 - around 70% of the total.

Thanks to the nearly thirty volunteers who assisted on each of the Friday and Saturday. The Autumn Sale is normally less hectic than the Sale in Spring, and this year was fairly typical of this. We are looking forward to the Spring Sale on 21 October. Thanks again to all involved.'

Tom Jordan, Plant Sale coordinator.



Above – At the Plant Sale.
Setting up on Friday, and customers arrive at 8.30am on Saturday.
Lucinda Royston photos

At left - Queanbeyan propagation plants ready for the Autumn Sale.
Lyndal Thorburn photos.

Day Activity Group* & Garden Design Study Group

Contact: dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Coordinating Committee members:

Digby Gascoine, Tom Jordan, Maureen Mallard, Pam Morrison.

* DAG

**Register your interest in DAG in your membership record in our website members area to receive DAG MailChimp emails detailing the next activity.

DAG April Activity

Sunday 16 April

Garden Visit at Greenleigh, NSW

DAGs members will visit the large native plant garden of Bill Willis and Heather Ogilvie. The garden is on a bush block located close to Queanbeyan.

Details will be sent to DAGs members shortly. If you'd like to join the Day Activity Group see note above **

Report of the DAG Activity

On a sunny Sunday 12 March, 23 DAGs members visited the garden of Dave Herald and Margaret Streamer in Murrumbateman, and enjoyed chatting afterwards over lunch at the Murrumbateman Inn.



DAGs garden visit at Murrumbateman.
Pam Morrison photos.



DAG 2023 Program

If you have a garden you'd like to share with the group, or have a garden suggestion, please contact the DAG Committee by emailing dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Field Trips

Our Field Trip Coordinator is Jeanette Jeffery

Contact: fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Email Jeanette to go on the emailing list.

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

Future Field Trips

The first two trips are:

May Field Trip.

Monday 15 May to Thursday 18 May
Beowa NP (formerly Ben Boyd NP.)

Travel to Eden on Monday, various walks on Tuesday and Wednesday, return home on Thursday.

This will be an opportunity to explore the state of regeneration since the bush fire and to enjoy a coastal park.

We will be based in Eden for 3 nights, which is approx. 290 km and 3/5hrs from Canberra and has a wide range of accommodation/camping options.

Note: the park has fire damage and tracks may be rough and uneven and or closed for park purposes.

Register with Warwick Daniels at

wda68126@bigpond.net.au

For an interesting article on Ben Boyd and why the national park has been re-named, go to the Beowa National Park website -

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/parks-reserves-and-protected-areas/park-management/community-engagement/ben-boyd-national-park-renaming>

July Field Trip

Sunday 9 and Monday 10 July – 2 days.

Joining the DAGs trip to Illawarra Grevillea Garden/Menai Wildflower Group/Mt Annan Botanic Garden.

DAGs - the Daytime Activity Group is another activity offered by the Society to which any member can belong. See DAGs item in this Bulletin for more information, email dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

To keep up to date with Field trip arrangements and go on the mailing list contact Jeanette Jeffery, Coordinator fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au

'If you have thoughts on a place to go with good companions and friends, please make a suggestion. I'm sure you will get takers!' Jeanette



Plant sale set up - plant delivery
Lucinda Royston photo

**Show and Tell – Banksias flowering now in the Walcott garden.
Text by Ros Walcott and photos by Ben Walcott.**

Banksia 'Bird Song'

We planted three of these hybrids, *B. spinulosa* 'dwarf' x *ericifolia* 'Golden Girl' in August 2013. These are hardy banksias, height 1.5m x 1.5m, which flower prolifically throughout autumn and winter with shiny green foliage and orange spikes of flower. Honeyeaters love this plant.



Banksia ericifolia 'Red Rover'

We planted one of these plants in our large rockery in November 2006. This plant has grown much larger than its advertised 1.8m high x 1.2m wide, more like 3m high x 6m wide, with bright red flower spikes and fresh green needle foliage. Our plant began flowering in May 2010, but did not show bright red brushes until it became more mature.



Banksia 'Yellow Wing'

We planted nine of these banksia hybrids in 2006, *Banksia* 'Giant Candles' x *B. spinulosa* (Carnarvon Gold) 'Birdwire'. They form a rounded shrub, 1.5-1.8m x 1.5-1.8m wide, with fine dense foliage and many orange nectar-rich flowers. The flower spikes are held well above the foliage which attracts a range of nectar eating birds, and parrots love their seed.



Banksia media 'Copper Candles'

We planted this cultivar, 1.5m high x 1.5m wide, with golden yellow flowers with brown tips and glossy green leaves, in September 2019. First flowers 1/22.



Banksia seminuda – River Banksia

We planted this fast-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 and is flowering with more than 50 cones. This plant is native to southwestern WA.

Banksia paludosa 'Little Pal'

We planted this hardy dwarf shrub, 0.75m high x 1.2m wide, with bird attracting ginger flowers, in 2008. 'Little Pal' can be planted in full sun or partly shaded positions, preferring well drained soils.