



Members Meeting

Thursday, 9 February

7.30 pm note ANBG access times below.**

ANBG Theatre, 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: TBA – see below

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

February Raffle prizes:

The plants will be provided 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.

ANPSC Membership renewal was due on 1 January

Thank you to all members who have completed their renewals. As per our Constitution, Membership Renewal is due by 28 February 2023.

If you need help in processing your renewal then please contact Karen our Membership Secretary at membership@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

Next members meeting Gate

Minder - we need a volunteer to close the gate after members have left the 9 February meeting. To volunteer, email secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Meeting Talk: Landforms and plants along the Larapinta Trail - July 2022

This talk will cover practical aspects of a walk done last year, the impressive landforms of the West Macdonnell Ranges with a brief diversion into geology, and plant species encountered along the way.

Guest Speaker: Peter Chandler

Peter was a research scientist at CSIRO Plant Industry for many years, studying hormonal regulation of growth of barley and wheat. His principal research interest was the plant hormone gibberellin, in particular defining the genes involved in hormone synthesis, hormone perception and signal transduction. Since retirement he has pursued interests in native plants.



Long-leaf corkwood - *Hakea lorea* - in front of Mt Sonder. Peter Chandler photo

The Larapinta Trail is an extended walking track in the Northern Territory. Its total length covers 223 kilometres from east to west, with the eastern end at Alice Springs and the western end at Mount Sonder, one of the territory's highest mountains. *Wikipedia*

**Next Plant Sale is our Autumn Sale on
18 March 2023 at ANBG**

The deadline for articles for ANPSC's March 2023 Journal is 1 February.

If some members have articles in the pipeline that aren't quite finished, then please let the Editor know to expect them very shortly. Please send articles and/or photos. Articles may be long or short, with or without photos.

Send them to Gail Ritchie Knight, our Journal Editor, at journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au

**Exhibitions at ANBG
Visitor Information Centre
9.30am to 4.30pm, daily**

Moments in the Australian Bush

25 January to 26 February

An exhibition exploring beautiful moments experienced in unique and special local environments of Namadgi, the Snowy Mountains, the Brindabellas, Tidbinbilla, and the Australian National Botanic Gardens.

- Amy Beggs-French creates functional art with ceramics.
- Penny Deacon paints local wildlife and landscapes in watercolours and oils.



2023 Exhibition of Australian Plants as Bonsai

25 to 26 February, 9.30am to 4.00pm

****Crosbie Morrison Building, ANBG**

This year the exhibition will explore the theme *Bonsai in an Australian Setting*. The exhibition includes a range of Australian plant material presented as bonsai. Each tree reflects the artists interpretation of this ancient art in contemporary Australia.

[Canberra Bonsai Society - www.cbs.org.au/](http://www.cbs.org.au/)



See What I See

1 March - 23 April

See Australia through the eyes of NatureArt Lab's renowned team of tutors across a diverse range of creative responses to nature, such as nature journaling, watercolour, drawing, scratchboard, polymer clay, scientific illustrations, botanical and wildlife art, wildlife photography, macrophotography and much more.

<https://natureartlab.com.au>



Reflections on Nature Exhibition and Events Program - from NatureArtLab

2 to 12 February, 10.00am - 4.00pm

The Old Barn Gallery, Pialligo

This exhibition presents contributions from the program launched at the start of the pandemic encouraging people to slow down, spend some time in nature and record their nature observations.

There are free workshops on nature journaling and watercolour sketching and talks by participating conservation and environmental organisations on Grasslands and Canberra Nature Map.
<https://natureartlab.com.au/collections/events/products/reflections-on-nature-exhibition-and-events-program-2-12-february-2023-canberra>



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>

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| 2 February | 'Four women of the High Country' - Matthew Higgins |
| 9 February | 'Feather and Brush' - Honorary Professor Penny Olsen |
| 16 February | 'Precision Landscape Regeneration' - Professor Justin Borevitz |
| 23 February | 'The extraordinary scientific achievements of the French Baudin expedition (1800-1804) in Australian waters' - Emeritus Professor Patrick De Deckker |
| 2 March | 'Towards a better understanding into the Bush Peas Mirbelieae (Fabaceae) in Australia' - Dr James Clugston |

Item of interest

From Bill Willis

Australian Conservation Foundation – MyClimate 2050 tool.

'Ever wanted to know how climate change has impacted your postcode? Introducing MyClimate 2050 tool! In seconds you'll be able to explore 2050 climate projections for over four thousand Australian locations. Check it out at the link below.'

<https://myclimate.acf.org.au>

Plant Sales

Australian Native Plant Market

Next Market Day - Saturday 4 February, 8.30am-3pm. At Cool Country Natives, Pialligo.

