

COVID-19 health emergency – ANPSC activities

Activity groups - WWs, Field Trips, Propagation Group and DAGs/GDSG - have COVID-19 Plans approved by Council setting out arrangements to minimize the risk of COVID-19 to our members and the public.

Therefore, subject to ACT and NSW government restrictions, these groups may resume their activities.

However, with the recent spike in COVID-19 cases in Victoria and NSW, all groups, other than Propagation, have suspended activities – see Activity Group notices in this Bulletin.

Monthly Members Meetings are suspended until further notice - we would need a suitable indoor, large venue with 4 sq m per person while also complying with the ACT government restrictions on people numbers or try a ZOOM meeting. We're still considering our options.

Council is holding its meetings to a large indoor venue at Cool Country Natives Nursery, Pialligo.

October 2020 Spring Plant Sale has been cancelled due to COVID-19. Growers needed an amount of advance notice if they are to prepare for a Sale.

Member growers are able to promote their alternative plant selling activities on the ANPS website.

Please stay well everyone.
Lucinda Royston, President

Looking for Banksia oblongifolia seeds

ANPSC member, Anthony Meyer, is looking for seeds of Banksia oblongifolia. If you can help Anthony find these hard to obtain seeds please contact him at ameyer79@iinet.net.au

Public Officer

ANPSC is looking for a new Public Officer.

To be our Public Officer you have to be a resident of the ACT and your main role is to lodge the ANPSC Annual Report and to update the Executive's details with the Australian Tax Office. These annual tasks are basically form-filling exercises and therefore are not onerous. A duty statement can be found on the ANPSC website <https://nativeplantscbr.com.au>

If you are interested in taking up this role and/or would like further details, please contact John Carter, who is currently Public Officer for ANPS(Australia) and is also available to guide you through this role. carterjg@iinet.net.au

Australian Native Plants Society (Australia) – ANPSA

Australian Plants Award 2021

ANPSA is calling for nominations for this biennial Award to be made at the ANPSA Biennial Conference at Kiama, NSW in September 2021.

Awards are made each in the Professional and Amateur categories, to people who have made an outstanding contribution to the knowledge of **Australian plants**. As an ANPSA member Society, ANPS Canberra may nominate someone in either or both categories, before February 2021.

If you know of someone from our Region, you think ANPSC should nominate or want further info, contact Lucinda Royston president@nativeplantscbr.com.au. More information is also at <http://anpsa.org.au/award.html>

Video - Post fire plant identification - what to keep and what to remove

This YouTube video is an effective tool to help skilled and unskilled people to identify and remediate some post-fire, WEEDS and NON WEEDS (native plants). The video initiated by South East Local Land Services in partnership with Eurobodalla Shire Council is basic, but essential viewing for all bushwalkers, rural land holders, landcarers etc. From Bill Willis www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y3u13UgCPC8

Deadline for articles for the December ANPSC Journal is 1 November.

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

Warm welcome to our new members

- ✿ Adam Powell
- ✿ Thomas Riches
- ✿ Cecilja Rubenis
- ✿ Dimitrios Theodoretos
- ✿ Christine Duran

New Book

Black Mountain – a natural history of a Canberra icon

by Ian Fraser and Rosemary Purdie with Friends of Black Mountain

This book is published to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Black Mountain Nature Reserve

Find out about the area's geological evolution, its native plants and their habitats, how the biodiversity has changed over the last three decades, and how species survive fires and storms and are affected by invaders.

Price:

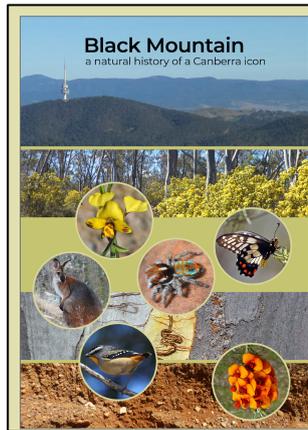
\$25 pre-order before 20 August

\$35 recommended retail price

\$10 postage

Order ☎0404 148 721 or email to

FoBMPublicationSales@gmail.com or.



National Science Week 2020 is coming!

Virtual tours, online events, DIY science and more all across Australia from 15 - 23 August.

www.scienceweek.net.au/

When did flowering plants take over the world?

[ABC Science](http://www.abc.net.au/news/science/2020-07-07/flowering-plants-complete-evolutionary-tree/12425054) by science reporter [Suzannah Lyons](https://www.abc.net.au/news/science/2020-07-07/flowering-plants-complete-evolutionary-tree/12425054)

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Future Exhibitions at ANBG

The Friends' Botanic Art Group Annual Exhibition – *Legacy of Banks and Solander* Exhibition planned for October 2020.

Artworks featuring Banksia and plants collected by Banks and Solander 250 years ago on Cook's voyage to Australia

Final dates to be announced at www.friendsanbg.org.au

Reflection

This Exhibition by the Friends' Photographic Group is planned for 19 November to 6 December 2020.

