

Members Meeting

Thursday, 14 February

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: Bill Willis.

February Raffle prizes

The plants will be supplied by:
Member grower, Phil Fradd.

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.

Last reminder - Memberships for 2019

To renew your ANPS membership, please go to our new website <https://nativeplantscbr.com.au> and then to membership – more details are on the back page of this Bulletin. Please contact membership@nativeplantscbr.com.au if you need help.

Meeting Talk: Forgotten Plants of the ACT.

A photography miscellany about those plants that have missed out on inclusion in the photographic guides to the flora of the ACT. This story starts with the futile search by the Wednesday Walkers for the elusive *Pomaderris prunifolia* that was recorded by a notable botanical recorder, CWE Moore, at Gudgenby in 1954. So Roger decided to look through the Census of the ACT to find out more about our local flora and what was found in guides and what was actually out there and there were quite a few surprises.



Pomaderris prunifolia
Source: Flora of Victoria

Guest Speaker: Roger Farrow

Roger is a retired entomologist and has taken up an interest in native plants since leaving CSIRO more than 20 years ago. He is particularly interested in the relationships between insects and plants, especially pollination strategies. His book on *the Insects of Southeastern Australia*, published in 2016 by CSIRO, and has now been reprinted. Roger is a life member of ANPS. He has been leading ANPS field trips and Wednesday walks for a number of years focussing on places with special floras and rare species. Roger has a special interest in alpine floras and has travelled extensively to places like Tibet, Iran and Ethiopia and Peru as well as in arid floras visiting places like Namibia and Madagascar.

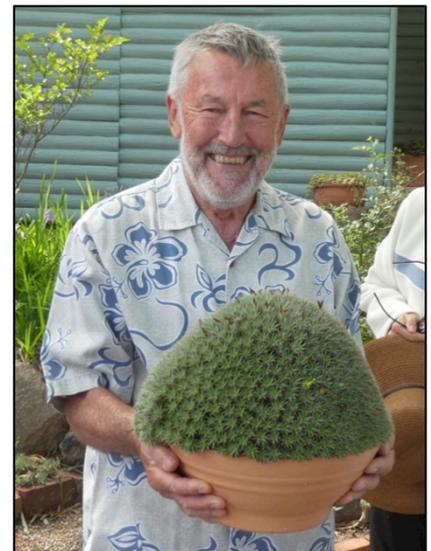


Photo by Lucinda Royston

Deadline for articles for March 2019 Journal has been extended to Tuesday 5 February.
Please email to the Editor, Gail Ritchie Knight whirlwind1@argonite.com.au

This Bulletin has been sent out to all our members by email

Posted monthly Bulletins have been discontinued except for the few members with no email address. If this new arrangement is a problem for any member, please contact the Bulletin Editor or Membership Secretary.

ANPS' new membership system

As most of you know, we have activated a new membership system built into the new website. The old system was a manual one that required continued maintenance by our Membership Secretary.

It will take a bit of time for us to learn the new system and to make it adapt to our needs so please be patient. The new membership system is linked to a program called Mailchimp that automatically sends out the Bulletin to all members and Notices to groups such as Wednesday Walkers.

Additional email addresses

The system will automatically add only one email address to the appropriate mailing list. However, for a family membership, other email addresses can be added manually by the Webmaster. Please email membership@nativeplantscbr.com.au if you would like a second email address added to the mailing list.

New ANPS email addresses

With the introduction of our new website, ANPS has new email addresses too. They all start with the contact name followed by @ and end with nativeplantscbr.com.au, our web address - for example bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au. Other relevant emails are: council@, membership@, plantsales@, potorders@, president@, propagation@, secretary@ and treasurer@.

Calling for nominations for the ANPS(A) - Australian Plants Award

The Australian Native Plants Society Australia - ANPS(A) - is inviting all Member Societies to submit nominees for the Australian Plants Award to be presented at the ANPS(A) 2019 Conference in Western Australia later this year.

