

### **COVID-19 health emergency - some ANPS activities are okay to resume.**

From 24 June, ACT and NSW governments have eased more Covid-19 restrictions. While each governments' distancing requirements are not identical, they are both sufficient to allow our activity groups - WWs, Field Trips, DAGs and Propagation - to resume activities subject to each Group having a Plan approved by Council setting out arrangements to minimize the risk of COVID-19 to our members and the public.

**WVs, Field Trips and Propagation Group have approved Plans and they may resume activities as soon as they like. The DAGs Plan will be finalised very soon and that Group will resume activities too.**

Council has moved its meetings to a large indoor venue at Cool Country Natives Nursery, Pialligo.  
*Thank you Karen.*

About resuming our Members Meeting. Our options are to find a suitable indoor, large venue with 4 sq m per person or try a ZOOM meeting. We're considering our options. We'll keep you updated.

Please take care of yourselves and stay well.  
Lucinda Royston, President

### **Public Officer**

**ANPSC is looking for a new Public Officer as our current officer has decided to take a break after many years of service.**

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 tasks occur once a year and are basically form-filling exercises. They are,

### **ANPS October 2020 Spring Plant Sale Council has reluctantly decided to cancel the Sale**

We appreciate that this will be a significant disappointment for some or all of you especially following a cancelled Autumn Plant Sale and therefore in the light of this decision, Council will continue to allow the ANPSC website to be used to promote Member Growers' selling activities.

#### **Timing of the decision:**

Council has made this decision now to give Member Growers and our Propagation Group advance notice so as to provide certainty despite the current easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

#### **Council's reasons for the decision:**

- Many of our volunteers are in a demographic which is vulnerable to severe symptoms should they catch the virus;
- It is unknown whether there will be a "second wave" of infections between now and October;
- Council is unsure whether the current easing of restrictions would allow events involving the anticipated number of customers at the sale (over 700);
- Council is unsure whether the ANBG would allow the Sale to proceed even if restrictions allow large crowds at outdoor events; and
- The Sale potentially involves lengthy queues of customers at the entrance to the Sale and at checkouts that could compromise social distancing restrictions.

therefore, 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.  
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**Deadline for articles for the September ANPS Journal is 1 August.**

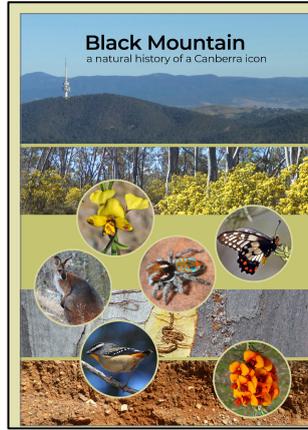
Please send items/articles to our Journal Editor, Gail Ritchie Knight, at [journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

## New members

- ✿ Andrea Coombas
- ✿ Robert James
- ✿ Nicholas Killerby-Smith
- ✿ Matthew Hicks

## 23 July 2020 is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Black Mountain becoming a conservation reserve

As part of the celebrations, Friends of Black Mountain have published the book *Black Mountain a natural history of a Canberra icon* written by Ian Fraser and Rosemary Purdie.



Single and multiple copies of the book can be ordered now at a special discount price (\$25 per copy before 20 August 2020) by ☎0404 148 721 or email to [FoBMPublicationSales@gmail.com](mailto:FoBMPublicationSales@gmail.com) or [FoBMPublicationSales@gmail.com](http://FoBMPublicationSales@gmail.com).

## ‘Weeds Australia’

### New web site - <https://weeds.org.au>

This new national weeds website has been developed to provide best practice information on weeds management.

You can submit a weed report, find common tips on how to manage weeds, identify relevant organisations and source weed resources.

The information on the site includes:

#### Weeds of National Significance

Thirty-two Weeds of National Significance (known as WONS) have been identified based on their invasiveness, potential for spread and environmental, social and economic impacts. View their profiles.

#### Identify a weed in your region

Not sure if it is a weed and need assistance? Use this lucid key to help you identify that weed in a few simple steps.

## Video interview -

### ‘How drought-breaking rains transformed these critically endangered woodlands into a flower-filled vista’

With Jacqui Stol, *CSIRO*; Annie Kelly, and Suzanne Prober, *CSIRO*

‘Box gum grassy woodlands are critically endangered. What's left often grows on farms, and farmers are helping to conserve them.’

