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Resuming – Members Meetings

Limit of 45 attendees - you must therefore register to attend.

Thursday, 11 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:

***Looking for volunteer(s). Email: secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au

No refreshments will be available

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

February Raffle prizes:

The plants will be provided by: ANPSC'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.

Memberships for 2021 are now due for payment

Thank you to all members who have renewed their memberships.

A reminder to all members who have not yet finalised their renewal that it is due before the end of February to avoid cancellation (in accordance with the ANPSC Constitution).

If you are having difficulty in completing the forms online and processing the payment then please contact Karen at membership@nativeplantscbr.com.au

To register to attend the members meeting –

email secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au

In accordance with ACT Health Rules, 45 people is the limit in the ANBG Theatrette (it holds 98 people). We will be taking COVID precautions and you will need to use the QR Code reader or sign in. Masks are not required but please wear one if you wish. Social distancing rules will apply.

Meeting Talk: The Flowering of the West of NSW

A spring journey with a small group of friends for 10 days in late September to early October 2020 from Lake Cargelligo to Tibooburra via the Darling Run, focussing on the mass flowerings following the drought-breaking rains of 2020. These deep rains made ideal conditions for regeneration and flowering of plants not seen for many years. It is a real treat to experience this natural phenomenon.

There were lots of tourists travelling out there because of the COVID border restrictions with people squashed in accommodation sites everywhere – even the Tibooburra caravan park was full! The trip travelled via Cobar, Gundabooka, Wilcannia, White Cliffs, Milparinka, Tibooburra, Broken Hill, Ivanhoe, Hillston and Griffith.



Scented Cress *Harmsiodoxa puberula* (Brassicaceae) Darling Run.
Photo Roger Farrow



Yellow top, *Senecio gregorii* (Asteraceae)
Cobham Lake. Photo Roger Farrow

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. He is the author of the book *Insects of Southeastern Australia* and co-author of *Field Guide to Orchids of the Southern Tablelands of NSW including the ACT*.

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.

Deadline for articles for the June ANPSC Journal is 1 May.

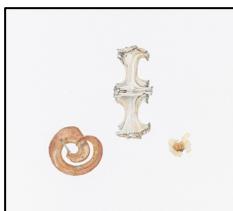
Please send items/articles to our Journal Editor, Daniel Charron at journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Exhibitions on now

'Stories of Place' – by artist Sharon Field Until 1 March, 9:00am - 5:00pm The Link Art Space in Ginninderry

Sharon will be working at the exhibition **each Friday and Sunday** until the exhibition closes, except for Friday 12 February when she will be there on the 13th instead

This exhibition presents a visual narrative of stories from different places as told by the plants, insects and other creatures that live there. These stories are not often acknowledged by people, but they are a critically important part of the world of people.



Watercolour and graphite

ANBG exhibition

'Detritus' - by artist Emilie Patteson From 3 to 28 February, 9.30am to 4.30pm Visitor Information Centre

An exhibition exploring the finer details in native flora in glass – colours, textures, shapes, patterns – and details such as insect activity.

Artist Emilie Patteson draws attention to tiny imperfections and the beauty they can hold. The artist explores life cycles of growth and decay by simultaneously destroying and preserving plant matter with hot glass, wire and plant specimens.



Books Available

from selected local book shops.

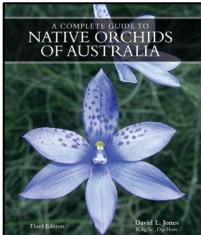
A Complete Guide to Native Orchids of Australia Third Edition

By David L Jones

This book is 800 pages with 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.

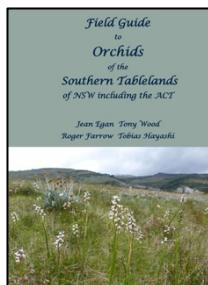
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<http://newhollandpublishers.com/orchids>



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 is available to ANPSC members through on-line sales at email tobiashayashi@hotmail.com



Mt Lawson State Park, NE Victoria - *Dipodium punctatum* - Hyacinth Orchid.
Lucinda Royston photos

Plant Sales

Plants available from some of our member growers

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.

