



**Members Meeting**  
**Thursday, 11 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 Minders:** Maureen Mallard & Fran Middleton.

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

**April Raffle prizes:** Plants provided by member grower, Paul Walker.

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

**Important Reminder:** bring Myrtaceae specimens into ANBG in plastic bags.

**ANPSA 2024**

**Biennial Conference**

The March 2024 Newsletter ‘Program Highlights Tours Filling Fast’ is attached to this Bulletin’s email

**Autumn Plant Sale – ready to open on Saturday morning.**



Lucinda Royston photo

**Meeting Talk: Transforming a home garden - plant selection and location.**

Greg will talk to us about how he has transformed a garden of exotics to a garden that’s now 90% Australian native plants. There has been a steep learning curve and many lessons learned as the garden has evolved and plants have thrived or failed. Greg draws ideas on local plants from seeing them grow in their natural setting on the ANPSC’s Wednesday Walks and through his contribution to the volunteer work that the ParkCare group does on Oakey Hill Nature Reserve.

**Guest Speaker: Greg Clark**

Greg, who is a member of ANPSC, has been a keen gardener for about 20 years and has focussed on Australian native plants for the last 12 years or so. He switched to natives because a native plant garden was different (sadly) to most other Canberra gardens. Greg enjoys being outside and in particular in the bush camping and bushwalking. He’s also a very keen scuba diver and skier. Having retired from the public service three years ago Greg thought he’d be spending his time travelling and going to cafes for coffee and cake, but his wife and four kids have had other ideas.



Greg's garden.  
 Lucinda Royston photo

**ANPSC’s Online Journal - Articles**

**Do you know** that Australia is home to the world's most diverse terrestrial orchids? And even though we live in a cold climate area, there is quite a range of hardy orchids that will grow in our region. For more information read a great article *Colourful cold-climate orchids* written by Masumi Robertson, ANPSC member. You will find it on the HOME page of our website, [www.nativeplantscbr.com.au](http://www.nativeplantscbr.com.au) under Journal Articles.

**Make sure to keep checking our website** for more interesting articles eg here’s a couple more you will find on our website:

- *Blooming Blandfordias* by Robin Shihoff and Linda Tabe; and
- *Field trip to Mt Buffalo* by Jeanette Jeffrey.

**Additionally, if you have an article idea** brewing in your mind, finish it and send to [journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au). The range of topics is limitless. You could tell us about your favourite plant, or your successes and challenges in gardening. We want to know. Your contribution could be the next exciting read for our members. And don’t forget a photo. It would enhance your story and provide a peak into your gardening world. *Gail.*

## Exhibitions at ANBG

Visitor Information Centre  
9.30am to 4.30pm, daily

### 'Bush Fragrance'

17th Annual Exhibition by the Botanical Art Group  
**6 April to 5 May**

This exhibition celebrates the work of the Botanic Art Group and their love of native flora.

This year's theme has inspired art that evokes fragrances from boronia, lemon myrtle and flannel flowers to name a few. The works are diverse styles including watercolour, pen and ink, coloured pencil, etchings, and collage.

The exhibition artworks are reviewed by the Gardens to verify that artworks are botanically correct.

A portion of all artwork sales will be donated to the Friends of the ANBG to support Gardens projects.



## 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>

4 April	Andrew Skeoch - 'Deep Listening to Nature'.
11 April	Cormac Farrell - 'City living for pollinators'
18 April	Em. Prof. Dave Rowell - 'A whirlwind tour of Brachychiton: Kurrajongs, Flame Trees, Queensland Bottle Trees and their relatives'
25 April	No talk scheduled as it's ANZAC Day.
2 May	Rachael Dawes, Carma Sweet, Sam Ning and Jo Wallner 'Canberra's trees: the plans, the problems, and the progress'

## Plant Sales

**Next ANPSC Plant Sale is our Spring Sale on 19 October 2024 at ANBG**

## Australian Native Plant Market

At Cool Country Natives, Pialligo

Next Market Day - Saturday 6 April, 8.30am-3pm.