<https://theconversation.com/au/environment>

## ANPS Council

Bill Willis has decided not to continue as a member of Council. Council wishes to thank Bill for his valuable contribution and appreciates highly his efforts and commitment as a Council member and to the activities of the Society.

Lucinda Royston, President

## Looking for *Banksia spinulosa* var *collina*

ANPS member, Anthony Meyer, is looking for propagating material of local provenance *Banksia spinulosa* var *collina*. If you can help Anthony please contact him at [ameyer79@iinet.net.au](mailto:ameyer79@iinet.net.au)

## Peter Olde awarded OAM for service to native flora in Queen’s birthday honours

Peter joined the Australian Plants Society (APS) Sutherland group, NSW in 1977.

He became leader of ANPSA's *Grevillea* Study Group in 1980, a position he continues to hold. He was made a life member of APS in 1998 and awarded ANPSA’s Australian Plant Award at the ANPSA Biennial Conference held in Canberra in 2015.

Peter said his interest in *Grevillea* was aroused by the ability and power of the genus to attract native birdlife to his garden.

He has since co-written the three volume *Grevillea* Book and, from 1993, has been Honorary Research Associate at the National Herbarium of NSW at the Botanic Gardens.

Peter has described many new species of *Grevillea* and collected over 5000 specimens all over Australia.

*Grevillea oldei* was named in his honour. Our congratulations to Peter. Ed.

## Australian Native Plants Society (Australia) ANPSA

### Australian Plants Award 2021

This biennial Award is presented by ANPSA to people who have made an outstanding contribution to the knowledge of **Australian plants**, whether members of the Society or not.

The 2021 Awards, each in the Professional and Amateur categories, will be made at the ANPSA Biennial Conference at Kiama, NSW in September 2021.

ANPSA is calling for nominations for Awards. As an ANPSA member Society, ANPS Canberra may nominate someone in either or both categories. We have until February 2021 to submit any nominations to ANPSA.

If you know of someone from our Region, you think ANPS should nominate or want further info, contact Lucinda Royston [president@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:president@nativeplantscbr.com.au).

More information is also at <http://anpsa.org.au/award.html>

## Members Activities

### Wednesday Walkers (WWs)

Coordinator: Kris Nash, [krisnash4@gmail.com](mailto:krisnash4@gmail.com)  
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### Resumption of Wednesday Walks

‘The Wednesday Walkers (WWs) group has had its COVID-19 plan approved and is ready to resume activities. Each week we need a volunteer to lead us somewhere. This is not an onerous task but without someone to take charge, there can’t be a walk. Many volunteers lighten the task.

There are plenty of suggestions of where to go but we are short of people willing to take on the organisational role. Leaders don’t need botanical knowledge (although it is useful!) but they should have a good knowledge of the walk – where to meet, where to park, where to walk/drive and what the terrain is like. There are also the COVID-19 Activities Plan to consider (mostly common sense things).

If you are already a Wednesday Walker, you would have received the email with the COVID-19 Disclaimer. Remember to sign and return it to me (email is fine), or bring it to your first walk.

Unfortunately, we are unable to give you a form on the day. Returning the form is essential as you are not permitted to go on a walk without one.

I am happy to send emails and plant lists (where available) and generally help where I can. It would be a shame for these wonderful trips to stop.

If anyone would like to lead a Wednesday Walk, please contact me as soon as possible. A week’s notice is all that’s needed.’ Regards Kris Nash.

### Day Activity Group\* & Garden Design Study Group

Coordinator: Bill Willis ☎ 0407 268 797,  
[dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

\* DAGs

The COVID-19 Plan for this activity group will be finalised and approved by Council very soon and the Group will then be resuming its activities.

### Propagation

General ANPS propagation queries: John Robertson, Propagation Coordinator  
Contact: [propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au).

The COVID-19 Plan for this activity group has been approved by Council and propagation activities may now resume at both CIT and Queanbeyan sites.

## Field Trips

**Our Field Trip Coordinator is Jeanette Jeffery**

Contact: [fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

The COVID-19 Plan for this activity group has been approved by Council and Field Trips are being planned, commencing in July.