Reminder

Some of our member growers participate in the **Australian Native Plant Market** at Cool Country Natives Nursery at Pialligo - next market is Saturday 6 February 8.30 to 3.00.

Monitoring of threatened plants species in Australia.

Here's a link to an interesting article from *The Conversation* on the need for monitoring threatened plants species in Australia.

Australia-first research reveals staggering loss of threatened plants over 20 years.

When it comes to threatened species, charismatic animals usually get the most attention. But many of Australia's plants are also in grave danger of extinction, and in many cases, the problem is getting worse.

Go to:

<https://theconversation.com/australia-first-research-reveals-staggering-loss-of-threatened-plants-over-20-years-151408>

The independent review of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

The statutory review of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) began in October 2019 with Professor Graeme Samuel AC as the appointed independent reviewer supported by an Expert Panel providing advice on specific issues.

The Review's final report was submitted to the Minister for the Environment on 30 October 2020 and publicly released on 28 January 2021.

Go to

<https://epbcactreview.environment.gov.au/resources/final-report>



ANPSC calendar & services

Book Sales at Members Meetings

We sell a small range of local plant books only and at our normal low prices. In addition, there will be other stock at sale prices.

Come and have look at what specials you can pick up!

Next Council Meeting: Monday 8 February at 12.30pm, Rosser Room, Banks Building ANBG.

Council Business - Reminder: Council Minutes are on our website in Members Area under 'Minutes'. The December 2020 ones will go up after the February Council Meeting.

Collation: TBA - Only when mailing out the quarterly Journal and Australian Plants magazine.
95 Price Place, Downer. Host Winifred Mumford.

Next Bulletin: March 2021: If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by Wednesday 24 February to bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

Other events

Australian Native Plant Market

**Next Market Day is Saturday 6 February, 8.30am-3pm
At 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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Mt Lawson State Park , NE Victoria - *Microtis unifolia* -- Common Onion Orchid.

Lucinda Royston photo

Vale Pauline March

Died on 10 November 2020, age 92

Pauline joined ANPSC in May 1981 and was an active member of the Society from the start and as a new member she went along to propagation becoming a continuing member of the group. She was also a member of Wednesday Walkers being the first person to join the group, a member of the Grass group, and with husband Mick (dec.) went on many Field Trips. Pauline came along to members meetings, was a volunteer at Plant Sales and at other Society events.

Pauline and husband Mick built a house at Potato Point many years ago and visited it often. ANPSC members had been welcomed there. Pauline was a lovely person, much liked by her friends in the Society and will be missed. She was a pharmacist and worked at the Canberra Hospital pharmacy. *Lucinda, President.*

New ANPS Members

∅ No new members this month.

Members Activities

COVID-19 health emergency – ANPSC activities

Activity groups –our activity groups (Propagation, DAGs, Field Trips, WWS) have COVID-19 Plans and have or are resuming activities.

Monthly Members Meetings – recommence February 2021. **Council** - is meeting monthly as usual.

Our twice-yearly Plant Sales – are yet to recommence.

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

ANPS Treasurer position filled.

Anne Holmes is our new Treasurer.

Contact is treasurer@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Thank you, Anne. *Lucinda, President.*

The Treasurer position is integral to the management of the Society and the Society cannot operate without its finances being administered and managed.

Journal Editor

After being our Journal Editor for eight years Gail Ritchie Knight felt like having a break. **We have a new Journal Editor, Daniel Charron.** Daniel will be taking over the role with effect from now with Gail providing support. Contact Daniel at journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au

A big Thank You to Gail for producing our

Journal – she has done a wonderful job as our Journal is a high-quality publication with a national reputation and much appreciated by our members.

We have been very lucky to have someone with Gail's skills, experience and commitment volunteering to be our Journal Editor.

Lucinda, President

Developing a new ANBG Management Plan 2022 – 2032.

The Australian National Botanic Gardens acknowledges ANPSC as a key stakeholder and has invited the Society to be part of the development of the new *ANBG Management Plan*. The new Plan will guide the management of the ANBG for the next 10 years, replacing the current Plan which expires on 29 May 2022.