Each Member Society may make no more than one nomination in either or both categories – Professional and Amateur. Nominations need to be with ANPS(A) by 1 April 2019.

ANPS Council is considering who we might nominate and if any member has a suggestion(s) or would like more information please contact Garth, our Secretary, at secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Thank you letter from STEP for ANPS' donation of \$5000

STEP - Southern Tablelands Ecosystems Park

'Dear Ben

- on behalf of STEP, I would like to express our heart-felt thanks to you and the ANPS committee for your very generous donation. A new shed, larger and with undercover space for potting up seedlings will be such an asset for us. We hope ANPS members will be able to come to our 10 year celebrations next year and view the finished structure.

Kindest regards Judy Smith President STEP.'

November 2018

A home for 'Big Fred' with its Elkhorns

'Would anyone like 'Big Fred' with its Elkhorn clusters? I will be moving interstate to a smaller house and courtyard garden and it's too big to take (and heavy too). Big Fred is 37 years old and started life as a gift in a small hanging basket sharing with other ferns and an orchid. So in its "heart" will be a wire basket, I suspect.



It is roughly 1m H and about 2m in circumference. It has moved from Camden, NSW to Brisbane and been in Canberra for the last 22 years! And sheltered from frosts under a pergola and watered (drip irrigation) at a frequency depending on the season.'

Anne Campbell ajc24@bigpond.com

New Book - *Welcome to our Yass Gorge* By Geoff Robertson and Ryl Parker

This 70 page book tells the fascinating story of Yass Gorge, especially its natural history, and has been prepared with the assistance of the NSW Government through its Environment Trust.

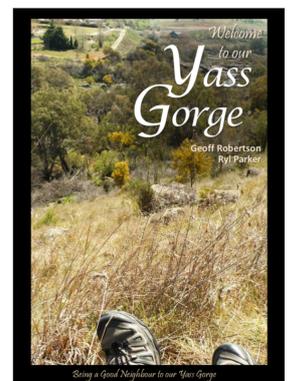
Book launch

10am, 7 February, Yass Gorge.

Master of Ceremonies will be Dr. Tony Robinson, the *Welcome to Country* will be by Ngunnawal Elder, Ken Bell, and launch address will be by local personality, Ross Webster.

Copies of the book will be available on the day and are also downloadable from the net. Contact geoffrobertson@iprimus.com.au.

All are invited to come along to the launch.



Members Activities

Seeking Members Meeting ANBG gate minders for 2019

Thank you to those who have volunteered to be on the roster to do this essential task before and after the Thursday Members Meetings.

We still need volunteers for the months June to November.

You can put your name on the roster at the members meeting or email Ben Walcott
president@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Propagation

General ANPS propagation queries: Nola McKeon at propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au, ☎ 6278 6619.

We are seeking new hosts for 1xANPS Shade house and 1xANPS Hotbed

The Propagation Group uses 3 shade houses and 2 hotbeds to produce its plants for the Autumn and Spring Plant Sales. These are accommodated in members' backyards. We hold most of our monthly propagation bees in these backyards, in rotation.

We need to relocate a Shade house and a Hotbed.

The **Shade house** has a footprint of 3.4m by 6.25m and needs access to both electricity and water. It is fitted out with sturdy mesh benches and an automatic sprinkler system.

The **Hotbed** is 90 cm wide and 2.5m long. It also requires access to mains water and electricity. It also needs to be sited out of the sun.

ANPS provides annual funding to cover the cost of the electricity and water. It will also cover the cost of setting up the facility in the new location.

We look forward to hearing from anyone who thinks they could host one of these facilities.

For expressions of interest and further information please contact Nola McKeon on ☎ 6278 6619, propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au



An ANPS Shadehouse.

Photo by Nola McKeon

February Cutting Bee

Sunday 17 February, from 9am

20 Mulga St, O'Connor

Come and join us for this first working bee for the year. Seeds may also be planted, so please don't forget to treat wattle and pea flower seed!

Remember to bring hat and sunscreen, gloves, secateurs and cutting material.