### Eremophila Study Group Seminar

**‘This seminar and garden visit weekend in Warwick, Toowoomba and Lowood (Qld) is still being planned for the end of August/early September.**

It is dependant on Queensland opening its border and we are expecting an announcement from the Qld Premier on Tuesday 30 June.

The draft Seminar program includes 5 presentations on various technical and horticultural aspects of the Eremophila genus, 6 garden visits and two nurseries that specialise in Eremophila.

We are also working on a COVID-19-risk minimisation set of guidelines.’

For more information please email Lyndal Thorburn at [lthorburn@viria.com.au](mailto:lthorburn@viria.com.au)

Lyndal is the Eremophila Study Group leader and a life member of ANPSC.

## ANPS Calendar

**Next Council Meeting:** Monday 6 July at 12.30pm in a large indoor venue at Cool Country Natives Nursery, Pialligo.

**Council Business Reminder: Council Minutes are on our website in Members Area under ‘Minutes’.** The June ones will go up after the July Council Meeting.

### Next Bulletin: August 2020.

If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by 29 July to [bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto: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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## Show and Tell

### From the Walcotts – flowering in their garden at this time

Text by Ros Walcott, photos by Ben Walcott

#### **Acacia cremiflora**

Rounded shrub, 1-1.5m high x 2m wide, with green circular foliage on arching branches. Cream flowers in late spring. Hardy in a range of soil types in full sun or part shade. Withstands dryness and frosts. Plants from Bilby Blooms Nursery planted in early 2017 and 2018. Excellent garden plant as one can grow things under them and they bloom for a long time.



#### **Carpobrotus glaucescens ‘Aussie Rambler’**

Display of giant deep pink flowers in spring and autumn. Low growing groundcover that has better frost tolerance than the common form. 20cm tall and 2m wide. Suitable for coastal and inland planting. Vigorous plant that needs to be pruned to keep it from taking over. Easy to propagate from cuttings.



#### **Grevillea ‘Peaches and Cream’**

Medium naturally bushy shrub. Hybrid between *G. banksia* and *G. bipinnatifida*. Attractive bright green foliage, frost tolerant. Cream flowers from December through to frost, turning to peach colour on maturing. Plant in sunny well drained position. Breeders Denis Cox and Janice Glazebrook. 1.2m x 1.5m. Can be pruned hard to keep bushy.



#### **Grevillea ‘Poorinda Queen’**

An evergreen medium dense shrub with large nectar rich apricot flowers during winter, spring and summer. Prefers a sunny position with well drained soil. Prune after flowering. Height 2m, width 2.5m.



#### **Grevillea ‘Woolly Bear Hero’**

‘Hero’ is a coastal selection of *G. lanigera*. It is a low (up to 0.3m) growing plant spreading out to 1.5m with very dense deep green foliage particularly when grown in some shade. Flowering well over a long period. We grow it under Eucalypts or other plants for a bit of frost protection.



## Show and Tell

From Jenny Campbell – what's flowering in her garden. Photos by Jenny.



*Leionema lamprophyllum* subsp. *lamprophyllum*



*Acacia genistifolia*



*Grevillea* sp (have forgotten its name!!)



*Astartea fascicularis*



*Westringa fruitcosa*



*Hakea nodosa*



*Correa reflexa*



*Grevillea rosmarinifolia*

## Show and Tell

Photos by Kris Nash at Gigerline Nature Reserve

Gigerline NR covers approx. 1500 hectares.  
It extends about 9 kilometres along the Murrumbidgee River, from the Gudgenby River confluence, south to the eastern border ACT-NSW border near Angle Crossing.