A 30-day public ‘Have Your Say’ period begins on 1 February 2021, giving all members of the Australian community the opportunity to offer feedback and suggestions on developing the new Plan. All topics are open for discussion from science, research, conservation, tourism, education and future developments.

What would you like to see in the new Plan? If you would like to contribute to an ANPSC response please provide your comments, by 15 February to Council member, Geoff Butler gbu22182@bigpond.net.au

The existing management plan is at
<https://www.anbg.gov.au/gardens/about/management/manplan/index.html>

ANPS Plant Sale

Our Plant Sale Coordinator is Linda Tabe
Contact: plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au

ANPS Autumn Plant Sale

‘We would like to say we are having one! However, COVID and the necessary health restrictions are making it hard to come up with a workable strategy/plan. Council has been talking to ANBG and member growers and we are currently considering options. We will advise as soon as we have made a decision on whether to hold a March Sale or not.’
Lucinda, President

Wednesday Walkers (WWs) Our WW coordinator position is vacant

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.

Looking for a Wednesday Walker Coordinator

After two years of doing a sterling job as WW Coordinator Kris Nash is going on to do other things and this position is now vacant. Many thanks Kris.

If you are someone who likes to read WW reports and see photos of the various plants we encounter this could very well be a job for you. After years of drought followed by fire then welcoming rain, nature has provided a flora rarely seen and a lush vegetation regeneration. The Coordinator sends out information about coming walks and the reports walk leaders produce. The Coordinator does not have to attend walks. All information is sent out to members via the MailChimp system (training happily provided). Anyone interested please contact our Secretary at secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au to express interest or for further information.

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.

2021 Field Trip planning

The field trip group will be meeting in February to put together a program of activities for the coming year. If you have any suggestions for trips or would like to lead one, please contact Jeanette, our field trip coordinator.

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.

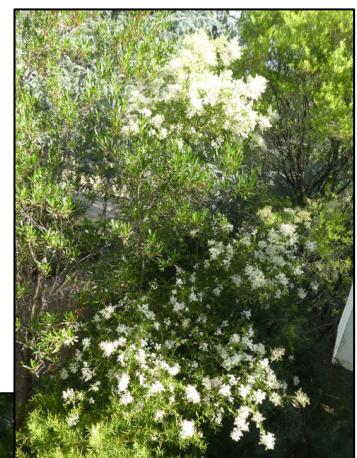
Cutting Bee

**Saturday 20 February, 9.30 to 12.30
CIT, Bruce**

Access is off Eade St, through the large gate into Charles Weston Lane.
As part of ANPSC’s COVID-19 management, as usual please bring your own gloves, hats, sunscreen etc and your own food and your own tea/coffee. Please also bring any COVID-19 protective gear you wish.

Newcomers very welcome. You will need to pre-register your attendance by emailing propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

Bursaria spinosa flowering beautifully in Jenny Campbell's garden this summer.
Jenny's photos



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 & Garden Design Study Group planning meeting

**Tuesday 16 February from 10.30am
At 'Timbelaya' 777 Urila Rd, Urila via Burra**

Christine Kendrick and Roger Farrow are inviting DAGs & GDSG members to their home, 'Timbelaya' (50 mins from Canberra Central) for a planning meeting, to view their garden and for members to picnic lunch on their property. Christine is happy to provide a cup of tea.

Lunch: There will be no formal or organised lunching arrangements and if you wish to picnic on the property you will need to bring your everything.

Bill Willis, acting DAGs Coordinator, **0407 268 797,**
dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Planning Meeting Agenda

1. Elect and/or appoint a DAGs Coordinator or members to a Coordinating Committee.
2. Set an agenda of visits to native gardens both local and interstate and related cultural activities or visiting and learning during the cooler months of 2021.
3. Other related matters.