Tea, coffee, cold drinks provided. There is the opportunity for a shared meal - either bring along your own food or some to share.

Your hosts will be Tim and Shane Woodburn
☎ 6247 0940.

DAGs*, Garden Design Study Group - Garden visit and the 2019 Planning meeting

Tuesday 19th February, 10.30am

41 Gaunson Cres, Wanniasa – hosts are Warwick & Shirley Daniels

We are looking for ANPS members to generously offer their gardens for DAGs and Garden Design Study Group visits throughout 2019.

Lunch: at 'A Bite To Eat', Shop 8 Chifley Place, Chifley. www.abitetoeat.net.au

Bill Willis ☎ 0407 268 797, 02 6297 5615, plantnatives@cuumbeun.com.

* Daytime Activity Group

Field Trips

Jeanette Jeffery has volunteered to be our Field Trip Coordinator for 2019.

Contact: fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Thank you Jeanette.

February Field Trip

Weekend 16-18 February

Visiting Toolong Range between Cabramurra and Khancoban, in the Snowy Mountains

We aim to check out different vegetation types along various walking trails identified from the maps of the area. Easy walks 5-10 km.

Maps: Greg Greg, Swampy Plain, Toolong Range.

Accommodation: Khancoban Lakeside Caravan Park
☎ 6076 9488, info@klcp.com.au

Contact Roger r.farrow@iimetro.com.au

☎ 62363105

Caveat

'I have looked at "Fires near me" and discovered that there are a number of uncontrolled fires to the north of our proposed trip area so the visit may be cancelled if they are not brought under control or spread into the area we are visiting.' Roger, 25/1/19.

For more details contact Roger Farrow

r.farrow@iimetro.com.au.

ANPS Plant Sale - Notices

Autumn Plant Sale, 15-16 March Volunteers needed for the sale set up, the sale, and packing up

The Autumn Plant Sale is rapidly approaching, and we need volunteers for Friday 16th and Saturday 17th. Our Plant Sales are the Society's major source (two thirds) of income, and are only possible with the generous help of many member volunteers. As well as the fun of participating in this Canberra institution, **volunteers may purchase up to 10 plants before the Sale, and receive refreshment vouchers to use at the Pollen Café** over a rest and a chat.

We need 50 people to help with a variety of tasks (listed below) on each of Friday setup day and Saturday Sale day.

No previous experience necessary!

Please contact our Plant Sale Coordinator, Linda Tabe plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au to volunteer for any of the following tasks, or if you have any queries. You don't need to stay for a whole day; any help you can spare would be most welcome.

Plant Sale tasks

On Friday – help with set up from 8.15am: putting out the sorting tables and row stands in the Sale area; sorting the thousands of plants on arrival, moving and setting out plants into sale area; checking plants are in the order according to the row lists; and putting up Sale tents and security barriers.

On Saturday – help with Sale from 7.30am: putting up Sale and plant signage, setting up the Information tent, and final checking of Sale area; staffing the Check outs and the ANPS information tent; and packing up everything after the Sale.

A Flyer advertising the Sale is attached to this Bulletin – please put it in your area.

Dave Herald enjoying helping on Plant Sale setup day!
Photo by Lucinda Royston



Volunteers needed for the Plant Sale promotion team

After many years as Plant Sale Promotion Coordinator, Anne Campbell is leaving us to move interstate. Instead of asking one person to take on this role, **we are looking for volunteers to join a Plant Sale Promotion Team**. Alison Roach currently takes care of Social media advertising, Queanbeyan Street signs, and acts as Media spokesperson. Murray Dadds takes care of street signs in South Canberra.

We need people to cover the following areas:

- **Print, Online Media, Radio.** This involves distributing notice of the impending Plant Sale across a range of print (daily, community), web sites (ANBG, ACTEWAGL Community Switch), radio and flyers. Anne has written a detailed procedure, which will make it easy for her successor(s) to take over.
- **Street Signs in North Canberra.** We are looking for one or more people to put out the 10 x street signs in north Canberra. Straw polls of Sale attendees indicate that Facebook advertising and street signs have the most impact, so this is an important aspect of the Sale promotion. Before previous sales, did you pass any of Anne's sale advertising signs in your daily/weekly movements? Could you volunteer to put out, monitor and retrieve even just 1 sign in North Canberra in the week before the sale?