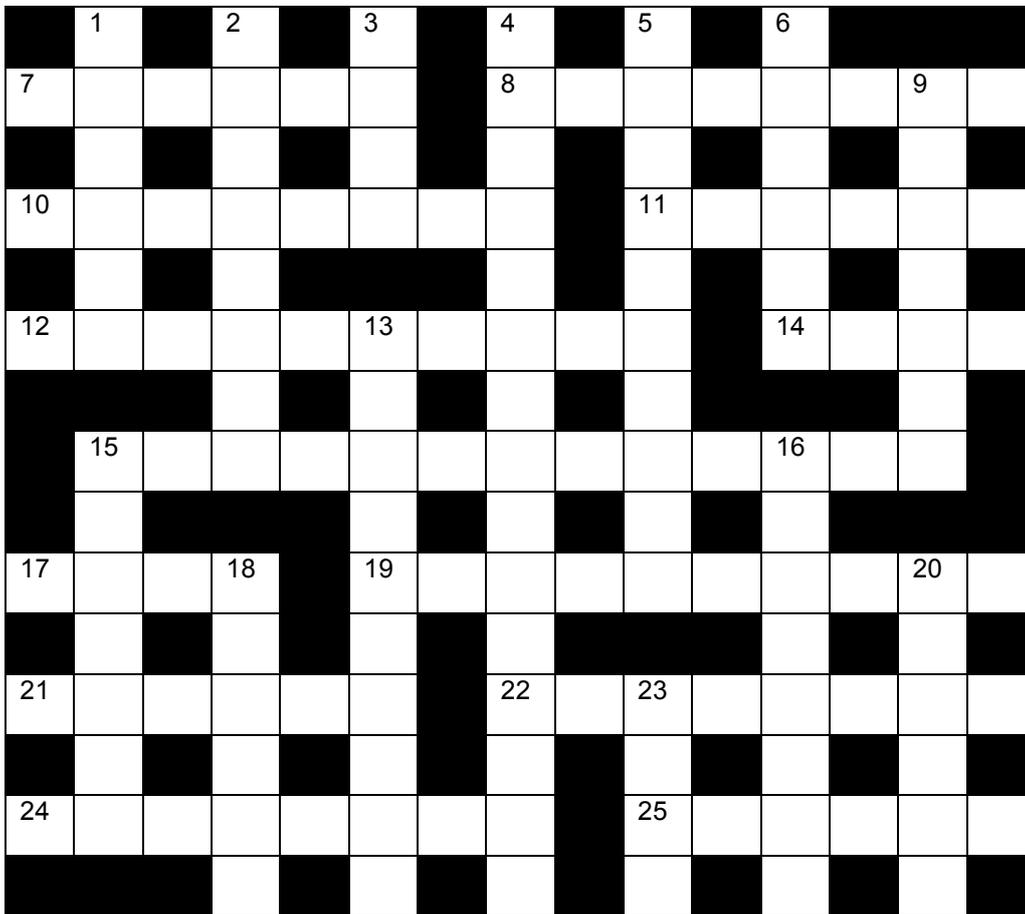
*Eucalyptus rossii* forest



*Swainsona sericea*

## Solution to the Crossword in the June Bulletin

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**Crossword by John Carter - Answer in August Bulletin.**

**Clues**

**Across**

- 7. A number of the French have a hard mass of tissue. (6)
- 8. Ring a young man from Abydos to get a poisonous exotic. (8)
- 10. A canine tooth or a dentist's bowl. (8)
- 11. When he pruned a non-sequitur Gideon became swollen. (6)
- 12. Arm a banana because you're meeting a female pop group. (10)
- 14. You're so right to include parts of 15 across! (4)
- 15. A dumb lunch menu features a water fern. (8, 5)
- 17. A month with a lost novice driver produces a podocarp's reproductive feature. (4)
- 19. A macro spear can be made from acacias. (10)
- 21. A North East Victorian shire delivers foreign aid without fear. (6)
- 22. It's a turbulent course to be the activities provided by the Field Trip Coordinator. (8)
- 24. Trimmed offal and fillets are destined for the tip. (8)
- 25. Glassware for a brachychiton? (6)

**Down**

- 1. A cool trug load evens out some bachelor's buttons. (6)
- 2. Put shale into a mixer to extract a plant nutrient. (8)
- 3. A graded player is attached to 17 across. (4)
- 4. A cellular poacher uncovers a beautiful rutaceae. (6, 9)
- 5. Art inserts to produce controls. (10)
- 6. Even lion cub reels can toughen. (6)
- 9. A direction and two farm animals make a motto. (7)
- 13. A confused rhino ate at a Queensland tablelands oak tree. (10)
- 15. Rutaceae for a Melbourne suburb? (7)
- 16. A trader to order a bacon and eggs plant. (1, 7)
- 18. It's Belaire's middle ways to becoming landowners. (6)
- 20. Michael, try my up-market plant family. (6)
- 23. Non-gaminoid herbaceous plants drop iron spherical objects. (4)