

# Australian Native Plants Society Canberra Region Inc.

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**Bulletin** July 2022

# **Members Meeting**

Thursday, 14 July

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: Daryl Crapp

Meeting Book Sales: as usual. See item

on page 2.

#### July Raffle prizes:

The plants will be provided by: ANPSC's Queanbeyan Shadehouse and Paul Carmen/Kama Plants.

**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.



Acianthus collinus, Hooded Mosquito-Orchid, on WW at Bango NR on 15 June.

Peter Woodbury photo

Please continue to register to attend the members meeting – email secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au

#### Meeting Talk: Citizen science & Canberra Nature Map

The Canberra Nature Map has significantly helped our understanding and conservation of the ACT's region's wildlife. Its establishment has led to thousands of people posting approximately 150,000 image-based wildlife records, including 1360 significant sightings. These sightings include new species to science, species previously thought to be locally extinct, species never before recorded in the ACT and many new locations of rare and threatened species. The Canberra Nature Map has also become a major tool for detecting and eradicating early infestations of problematic weeds. It has demonstrated itself as an important citizen science tool, allowing for the easy, uniform and high-quality collection of data.

This talk will review the achievements of the Canberra Nature Map, showcasing its work in supporting Gang-Gang Cockatoo, orchid, bushfire recovery and butterfly projects and outline its future possibilities.

#### **Guest Speaker: Michael Mulvaney**

Michael Mulvaney has a love of nature and in particular of Red Hill, where he has been a Landcare volunteer for 35 years. His love of the bush led him to a career as a Government ecologist in the Commonwealth, NSW and ACT bureaucracies. He is now retired and devotes much time to citizen science. In 2014, he was one of the founders of Canberra Nature Map.

# Australian Flora - Past, present, future

ANPSA 2022 Biennial Conference – Kiama, NSW From 10 to16 September 2022.

Plus pre and post conference tours.

To register for the conference and tours, go to: <a href="https://www.austplants.com.au/ANPSA-Biennial-Conference-2022">https://www.austplants.com.au/ANPSA-Biennial-Conference-2022</a>)
Email organisers with any questions on <a href="mailto:Conference-2022">Conf2022@spin.net.au</a>

The deadline for articles for ANPSC's September Journal is 1 August.

Please send items/articles to Gail Ritchie Knight, our Journal Editor, at <a href="mailto:journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au">journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au</a>

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

# Exhibitions at ANBG cont. 'Regenerate'

#### Wednesday 29 June to Sunday 31 July

A communal creative exploration of the way Australian bushland responds to fire, in particular the regeneration that occurs in Australian bushland after bushfires.

During 2021 and 2022, Shoalhaven Regional Gallery supplied leaf and new growth templates printed on card for people to cut out and decorate in any materials, in either drab 'burnt' colours or bright, 'new leaf' colours. These were then installed on a series of hanging



ribbons to create a curtain of colour and pattern for visitors to enjoy.

#### **New Book**

Lantern Bushes of Australia; Thomasias & Allied Genera. *A Field and Horticultural Guide* by Trevor Blake

Editor: Jane Canaway

**Publisher:** 

Australian Plants Society - Keilor Plains

Group, Victoria. RRP: \$50.00

For more information contact kpbook@apskeilorplains.org.au



# **Interesting item from Jeff Ellis**

'I have **Templetonia retusa** in my garden and this year it was spectacular in May. There are two problems in getting good blooming in Canberra. The first is peak flowering in autumn and possible coincidence with frost. Good luck is needed. The second is destruction of the foliage by larvae of the tree lucerne moth.



http://lepidoptera.butterflyhouse.com.au/pyru/ornithopteralis.html?fbclid=IwAR0vMfZCgB-CA\_nPycE2n7MdQXGaaExvryTHtrLgMUKywyyPcFohIrIPvl8)

Vigilance is required to spot these well camouflaged caterpillars and removing them before damage to foliage prior to flower set is too severe.'

Photo by Janelle Chalker – from ANPSC's Plant Database

**ANPSC Spring Plant Sale 15 October 2022 at ANBG** 

# ANBG Thursday Talks, 12.30 - 1.30pm, Theatrette

Bookings are essential. Bookings open Friday before the talk until Wednesday night or until seating limits are reached. (Tickets are Free). https://www.friendsanbg.org.au/calendar

7 July	'Local extinctions of birds from Canberra's inner north nature reserves' - Con Boekel
14 July	'Precision Landscape Regeneration' - Professor Justin Borevitz
21 July	'Australian Seed Bank Partnership – Post Bushfire Recovery across the country' - Damien Wrigley
28 July	'Latham Snipe along the flyway' - Lori Gould
4 August	'The Norfolk Island Morepork: rebuilding a population from the last survivor' - Dr Penny Olsen

#### **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 11 July at 12.30pm, Rosser Room, Banks Building, ANBG.

Council Business - Council Minutes are on our website in Members Area under 'Minutes'. There was no June Council Meeting.