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

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

For latest version go to

<https://nativeplantscbr.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Where-to-buy-Native-Plants-in-the-Canberra-Region.pdf>

ANPSC calendar & services

Book Sales at Members Meetings

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

Next Council Meeting: Monday 6 February at 12.30pm, Dickson Room, Banks Building, ANBG.

Council Business - Council Minutes are on our website in Members Area under 'Minutes'.

December Council Minutes will go up on the website after they are approved at the February Council Meeting

Next Bulletin: March 2023: If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by Wednesday 22 February to bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Updating your email Preferences

To change your Mailchimp preferences/details ie

- Email Address, First Name, Last Name
- Members Groups activity preferences: Field Trips, Propagation Group, Wednesday Walks, Daytime Activities

you 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?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).



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ANPSC Notices

New Members

A warm welcome to new members:

- ☘ Brooke Farr
- ☘ Halina Steele
- ☘ Chrissy Phoong
- ☘ Christopher Brew
- ☘ Amy McCudden
- ☘ Kate Hallett
- ☘ Julie Gray

Members Meeting Speakers

Send speaker suggestions to our speaker organiser, Lena Saboisky, at lenasaboisky@gmail.com

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.

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



Reminder about *Australian Plants* publication arrangements.

From 1 January 2023, members who wish to continue an *Australian Plants* subscription will be responsible for subscribing directly to *Australian Plants*. *Australian Plants* subscription information is in the inside of the back cover of any copy of *Australian Plants* publication.

Please note that existing *Australia Plants* subscriptions were due for renewal on 1 January 2023.

Christine Kendrick, Secretary.

Australian Plants is a quarterly publication produced by the Australian Plants Society, NSW on behalf of the Australian Native Plants Society (Australia) (ANPSA).

Conservation

Invasive Species Council



There has been a 30% increase in the number of feral horses degrading and trashing the Snowy Mountains in the past two years. This is despite a year of action to reduce numbers by the NSW

National Parks and Wildlife Service under the government's 2021 management plan which aims to reduce feral horse numbers to 3,000 by 2027.

Go to invasives.org.au/media-releases to read more.

The Genome of *Acacia pycnantha* – Golden Wattle

A genome for *A. pycnantha* has been assembled, with the results being published in a recent paper – go to <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0274267>

The paper notes that the work that has been done will be a valuable resource for future studies involving *Acacia*, including the evolution, conservation, breeding, invasiveness and physiology of the genus, and for comparative studies of legumes.

The next mission for the team that did this work is to investigate the relationships between all wattle species, using the genome to understand the genes involved in the adaptation of wattles to the diverse range of environments in Australia.

Source: *Acacia Study Group Newsletter*, December 2022

Canberra Nature Map – significant sighting

Wahlenbergia planiflora subsp. *planiflora* - Flat Bluebell - at Mount Clear, ACT. This is a new location of this wildflower which has an unclear distribution locally.



<https://canberra.naturemapr.org/sightings/4466444>

Members Activities

Field Trips

Our Field Trip Coordinator is Jeanette Jeffery

Contact: fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au

If you are interested in any field trips, email Jeanette to go on the emailing list.

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

Future Field Trips

We have no plans for 2023 trips yet so if anyone has some thoughts on a place to go with good companions and friends, please make a suggestion. I'm sure you will get takers!' Jeanette

Out and about.

Three species of leek orchid, *Paraprasophyllum* species, seen in the High Country in January.

Photos by Roger Farrow.



Propagation

Propagation group queries to 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

February Propagation Cutting Bee

Sunday 19 February, from 9:30am to 12:30 pm
CIT horticultural space, off Eade St, Bruce

This activity is held outdoors but there is shade.
Please come for whatever time you can manage.

We will be doing cuttings and possibly some March Plant Sale preparation. Please bring labelled cuttings, as well as secateurs, hats, mugs, gloves etc. We will provide tea/coffee.

Cuttings of Crowea, Correa (including named varieties), Micromyrtus, Brachyscome (including named varieties) and Melaleuca are particularly welcome.

New members are very welcome and will be paired with an experienced propagator.

Contact Lyndal Thorburn

lyndal@viria.com.au or ☎0418 972 438.



2 photos from Lyndal Thorburn from the recent Queanbeyan Igloo working bee, where they cleaned lots of pots for re-use and renewed matting in the hotbeds.

Prostanthera magnifica flowering in our propagation area at CIT Bruce in January.
Nola McKeon photo



ANPSC Plant Sales

Our Plant Sale Coordinator is Tom Jordan
Contact: plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au

ANPSC's Autumn Plant Sale 18 March at ANBG

Please volunteer to help with set-up and/or Sale.