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

ANPSC's *Where to buy Native Plants in the Canberra Region* is available at <https://nativeplantscbr.com.au/>



WWs - Tallaganda NP - Cowangerong Fire Trail -  
Tasmania lanceolata – Native pepper bush.  
Photos by Lucinda Royston

## ANPSC calendar & services

### Book Sales at Members Meetings

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

**Next Council Meeting:** Monday 8 April at 12.30pm, Dickson Room, Banks Building, ANBG.

**Council Business - Council Minutes are on our website in Members Area under 'Minutes'.** March 2024 Council Minutes will go up on the website after they are approved at the April Council Meeting.

**Next Bulletin: May 2024** If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by Wednesday 24 April to [bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

### Members Meeting Speakers

Send speaker suggestions to our speaker organiser, Roger Farrow at [r.farrow@iimetro.com.au](mailto: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.

### Updating your email Preferences

To change your Mailchimp preferences/details:

- Personal details; and
- Members Groups activity preferences.

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?

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## ANPSC Notices

### Welcoming our new members:

- ✿ Christine Lovell
- ✿ Bonnie Denness
- ✿ Ashleigh Fox
- ✿ Dennis Simpson
- ✿ Lesley King
- ✿ Ruth Lang
- ✿ Jacqui Williams
- ✿ Helen Vaughan
- ✿ Jean Douglass

### 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](mailto:lthorburn@viria.com.au)

### *Australian Plants* publication

Produced quarterly 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](mailto:office@austplants.com.au)

For more information go to:

<https://anpsa.org.au/about/publications/>



WWs - Tallaganda SF - Gum Creek Rd - *Dicksonia antarctica*.  
Photo by Lucinda Royston

## Members Activities

### Developments with ANPSC's Plant Database

Our Database can be found at <https://plantdatabase.nativeplantscbr.com.au>

Dear Members:

If you click on "Search" in Plant Database (PDB), you will notice a new box called "Parentage". This is the back-story.

Since our new PDB went 'live' in 2021, the PDB Team has had a customary way of dealing with "hybrid cultivars". We put the Cultivar Name into the Species Box, then its Plant Parentage into the Label Description. For example, Eremophila "Big Poly" has the parentage *E. bignoniiflora* x *E. polyclada*.

The last Council Meeting reviewed this, but decided to keep things as they are, on the grounds that ours is primarily a grower database, and most lay users will probably relate to the cultivar name ahead of the "parentage" (\*).

However, the Society also strives to be technically accurate in what we publish on the PDB, and in what we label and sell at our Plant Sales.

For that reason, we have elevated "Parentage" to the front page of the Search.

The full Plant Parentage will still appear in each individual Plant Description. But also, you can now insert a species name in the Parentage box, and a Search will throw up all the Cultivars of that species.

Since the database is used by the public to learn of suitable native plants for our region, we're going to be adding some plants that do well in Canberra but aren't likely to be sold at our Plant Sales.

If you have suggestions, please send them to [plantdatabase@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:plantdatabase@nativeplantscbr.com.au) and the Team can add them to the PDB.

Steve Saunders, President

(\* *A few cultivars are not hybrids, but "cultivars of a species". In such cases, the cultivar name includes the species name, e.g. "flavidus Pink Joey" under Anigozanthus. A few cultivars have no common name. In those cases, we use the parentage instead, e.g. "alternifolia x purpurascens" under Eremophila.*



WWs - Tallaganda NP - Main Ridge Fire Trail - Dianella tasmanica shrubs and blue berries.

Lucinda Royston photos

## Propagation

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

### Propagation bee

**Saturday 6 April, 10am to 1pm**

**CIT, Bruce - Charles Weston Lane, off Eade St.**

This activity will combine working on new cuttings, potting some recently struck cuttings and potting on plants into larger pots.

