

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year

COVID-19 health emergency – ANPSC activities

Activity groups – All our activity groups have COVID-19 Plans. Propagation and DAGs/GDSG, have resumed activities while WWs and Field Trips have yet to do so.

Monthly Members Meetings are suspended until further notice.

Council is holding its meetings at ANBG again, in the Rosser Room in the Banks Building.

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

Please stay well everyone.
Lucinda Royston, President

****Treasurer position vacant****

We are looking for a member to take up this role. Unfortunately the Treasurer position was not filled at the recent November AGM. The Treasurer position is integral to the management of the Society and the Society cannot operate without its finances being administered and managed. Council members and previous Treasurers are available to provide advice and assistance as needed.

If you have any queries please contact Lucinda Royston, at president@nativeplantscbr.com.au

ANPSC Plant DataBase

ANPS has a Plant DataBase. For a while now, the PDB Team and Council have been concerned about the operations of the DataBase and agree that this current DataBase system doesn't meet the Society's current and future needs.

Council has decided that a new system needs to be developed where all the Society's data about plants can be kept and accessible for all members and the public.

For your information, attached is a paper, by the Plant DataBase Team, which outlines this issue.

Come along to our Christmas Gathering

Thursday 10 December, 5.30 to 7.30pm

**outdoors at the
Crosbie Morrison Amphitheatre, ANBG
(below the café)**

We will cater and provide Pizza and drinks.

**You need to RSVP for COVID-19 and catering purposes to Karen at:
membership@nativeplantscbr.com.au**

The Annual General Meeting 2020 was held on 12 November.

Eight of the eleven Council positions were filled – President, Secretary and 6 ordinary members.

Unfortunately there were no nominations for Vice-President, Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and therefore they are still vacant.

If you are interested in being on Council and help manage the affairs of the Society, please contact our Secretary at secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

2020/2021 Council

President	Lucinda Royston
Secretary	Christine Kendrick
Members	Karen Brien
	Geoff Butler
	Garth Chamberlain
	Gail Ritchie Knight
	Greg Quinn
	Stephen Saunders

Deadline for articles for the March ANPSC Journal is 1 February.

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

Warm welcome to our new members

- ☼ Lorena Nesa
- ☼ Greg Gurr
- ☼ Darcy Coughlan

Interesting item from Bill Willis

CSIROscope - Extinguishing bushfire myths and misconceptions

‘Understanding how bushfires work is important when it comes to protecting life and property.’

Go to: <https://blog.csiro.au/extinguishing-bushfire-misconceptions/>

Plant Sales

Plants available from some of our member growers in Spring 2020.

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.

Exhibitions at ANBG, Visitor Information Centre - 9.30am-4.30pm

Reflections: Friends Photographic Group exhibition

Until 6 December

An exhibition of photographs of flora and fauna taken within the Gardens by the Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens Photographic Group.



Dirkswirks Timber Mosaics

Wood mosaics by Dirk Lejeune

9 December to 31 January 2021

A sculptural feast of three dimensional decorative wood mosaics.

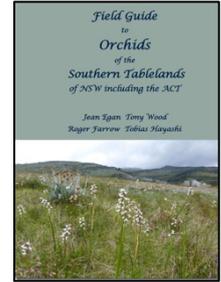
Inspired by Dirk's fascination of the Australian bush, his artworks consist of timber, bark and crosscuts of branches.



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

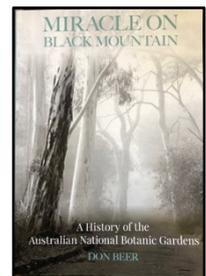
Price \$45 RRP. A special concession price will be available to ANPSC members through on-line sales at email tobiashayashi@hotmail.com



Miracle on Black Mountain *A History of the Australian National Botanic Gardens* by Don Beer

Price:\$28 RRP.

This is the story of the only major metropolitan botanic garden devoted wholly to Australia's native flora.

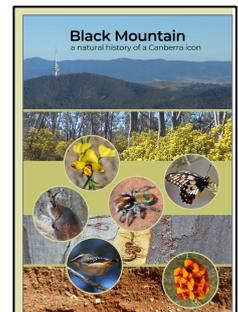


Black Mountain – a natural history of a Canberra icon

by Ian Fraser and Rosemary Purdie with Friends of Black Mountain

Price: \$35 RRP

This Book is about the area's natural history as well as its fascinating social history.