We need volunteers for the set-up on Friday 17 March (8:00 am to 3:00 pm, or part thereof) and to run the Sale on Saturday 18 March (7:00 am to 2:00pm, or part thereof). Please support your Society by volunteering – please email Tom at plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au
Volunteers may buy up to 10 plants before the Sale.

A beautiful Pandorea jasminoides



'Sixteen years ago, I planted a Pandorea jasminoides at the base of a rose bush near an old shed. Until the recent rains it didn't do much and now does what it was designed to do, that is, fill in when the rose bush goes off. It seeks the light so no maintenance needed, unless it decides to attack the neighbours!'
Glynn Shepherd

Wednesday Walkers (WWs)

Contact: Christine Kendrick at secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au

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'.



Day Activity Group* & Garden Design Study Group

Contact: dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Coordinating Committee members:

Digby Gascoine, Tom Jordan, Maureen Mallard, 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.

DAG February Activity

Tuesday 14 February, 10.30am

Wanniassa

The first DAG's garden visit for 2023 will be to Len Dowling's garden in Wanniassa followed by lunch at a local café.

Details will be sent to DAGs members shortly.

DAG 2023 Program

The program for the next few months is:

Sunday 12 March - Dave Herald and Margaret Streamer's garden in Murrumbateman.

Sunday 16 April - Bill and Heather Willis' garden in Greenleigh.

Thursday 4 May - a joint garden visit in Exeter with the Southern Highlands Australian Plant Society.

Tuesday 13 June - Kris and Laurie Nash's garden in Bungendore.

Sunday 9 & Monday 10 July - a 2 day activity to Illawarra Grevillea Garden/Menai Wildflower Group/Mt Annan Botanic Garden.

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

dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Report of the DAG et al Xmas Activity

'In newly-traditional fashion, the Day Activity Group gathered in mid-December for a splendid lunch at Peter and Lyn Woodbury's on the Old Cooma Road to celebrate the season and a successful program of visits in 2022. The occasion was shared with members of the Wednesday Walkers (Christine Kendrick thanked the Woodburys on behalf of all participants) and the ANPSC at large.

Attendees toured the ever more impressive garden that is supported by the extraordinary infrastructure of walls, paths, fountains, raised vegetable beds, enclosures and irrigation systems that Peter has built. An additional point of interest was the tree that had fallen in the garden in front of the house on the morning of the party.' Digby Gascoine

Christmas party at the Peter and Lyn Woodbury's.
Photos by Lucinda Royston



**Show and Tell – Flowering now in the Walcott garden.
Text by Ros Walcott and photos by Ben Walcott.**

Hibiscus heterophyllus, also known as native rosella, is a species of hibiscus that is endemic to New South Wales and Queensland in Australia. It grows as a shrub or small tree. Frost tolerant, 1.8m high. Great flowers 12/19. Beautiful leaves shredded by hail 1/20. Flowering well 1/22. The pink flowers are large and showy.



Hibiscus 'Barambah Creek'

We planted this upright shrub, 2-3m high x 1.5-2m wide, with soft grey divided foliage and large mauve-pink flowers, in a pot in May 2022. This plant, native to Gayndah/Goomeri area of Queensland, needs a warm sunny position in well-drained soil and is tolerant of only light frosts.



Graptophyllum ilicifolium x G. excelsum 'Holly Hedge'

We planted this low bushy shrub, 1.5m high x 1m wide, with prickly foliage and brilliant red glossy 'fuchsia' flowers in a pot in November 2019. This plant had its first flowers in November 2020 and bloomed for two months.



Hibiscus 'Ian's Gold'

We planted this hybrid hibiscus, dedicated to the memory of Ian Waldron, in a pot in October 2021. This plant forms a bushy shrub, 2m high x 1.5m wide, with large single gold flowers with a burgundy throat. The reddish stems are prickly. This plant needs a sunny well drained position and tolerates only light frosts, so must be protected in Canberra.

Hibiscus 'Aussie Delight'

We planted this hybrid hibiscus, *H. heterophyllus* x *H. divaricatus*, 2m high x 1.5m wide, a fast-growing shrub with glossy green leaves, red-brown stems and scented light pink flowers, in March 2021. The stems are covered in irritating hairs.



Lythrum salicaria – Purple Loosestrife

We planted 5 of these erect perennials in 2004-5, growing to 2m with opposite leaves and spikes of purple flowers in late spring or summer. This plant is native to south-eastern Australia and also to Europe, Asia and North America. Our plants have naturalized around the pond.