New orchid book

Field Guide to Orchids of the Southern Tablelands of NSW including the ACT

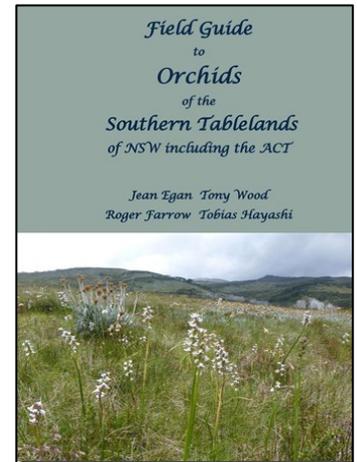
by Jean Egan, Tony Wood, Roger Farrow, Tobias Hayashi

'We are sending the manuscript of our book to the printers in Sydney this week (25/7/20) and it should be printed and ready for sale by September when a launch will be organised, as far as COVID-19 guidelines permit at the time.

The Book will be available for purchase on-line (details to be provided) and will cost \$45 including postage and packing. A special concession price will be available to ANPSC members.'

Roger Farrow

Roger is a life member of ANPSC. Ed



Covid-19 restrictions permitting: New format of The FJC Rogers Seminar - to be held on line and at venues in Victoria

24 - 25 October, 2020

Lectures: The lectures will no longer be held at the venue and will instead be available online 1 week prior to the weekend, accessed via password for registered attendees. They will eventually become available to the public as we believe this information will be of interest to many keen on native plants. There are five speakers.

Garden Visits: These will take place over the weekend, 24 & 25 October. There will be six gardens and registration will be required. The form is downloadable from the website. Attendees can choose one day (4 Gardens maximum) or two days (6 gardens). Registration deadline is 1 October.

Seminar Plant Sales: Plant sales will be both online & over the weekend at the Barfield Garden (APS YY Growers plant stock) and possibly Maranoa for Phil Vaughan, (only Mint Bush and Allied Genera species). The online Sale will open on September 25 for 2 weeks. Orders can be collected at the Barfield Garden over the FJC weekend. Any remaining stock will be available for sale over the weekend.

Email: fjcrogers@apsvic.org.au

Website: <https://apsvic.org.au/fjc-rogers-seminar-2020/>

Copy of the seminar newsletter is attached to this Bulletin email. Ed.

ANBG Friends' Thursday Talks - alternatives during COVID-19 pandemic

Due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements and limited capacity of the ANBG Theatre, these Talks will not be live in the Theatre for the rest of 2020. However the ANBG and the Friends are exploring ways for some talks to be made available online. Also, the Talks Committee is talking to all the speakers scheduled to speak in 2020 and is busy rescheduling their presentations where possible for 2021.
I do miss these wonderful talks. Ed.

Ginninderra Falls

From Rosemary Blemings

'The NSW Government has approved the re-zoning of land around Ginninderra Falls at Parkwood, NSW to the west of Macgregor, ACT. The re-zoning will allow future suburban development, associated infrastructure and increased human presence close to the Falls and the corridors of Ginninderra Creek and the Murrumbidgee River. ANPSC members have spend many hours exploring and recording the locally unique flora in the Callitris Pine and sclerophyll forested gorges.'

ANPSC Calendar

Next Council Meeting: Monday 10 August at 12.30pm in the large indoor venue at Cool Country Natives Nursery, Pialligo.

Council Business Reminder: Council Minutes are on our website in Members Area under 'Minutes'. The July ones will go up after the August Council Meeting.

Next Bulletin: September 2020.

If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by 26 August to bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

Other events

Australian Native Plant Market

Held monthly at Cool Country Natives, Pialligo
Cancelled until further notice.

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Society Activities

Conservation

From Geoff Butler, ANPSC' Conservation Officer

Proposed Defence Housing Development – Lawson North - August 2020

'Defence Housing Australia has recently proposed a two-stage housing development at Lawson North (the former navy transmission station in Belconnen). This development has already been approved by the National Capital Authority's Development Control Plan (DCP) 12/09. The first stage has lower impact, but the second stage has certain precincts containing Critically Endangered Ecological Communities of Natural Temperate Grassland and Box-Gum Woodland, and habitat for a number of threatened, rare and declining species. One precinct contains an extensive Kangaroo Grass community that is arguably some of the best remaining in the ACT.

The areas of ecological communities have already been identified for heritage and nature conservation protection. The conservation values of the affected precincts are identified in the *ACT Native Grassland Conservation Strategy and Action Plans* as well as DCP 12/09, so the DCP will have to be amended to permit Stage 2 to proceed.

The natural values of this site were flagged a long time ago, but as usual the dollar values of the area have become predominant. The recent review conducted for the *Federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* has shown that over the 20 years of its operation it has had little effect on protecting natural assets in Australia, and that our natural environment is in severe decline. We simply cannot afford to lose areas such as found in Lawson North.