**Next Bulletin: August 2022:** If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by Wednesday 27 July to bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au

#### **Plant Sales**

Australian Native Plant Market Next Market Day - Saturday 3 September, 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 Notices**

**New Members** – No new members this month.

#### **Plant Sale Coordinator**

Tom Jordan will be the Plant Sale Coordinator for our October Plant Sale. *Thank you Tom*. Ed.

#### **Members Meeting Speakers**

Send speaker suggestions to our speaker organiser, Lena Saboisky, at <a href="mailto:lenasaboisky@gmail.com">lenasaboisky@gmail.com</a>

#### **ANPSC** vacancies

Members wishing to volunteer for any of the following positions or seek further information please contact our Secretary, Christine Kendrick, at secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au

#### **ANPSC Council positions**

Four ANPSC Council positions are still vacant: Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and three ordinary members.

#### Wednesday Walks Coordinator

ANPSC Council has reactivated Wednesday Walks though we still need a member to volunteer to provide the Coordinator role.

This involves sending out information about the walks via our MailChimp system and any reports walk leaders produce following the walk.

The WW group decide where they wish to go each week and WW members provide the leader for the walk. The Coordinator does not necessarily have to attend walks. MailChimp is a relatively easy group mail system and training will be provided.



Hakea decurrens - Needlewood, Mt Jerrabomberra in June. Photo by Bill Willis

#### **ANPSC Contacts**

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**Bulletin Editor**: Lucinda Royston bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au

# 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

#### Conservation

# Petition to Protect Bluetts Block-Piney Ridge

You have until 7 July to sign or share this petition. Go to

https://epetitions.act.gov.au/CurrentEPetition.aspx?PetId=219&IIndex=-1

'Bluetts Block' or 'Piney Ridge' is an area of woodland and dry forest located to the west of the new suburb of Denman Prospect in Molonglo Valley.

The Conservation Council ACT Region has launched an ACT Legislative Assembly e-petition to have the area given Nature Reserve status to protect its biodiversity values as it is under threat from encroaching urban development.



Philotheca 'Swanson's Choice flowering in June in Bill Willis' garden. Photo by Bill.

# **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 <u>update your preferences</u>. 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 <u>update your preferences</u> or unsubscribe from this list.



### **Members Activities**

#### **ANPSC Plant Sales**

Contact: <u>plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au</u> Tom Jordan is the Plant Sale Coordinator for the October Plant Sale.

#### Wednesday Walkers (WWs)

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

#### These weekly walks are happening again

To receive emails about future WWs, register your interest in your membership record in the members area on our website.



WWers at Bango NR. Christine Kendrick photo

Found on WW at Kris' Knoll, Nerriga in Morton NP: Cryptandra amara, Grevillea baeuri, Dilwynnia sericea, Acacia suaveolens, Roger Farrow photos



#### Propagation group queries to

propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Newcomers are always very welcome to join the propagation group activities. You do need to register your interest by emailing

propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au

#### July Propagation Bee Saturday 16 July, from 11am to 2pm CIT Bruce - Charles Weston Lane off Eade St. Join us for a cutting bee.

No experience necessary and all are welcome. Our propagation area is under cover.

If you have some known native plants doing well in your garden, bring some cuttings for our hotbed. Please bring secateurs, gloves and a mug and snack for our break time: tea and coffee provided.

Don't forget to register your intention to attend via <u>propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au</u> or with Nola at nola mckeon@hotmail.com **1** 0447 522 735.



May propagation bee at CIT Bruce - that's Steve Saunders, our President, centre.

Nola McKeon photo









#### Field Trips

#### **Our Field Trip Coordinator is Jeanette Jeffery**

Contact: fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au

If you are interested in any Field Trips contact Jeanette to go on the emailing list, at <a href="mailto:fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au">fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au</a>

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

And if you have any suggestions for trips or would like to lead one, also please contact Jeanette.

#### Report on June Field Trip to Barren Grounds

'There were 14 of us. We had a good window weatherwise for the Barren Grounds. There were flowers despite the time of year such as Banksias, Epacris, Dampiera, Drosceras and Acacia. Of particular interest was the Ground Parrot spotted by the Wallaces. We walked 8 kilometres of spectacular scenery. Next day was Robertson Nature Reserve, a rainforest which was most interesting, and Belmore Falls.' Lesley Page

### July Field Trip Bundeena – Royal National Park Monday 25 to Thursday 28 July

A trip for those who want to breathe some fresh air in July.

Walks will mostly be on formed trails. Warmer weather and Spring flowers will be starting.

Suggested accommodation is at Bundeena where there are many options including sharing Mollies Cottage at Bundeena and Airbnbs. Camping is available in the National Park at Bonnie Vale.