If you are interested in helping, or like more information, please contact plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au



Environmental volunteering – involving the younger generation

This photo at Lt (by Roger Farrow) shows some young volunteers looking for insect pollinators of the endangered Merimbula Star Hair (*Astrotricha* sp Wallagaraugh) at Tura Beach. Christine Kendrick (top Rt) and Roger Farrow were volunteers for this activity organised by the Threatened Species Unit of the NSW Department of Heritage and Environment in November 2018.

**December Field trip to Kosciuszko NP,
Gungahlin River – photos by Roger Farrow**

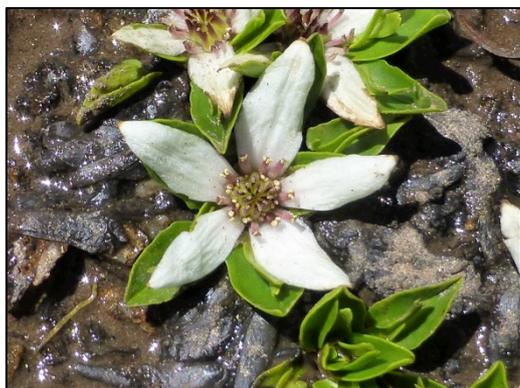


Having fun on the Snowy Plains



Crossing the Snowy Plains!

Kosciuszko NP - Mt Stillwell, in summer
- photos by Brigitta Wimmer



Caltha introloba



Herfield in flower

DAGS/GDSG/WW Christmas party



Morning tea at Christine and Roger's home. Photos by Lucinda Royston



Roger showing us his garden. Photo by Gail Ritchie



Lunch at Lyn and Peter Woodbury's home. Photo by Lucinda Royston

Calendar - activities and events

ANPS

Next Council Meeting: Monday 11 February at 12.30pm, Dickson Room, ANBG.

Next Collation: Tuesday 5 March at 2pm, for Journal (and possibly Australian Plants magazine) 95 Price Place, Downer. Host Winifred Mumford.

Next Bulletin: March 2019: Items due Wednesday 27 February to bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

ANPS Autumn Plant Sale
Saturday 16 March at the ANBG

Other

**Australian Native Plant Market,
Cool Country Natives, Pialligo**
Next Market is 2 March 2019

Held on 1st Saturday of the month, 8.30am-3pm, mostly in Spring, Summer and Autumn.

Canberra Environment Centre - *Identifying Edible Weeds Workshop* Tuesday 12 March 2019, 5:30-7:30 pm Location TBA, Canberra

Learn how to identify common backyard weeds such as wild brassicas, mallow and dandelion. Sarah Aylott will guide you through using common plants that are probably growing very close to home. Learn about key features to look out for in each weed and how to incorporate weeds into your everyday diet.

The exact location of this workshop will be confirmed closer to the date as it depends on the best place for foraging in March.

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ANBG Thursday Talks, 12.30-1.30pm, Theatrette

7 February	'Dangerous Eruptions: Volcanoes Past, Present and Future' – Dr Prame Chopra
14 February	'South Western Australia Flora: What a Hotspot' – Boronia Halstead
21 February	'Australian Plant Diversity: Past, Present and Future' – Dr Marcel Cardillo
28 February	'How do Plants 'do' Heat Stress? Further Lessons from the Australian Desert' – Associate Professor Andy Leigh
7 March	'The Declined, the Gifted and the Desired: Four Canberra Rivers' – Matthew Higgins



Snow gum. Photo by Brigitta Wimmer

Applying for or Renewing ANPS Membership

You can do this using our website. Go to <https://nativeplantscbr.com.au> and follow the steps set out below.

Please contact membership@nativeplantscbr.com.au if you need help.

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