**What to bring:** Cuttings if you have suitably healthy material from named plants, gloves, water if warm, a snack and your own mug for morning tea. Tea and coffee provided.

There will be plenty to do so come along if you have some spare time. No experience necessary.

**Contact:** Nola McKeon 0447 522 735 for further information.

### Advance Notice - Workshop

#### 'Plant Propagation for Beginners'

**Saturday 11 May at our Queanbeyan Igloo.**

The propagation group will again offer a 'Plant Propagation for Beginners' workshop - currently planned for Saturday 11 May in Queanbeyan, in parallel with a potting bee planned on that date.

The workshop will start at 10am and will run for about an hour and a half, and will focus on cuttings, after which participants will be paired with an existing propagation group members to learn potting up 'on the job' - the potting bee will run until 1pm, participants can leave earlier if they wish.

**If you are interested in attending, please register** by emailing Lyndal Thorburn at [lthorburn@viria.com.au](mailto:lthorburn@viria.com.au), providing your name and a contact phone number. You can also phone Lyndal on 0418 972 438 if you have other questions. More information, including about what to bring, will be sent out at the end of April. Workshop notes will be available after the event. There is a limit of 8 people at this event.

Lyndal



# ANPSC Plant Sales

Our Plant Sale Coordinator is Alison Roach  
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## Autumn native plant sale –Saturday 16 March at ANBG. - Lucinda Royston photos

Set up day on  
Friday.

Plants delivery.



ANBG staff doing  
Myrtaceae check.



Volunteers sorting plants  
and putting plants out.



Plants  
ready for  
Sale.

Sale Day on Saturday.

Opening time at 8.30am, customers choosing plants.



Volunteers serving customers at check outs.

Sale end – 2pm.



## Field Trips

### Our Field Trip Coordinator is Jeanette Jeffery

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

If you are interested in attending field trips please ensure Jeanette has your emails to send you news on future trips. Email: [jefferyjeanette@gmail.com](mailto:jefferyjeanette@gmail.com)

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

## Field Trips.

So far the only planned trip is with leaders Pat and Warwick in November to Orange NSW.

### Field Trip proposed 6 to 9 November to the Orange Area, NSW

‘We plan to walk on several areas on Mount Canobolas, looking at different plant communities, including a heritage listed lichen site. Some 950 different species have now been recorded at Mount Canobolas State Conservation Area.

We also hope to visit a native garden at Lister Southwest of Orange.’ *Pat and Warwick.*

### Future Trips suggestions

‘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*



WWs photos – 27 March 2024



Photos Top, above and above Rt - by Roger Farrow. Group at Anembo Trig, *Spiranthes australis* orchid and the group at the hanging swamp. Other photos by Lucinda Royston. *Geranium neglectum* at the swamp, the forest and walk amongst the *Eucalyptus pauciflora*.



## Wednesday Walkers (WWs)

Contact: Christine Kendrick at [christine.kendrick@me.com](mailto:christine.kendrick@me.com)

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](#)’.

**The next 4 weeks walks are decided:** Booroomba Rocks carpark to Honeysuckle creek carpark; Nelanglo TSR (a new walk); Urambi Hills and Mt Jerrabomberra

### WWs at Tallaganda NP report.

Last Wednesday WWs completed a Tallaganda quartet of trips to the Tallaganda NP and SF led by Roger Farrow.