Contact: Pat & Warwick Wright **2**0406 662 122, warwickwright <u>3</u>0406 662 122, warwickwright <u>3</u>0406 662 122,

# August – no field trip planned.

### September Field Trip Beechworth- Chilton-Mt Pilot NP area Monday 19 to Thursday 22 September

Spring Flowers including Orchids

Day 1 - Monday: Arrival. Drinks meetup.

Day 2 - Tuesday: White Box Walk in Chiltern-Mt Pilot NP. Starts at Honeyeater Picnic Area. Undulating, loop walk, formed track, fairly easy, 8.5km. Distance from Beechworth 26km.

Day 3 - Wednesday: morning at Barandula Bushland Reserve. Drive 36km then short, rough- sealed drive into flattish area. Formed track (possibly firetrail). Possibility to wander off track if desired. No set route. Afternoon: Road side stops along Old Coach Rd and then to Mt Pilot.

Day 4 - Thursday: return home. 430kms along Hume Hwy, 5hrs.

Suggested accommodation: Beechworth Holiday Park, 
3 5728 1597, <u>www.beechworthholidaypark.com.au</u>

Contact: Colin and Jeanette Jeffrey <a href="mailto:fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au">fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au</a>









Field trippers at Barren Grounds NR & plants at
Robertson Rainforest NR Photos by Neville Page
Leionema diosmium. Photo by Kris Nash

# Day Activity Group\* & Garden Design Study Group

Contact: dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au

**Coordinating Committee members:** 

Digby Gascoine, Tom Jordan, Maureen Mallard, Pam Morrison.

\* DAGs

If you have registered your interest in DAG in your membership record in the members area on our website you will receive DAG MailChimp emails detailing the next activity.

### DAGs Garden Visit - Aranda Tuesday 19 July, 10.30am

In July, we will be visiting the garden of Pam and Colin McDonald in Mirning Crescent, Aranda. The garden backs onto the Aranda Bushland Reserve and contains several ponds, with frogs, and a very impressive Angophora hispida.

A notice with further details will go out to those who have indicated their interest in DAGs activities in their membership record.

Contact: dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au

### DAGs visit to Horse Island Thursday 8 September – save the date

For the information of all who may be interested, Christina Kennedy has very kindly agreed to invite the Day Activity Group to visit her spectacular garden on Horse Island, Tuross on 8 September.

DAG coordinators are currently working out a program of visits over several days in the vicinity – more information in the next Bulletin.

# DAGs Report on 11 June Garden Visit.

On a cold but sunny Saturday, 26 DAG members visited the garden of Mark and Cathy Dearnley in Kambah. The garden was started from scratch in 2018 by Mark, and has been set out with an artistic eye, full of interesting plants, many of them pruned sculpturally, and interspersed with whimsical pottery sculptures made by Cathy. Many plants were in flower.

The owners knew nothing about gardening before arriving in Australia but soon became enthralled by Australian coastal landscapes with their windswept vegetation and later by dry inland landscapes with their

sparse beauty and sunbleached colours. These landscapes have inspired their native garden. The pebble mulch used throughout was quite unusual and, according to Mark, very successful at suppressing weeds while permitting rapid infiltration of rain.



Mark and Cathy Dearnley's garden Photos by Lucinda Royston

Calendar of activities for this year and into 2023. If you would be happy for DAGs to visit your garden or you know of gardens that would be of interest to the group, please contact one of the members of the coordinating committee to discuss scheduling a visit or to provide suggestions.





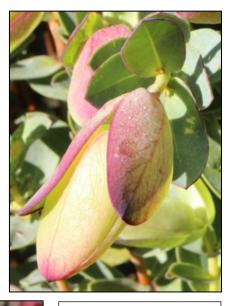




# Show and Tell —Some plants flowering at ANBG in June. Text by Ros Walcott, photos by Ben Walcott.



Pimelea physodes, or Qualup Bell, growing both in a pot and in the ground, has grey-green foliage close to reddish stems with pendant green bracts enclosing the small flowers and dark red outer bracts. This plant is native to southwestern Western Australia and is considered the most outstanding of the genus.



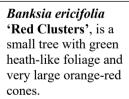
Chamelaucium 'Cascade Brook', or Geraldton Wax, is endemic to coastal areas of Western Australia between Perth and Geraldton, an open airy bush with masses of purplish-pink 5 petalled flowers with darker centres.



Hakea obtusa is a small tree with leathery foliage and dark pink powderpuff flowers along the stems. This plant is native to the southwestern coast of Western Australia.



*Geleznowia verrucosa* has close grey-green foliage and bright yellow terminal flowers. This genus was defined by Ukrainian-Russian botanist Nicolai Stepanovitch Turczaninow in 1849 and its only species, *Geleznowia verrucosa*, is native to the west coast of Western Australia north of Perth.





Isopogon cuneatus, growing in a pot, is an upright shrub with floppy branches of flat bright green leaves, often tinged with red, and large pink heads of drumstick flowers. This plant is native to southwestern Western Australia.