A Complete Guide to Native Orchids of Australia Third Edition

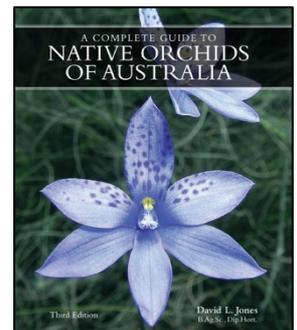
By David L Jones

Delivery date late January 2021

This book is 800 pages and has 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.

The pre-sale offer is \$220 with free postage (saving \$20) and the first 100 customers will receive a personally signed copy.

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



Glyphosate: A Chemical to Understand From the Invasive Species Council

'We have an extremely important new report for everyone who uses glyphosate to control environmental weeds.

Go to <https://invasives.org.au/publications/glyphosate-a-chemical-to-understand/>

The use of glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup and many other weed-killers, is very controversial. However, it is also the main herbicide used on crops in Australia and the main herbicide used against weeds invading our native ecosystems.

The report's author, Tim Low, well known for his landmark book *Feral Future*, attempts to reconcile conflicting findings on the health impacts of glyphosate, and considers the outcomes if Australia bans its use.

This is a challenging but important issue for government agencies, councils and the people who use glyphosate products to keep environmental weeds under control, including thousands of bushcare and landcare volunteers across Australia.'



Wahlenbergia sp
In my garden in
Kambah amongst
Microlena sp .

Lucinda Royston photo



Looking for a new Journal editor

ANPSC is looking for a new Journal editor to produce our quarterly Journal.

Please consider volunteering. Botanical knowledge is not a prerequisite and Articles are provided by members. The software used to produce the Journal is Adobe InDesign.

If you have any questions regarding the role of editor feel free to contact our current editor, Gail at whirlwind1@argonite.com.au. Expressions of interest to our Secretary secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

Looking for a Wednesday Walker Coordinator

If you are interested in taking up this role please contact our Secretary secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

The Coordinator activities include liaising between walk leaders and walkers: receiving walk proposals from potential leaders; sending out emails notifying next walk(s); and arranging for post walk reports to go to WWs and onto our website

ANPSC Calendar

Next Council Meeting: Monday 7 December at 12.30pm in the Rosser Room, Banks Building, ANBG.

Note: No Council meeting in January 2021.

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

Next Bulletin: February 2021.

If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by 27 January to bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

Other events

Australian Native Plant Market
Saturday 4 December, 8.30am to 3.00pm
Cool Country Natives, Pialligo

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

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

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Members Activities

New ANPSC Study Group Liaison Officer

Roger Farrow has offered to be our new SGLO. Thank you very much Roger. Contact studygroups@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Currently, there are 16 active Study Groups and any ANPSC member can join any study group. ANPSC has 2 Study Group Leaders - Lyndal Thorburn, Eremophila and Ros and Ben Walcott, Australian Plants for Containers.

For more information on Study Groups, go to <http://anpsa.org.au/study.html>

Propagation

Propagation group queries to propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

The COVID-19 Plan for this activity group has been 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.

Cutting Bee

Monday 7 December from 4pm to 7pm
3 Considine Close, Greenleigh/Q'beyan

'This will be a twilight cutting bee. We usually share some Christmas cheer at this event though this year you will need to bring your own drinks and food as we cannot share due to COVID19 restrictions - nevertheless we will toast a glass to the year at the end of the bee.

As it is later in the afternoon you may not need the usual sun protection but as it has also been raining a lot you will need mosquito protection instead.

Please bring cuttings, gloves, hats/sunscreen if you feel the need, secateurs, insect repellent and your own food/drink.

Please park along the street unless you have limited mobility, in which case you are welcome to park in the circular drive.

Cuttings

We would be particularly interested in significant numbers of cuttings of the following species so we can trial different hormone strengths (these are species we have had limited or zero success from cuttings in recent years): *Adenanthos ileticos*, *Banksia serrata*, *Boronia molloyae*, *Bossiaea walkeri*, *Callistemon formosus*, *Callistemon pachyphyllus*, *Callistemon villosus*, *Cryptandra spinescens*, *Derwentia (Veronica) arenaria*, *Isopogon anemonifolia* and *Melaleuca nematophylla x barlowii*. Also cuttings of all three colours of *Olearia phlogopappa* - these sell well to the public and we haven't had any for some time.

You will need to pre-register your attendance by emailing propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au but note that we can have 30 people at outdoor events in NSW now.'