To this end, a number of environmental groups have prepared correspondence to be circulated to Defence Housing Australia, and various relevant Federal Government Ministers, challenging this development proposal. It has also been signed by many individuals involved in biodiversity conservation in the ACT. The request is to ensure the "...entire extent of the Lawson Grasslands and associated Box-Gum Woodland should be recognised for its ecological, natural and cultural values, and conserved in perpetuity." The ANPS President, Lucinda Royston, has added our Society's support to the correspondence.' Geoff Butler.



COVID-19 sign at ANBG.

Lucinda Royston photo

Members Activities

Propagation

General ANPS propagation queries: **John Robertson, Propagation Coordinator**

Contact: propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

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

Potting Bee

Sunday 16 August from 11am to 2pm.
CIT Horticulture, Charles Weston Lane, off Eade Street, Bruce

If you wish to participate in this planned propagation activity you need to book a place by emailing John and advise him of your name and phone number at propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

Field Trips

Our Field Trip Coordinator is Jeanette Jeffery

Contact: fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au

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

Unfortunately, as a result of increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases in NSW, and especially the south coast, the July Field Trip to Moruya was cancelled.

All future trips will be assessed closer to their time, and this includes the trip planned for August.

Plans for a September trip to Victoria are being changed to a central NSW venue.

If you want to be kept in the email loop contact the Coordinator: Jeanette Jeffery at fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Wednesday Walkers (WWs)

Coordinator: Kris Nash, krisnash4@gmail.com

☎0420 920 993

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

Unfortunately, as a result of increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases in NSW, especially on the south coast, and the ACT government advice that people should only travel interstate if necessary, **all further Wednesday Walks are cancelled until further notice.**

Coordinator: Kris Nash

Day Activity Group* & Garden Design Study Group

Coordinator: Bill Willis ☎0407 268 797,

dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au

* DAGs

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‘ANPSC DAGs & GDSG had intended to visit the ANBG on Tuesday July 14, however this activity was, postponed to August (Science Week), as the proposed COVID-19 protocols, at that time, had not been approved by ANPSC Council.

Recent major outbreaks of the pandemic, in NSW and Victoria may leave communities within the ACT and the South East Region of NSW, at increased risk of acquiring and/or transmitting COVID-19 virus infection. Given the unforeseeable nature of the COVID-19 virus I believe **it is prudent to cancel any DAGs & GDSG activities until further advice.**

I posted a YouTube video of Heather and my garden, not as an exemplar of a good native garden design or a native garden; rather as an example of the use of accessible online technology that ANPSC members could employ to showcase their garden, as we await a return to face to face ANPSC activities. I am most happy to demonstrate to any ANPSC members, via Zoom, how ANPSC Members can do this.

The following link is my streamed YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/wjwillis100>

Given the foreseeable future is unforeseeable; an ANPSC online presence is vital. ANPSC needs to move towards building a greater online presence within the ANPSC community via social media tools such as: a DAGS Facebook page; a YouTube channel; and a Twitter account. This is an unforeseen opportunity to do so.’ Bill Willis Acting DAGs Coordinator

Banksia
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Lucinda Royston
photo



Stylidium
burraborang

Lucinda Royston
photo



Show and Tell

From the Walcotts – flowering at the ANBG at this time

Text by Ros Walcott, photos by Ben Walcott

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



Alyogyne ‘**West Coast Gem**’ with a few clear purple ‘hibiscus’ style flowers that open for a short period only, but are prolific. The bush is medium sized with coarse green foliage.



Grevillea rosmarinifolia ‘**Rosy Posy**’, a compact bush with linear foliage and pendent racemes of pink and cream flowers.



Grevillea tripartita subsp. macrostylis, an open, rangy plant with dark green, prickly, three lobed foliage and large single red and cream flowers with long showy red styles. This plant is native to southern Western Australia, near Esperance.



Grevillea ‘**Peaches and Cream**’, a small naturally bushy shrub. Attractive bright green foliage, frost tolerant. Cream flowers turning to peach colour on maturing. Plant in sunny well drained position. Lightly prune. Breeders Denis and Jan Cox.



Grevillea asteriscosa, or Star-leaf Grevillea, with small, dark green, prickly foliage and lipstick red flowers with long styles. This plant is found in the wild in south-western Western Australia.

Show and Tell

Resuming propagation activities at the Queanbeyan Shadehouse under COVID-19

'A hardy group of members met at the home of Lyndal Thorburn and Tom Jordan in Queanbeyan in mid July for our first propagation event since the COVID-19 shutdown.

Eleven propagation group members prepared cuttings to fill up the Queanbeyan hotbed and also potted up the plants that remained unsold after ANPS was forced to cancel the Autumn Plant Sale.

It is hoped that most of the latter, now all in medium rather than small pots, will be able to be sold in Spring, through direct ordering.

The rain managed to stay away (mostly) while we worked. Members were pleased to be able to meet and work together again, despite the rather cool day!'

Lyndal Thorburn

Lyndal and Tom are ANPSC' Queanbeyan Shadehouse site owners. Ed.

Propagation activities with social distancing. Photos by Lyndal Thorburn. Including one done using 'sketch' format.



Solution to the Crossword in the July Bulletin

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From John Carter