#### Here is Roger’s WWs report to Southern Tallaganda and Gourock NPs on 27 March.

‘We took the remote forest road that leads from Anembo, south of Captains Flat, through the Gourock Range to Big Badja. We followed a circuit around the summit ridge at the junction of the South Tallaganda and Gourock NPs although some of the area still belongs to State Forests. We made a couple of stops on the ascent in old growth forest of mountain gum, peppermint and brown barrel often with a grassy understorey. We reached the ridgeline at about 1300 m, at the junction of the Bald Hill and Slap Up Roads, that is dominated by snow gum forest with a shrubby understory of *Acrothamnus hookeri* and *Daviesia ulicifolia*. Somewhat unusually, there was a patchy ground layer of a snow daisy, *Celmisia* sp, yet to be identified. From there we took the Jerratbatgulla Road and descended to a Hanging Swamp surrounded by tall forest that included shining gum, *E. nitens*, that we seldom see. We returned to the ridgeline via the scarcely used Nitens trail that included *Leucopogon gelidus* among the shrubs, and stopped at the remote Anembo Trig that is still in remarkably good condition, despite being a shotgun target. Our orchid hunters were rewarded with a couple of flowers of *Spiranthes* and *Microtis* growing on the roadside there. A number of additional plant species were added to the existing list but there remains much to explore in this remote area.’



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

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

### Coordinating Committee members:

Digby Gascoine, Tom Jordan, Maureen Mallard, Fran Middleton, 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.

## 2024 Program

If you have a garden you'd like to share with the group, in 2024 or have a garden suggestion, please contact the DAG Committee at

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

## DAG April Activity

Sunday 21 April at 10.30 am

### Visit to Jen's garden in Kambah

Jen's garden plantings are very new but the growth in a short period of time is very impressive. Jen has planted a large variety of genus and also incorporated native grasses, everlastings and perennial herbs into her garden.

"When the house was purchased in 2020, the back garden consisted of a lawn full of couch and weeds, cotoneaster, agapanthus, pittosporum, ornamental plums and dead roses. With two years of La Niña forecast, I got the excavators in, ripped it all out, bought an auger and started a steep learning curve with natives. The garden mostly operates under the "there is always room for more" guiding principle, with an emphasis on colour and foliage variety, and providing foraging and habitat for local insects, birds and animals throughout the year when it is mature." *Jen.*

## Report on DAG March Activity

### Lyon's Garden visit.

On 19 March (a beautiful Canberra autumn day), Greg Clark gave seventeen members of the Daytime Activity Group a tour of his garden near the top of Lyons. Greg is progressively bringing native plants to what was a garden of mostly exotics, and it is now at the stage where further introductions have to be smaller in scale to fill limited spaces. The large, exotic shade tree in the back yard under which an excellent morning tea was had is, however, staying.

*Digby Gascoine.*



Photos of Greg's garden.

By Lucinda Royston



## Show and Tell – Flowering now in the Walcott garden.

Text by Ros Walcott and photos by Ben Walcott.



### *Eucalyptus leucoxylon rosea*

In April 2004 we planted four *Eucalyptus leucoxylon rosea*, or Pink-flowered Ironbark. This gum has a smooth white trunk with large lance shaped leaves and many deep pink flowers. This species, from western Victoria, South Australia and southwestern NSW can grow quickly to 10-30m. These trees are much smaller in our garden, only 5m high after 20 years. One tree, the best one, was split by a windstorm in October 2012 and was removed (but now regenerating 2022) however the others have been removed.



### *Callistemon 'Candy Pink'*

We planted one *Callistemon 'Candy Pink'* in July 2004, and another in November 2021, height to 3m, with bright pink bottlebrush flowers. This plant flowers well every year.



### *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 occidentalis 'Red Beacon'*

We planted this vigorous upright shrub, 2-4m high x 1.5-2.5m wide, with narrow dark green foliage, white underneath, and terminal red cylindrical flowers, in February 2022. This plant needs a sunny to partly shaded position, free draining soil and is moderately frost tolerant.



### *Xerochrysum bracteata 'Dargan Hill Monarch'*

We planted 20 of these perennial plants in October 2022, growing to 0.8m high x 1.5m wide, with large greyish leaves and very large yellow paper daisies in spring and summer. These plants need a well drained sunny position and are very showy.



### *Grevillea 'Pink Profusion'*

We planted this compact bushy shrub, 1.5m high and wide, with divided foliage and pinky-red cylindrical flowers over a long period, in November 2023. This plant prefers full sun in well drained soils and is tolerant of light frosts. Bred by King's Park.