DAGs Coordinator vacancy

Message from Bill Willis, Acting Coordinator DAGs

'You will be aware, that for quite some months ANPSC Council suspended Group Activities. Around that time, I, for a number of reasons, stepped back and stepped aside from the 'official' coordinating role of DAGs. However, upon request, during much of the latter part of 2020, I have continued acting in the DAGs Coordinator role, subject to someone (or a team of someones) taking on the organising role of DAGs garden visits, cultural and social activities etc, until the February 2021 DAGs Meeting.

The 'easing' of ACT and NSW Governments laws, regulations, health statements and orders in relation to COVID-19 and the yet to be reviewed rulings by ANPSC Council during the latter part of 2020, permission was given to resume activities, subject to an ANPSC COVID-19 Activities Plan.

If DAGs garden visits and social activities are to continue in 2021, the group will need a 'new' and more active coordinator (or a team of DAGs): to initiate and to seek out native gardens to visit; and to undertake, promote etc DAGs activities throughout 2021. **Please consider undertaking or becoming an active participant in this role in February 2021. And please offer your garden for member viewing (and/or advice) in 2021.** I will not be able to continue to undertake the DAGs Coordinator of activities role in 2021.

Despite the 'reign' of COVID-19 2020/2021, the DAGS held four activities/visits in 2020:

- The ACT Bushfire Memorial' - Stromlo ACT,
- Lyndal Thorburn & Tom Jordon's garden at Greenleigh NSW;
- Dave Bishop's garden at Perry St. Yass NSW;
- Beryl Cuthbertson's property, Spring Range Rd, Spring Range via Hall ACT.

I am most grateful for each gardener's generosity, and courage in offering their gardens during this most difficult time. The gardens were all fine exemplars of big sustainable Australian native gardens designed, built and maintained by knowledgeable, passionate native plant gardeners.

I heartfully thank, you one and all!'

Bill Willis

'Photos from the Archive'

Photos from Rosemary Blemings

Collation – These photos of the Collation group were taken some time ago when we used to mail out the monthly Bulletin. These days, we only mail out our quarterly Journal and Australian Plants magazine. Collation is a less frequent and smaller task now that the Bulletin is sent out electronically. You may recognise some of the members!



Show and Tell

Recent orchid sightings.

Photos from Roger Farrow

From Moreton National Park



Horned orchid - *Orthoceras strictum* –
at the Pylons, Nerriga Road



Dense midge orchid - *Corunastylis densa* -
at the Pylons, Nerriga Road



Pink Midge Orchid - *Corunastylis superbum*
- at Bulee, Nerriga Road

From Kosciuszko National Park



Tadgell's Leek Orchid - *Paraprasophyllum tadgellianum* - Mt Stilwell



Alpine Leek orchid -
Paraprasophyllum alpestre
- Mt Stilwell

Show and Tell

From the Walcotts – flowering in their garden

Text by Ros Walcott, photos by Ben Walcott



Acacia pruinosa

We planted, in November 2011, one of these small trees to 6m high with red to purplish bark and glaucous branches, ferny foliage with red new growth and sprays of golden ball flowers in January. This tree is native to New South Wales and Queensland.



Grevillea insignis (grafted 31/10/09 on G. robusta) – Wax Grevillea

We were gifted a grafted specimen of this dense prickly shrub to 3m high and 2.5m across with rigid holly shaped blue-green leaves and pendant clusters of glowing pink waxy flowers from Phil Trickett in June 2010. This plant is native to southwestern WA. The veined leaves are extremely beautiful with the sun shining through them.

Gossypium 'Flirtatious'

We recently planted, in a pot, this very attractive cultivar of Gossypium which flowers in the warmer months with large pink flowers.

Eremophila glabra subsp. Arrowsmith

We have two of these vigorous shrubs in 2014 to 1.5m high and 1.5m across with bright green leaves and masses of bird attracting yellow flowers in late winter and spring. We have cut one to the ground 1/21 and will wait to see if it will reshoot.



Scaevola 'Purple Fanfare'

A selected free flowering form of Scaevola aemula from Diamond Head, NSW. Best suited to a well composted, free draining soil in a sunny to dappled shade site. Requires occasional deep watering in the summer months. Makes an excellent cut flower, lasting for weeks indoors. White Gums Nursery promotion. Slugs love them – put down slug bait