Contact: Lyndal Thorburn, ☎0418 972 438

Working bees

January, date TBA, at CIT Bruce

Saturday 16 January from 9am to 11am
3 Considine Close, Greenleigh/Q'beyan.

The bee will include potting up of plants unsold from Spring.

Annual Propagation Group Planning Meeting and Cutting bee

Sunday 31 January, 9:30am to 12:30pm
3 Considine Close, Greenleigh/Q'beyan

As usual, bring labelled cutting material, hats, secateurs, sunscreen etc. A Notice will go out closer to the date to those on the Propagation Group list, about any COVID-19 requirements.

Bring your own lunch to have afterwards.

Contact: Lyndal Thorburn ☎ 0418 972 438.

Propagation Group email list

If any member wants to be on the Propagation Group list but is not currently on it, please email propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au



Propagation Group (Digby and Nola) selling plants at Australian Native Plant Market at Cool Country Natives Nursery in November.

Lucinda Royston photo

Day Activity Group* & Garden Design Study Group

Acting Coordinator: Bill Willis ☎0407 268 797,
dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au

* DAGs

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

DAGs & GDSG Garden Visit Tuesday 8 December, from 10.30am 447 Spring Range Rd, Hall ACT

‘We will be visiting Beryl Cuthbertson’s rural property. Lunch: There will be no formal or organised lunching arrangements. Beryl is happy to have members picnic on her property. Everybody will need to bring their everything.

You will need to advise me of your interest in attending by emailing me at least 72 hours prior to Tuesday 8th. I will confirm your attendance.’

Bill Willis dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au

DAGs & GDSG Visiting members gardens

We love visiting people’s gardens - every one is different and we always learn more about plants, planting and landscaping.

If you would like to share your garden with the DAGs/GDSG group and offer us a visit in 2021, we would very much appreciate it.

Please contact Bill Willis ☎0407 268 797,

dagsleader@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.

No field trips are planned for the rest of this year at this stage.

If you want to be kept in the email loop contact the Coordinator: Jeanette Jeffery.

Wednesday Walkers (WWs)

Coordinator: vacancy. See Notice in this Bulletin.

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.

There are no Wednesday walks planned at this stage.



DAGs visiting David Bishop's garden in Yass in November.

Bill Willis & Lucinda Royston photos



Show and Tell From Roger Farrow

'Three plants growing in the vicinity of Old Snowy Horse Camp, Tantangara, which are threatened by the activities of feral horses.'

Pimelea bracteata. Critically endangered.



Calotis pubescens. Endangered

Calotis glandulosa. Vulnerable



Digging by feral horses

Trampling by feral horses



Show and Tell
By John Carter

Mt Gibraltar Reserve in the Southern Highlands region, between Bowral and Mittagong.



Stypantra glauca



Diuris sulphurea



Viola betonicifolia



Podolobium ilicifolium

Show and Tell

From the Walcotts – flowering in their garden

Text by Ros Walcott, photos by Ben Walcott



Eremophila bignoniiflora x viscida 'Meringur Midnight'

We have planted three of these large shrubs to 4m high and 2m wide. They have long narrow green leaves and purple tubular flowers over many months.

Jacksonia scoparia – Dogwood

We have planted nine of these tall shrubs or small trees to 4m high and 2m across, with leafless grey-green hanging branches and brilliant yellow and red pea flowers for a short period. These plants are native to coastal NSW and Queensland.



Calothamnus quadrifidus Pencil Form

We planted two of these upright shrubs in April 2018 which grow only 30-40cm wide and 2m high, the ideal plant for narrow spot. Red flowers on old stems in late winter and spring are showy.

Callistemon salignus – Willow Bottlebrush

We planted 65 of this small tree to 9m high with a dense habit, papery bark, pink new growth and cream, pink and red bottlebrush flowers as our front hedge in 2003. This plant has grown to 5m high, made a thick hedge and flowers well each year. This plant is native to NSW and Queensland.



Alyogyne huegelii 'Karana'

We planted this shrub, height 1.5m x width 1.5m, with attractive bluish foliage and masses of mauve trumpets in October 2012. As it is a bit frost sensitive, we have placed it under some protection and it flowers prolifically.



Show and Tell
By John Carter

'*Patersonia occidentalis* – they were bought at a couple of ANPSC plant sales and have been planted against the chook shed. One of the plants has turned out to be white flowering.'

