



Members Meeting

Thursday, 13 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 3

July Raffle prizes:

The plants will be provided by: ANPSC's Propagation Group, Queanbeyan shadehouse.

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.

Check out Recent Posts on our website's HomePage:

<https://nativeplantscbr.com.au/>
and you will notice two new items:

May Meeting Speaker Report

An account written by our President Stephen Saunders of our May members' meeting: *3,000 of our Vascular Native Plants Have No Public Photo Available* presented by Tom Mesaglio.

Where to buy Native Plants

The much-needed 2023 version of our *Where to buy Native Plants in the Canberra Region*. It has been restyled in A4 format and contains extra detail.

Gail Ritchie Knight.

Meeting Talk: The challenges of managing Top Hut Travelling Stock Reserve for biodiversity conservation: the story so far.

This Travelling Stock Reserve (TSR), located south of Adaminaby, first came to the attention of Friends of Grasslands (FOG) in 1998 when Grassland Flora was first published with its iconic cover image of a glorious mass native wildflower event at this site. It is one of the best known and highest quality remnants of the critically endangered Natural Temperate Grassland (NTG) Ecological Community on the Monaro and, within the larger the Southern Tablelands region. It is also home to the endangered Monaro Grassland Earless Dragon which is restricted to a small number of NTG sites on the Monaro.

Over the years, admirers in FOG and ANPS have made many pilgrimages to this site to observe its high native floristic diversity and mass flowering events.

In 2020 South East Local Land Services publicly called for applications to lease out many of their TSRs, particularly high conservation value ones primarily designated for conservation management. Spurred on by the opportunity, a group of FOG members, led by Rainer Rehwinkel and Margaret Ning, then applied for and was successful in its application for a five-year conservation management lease for this TSR. Since then, Margaret, with the aid of financial donations and on-ground work from FOG members and a few interested locals, has led the charge in managing the lease. In this talk, Andrew Zelnik as chief photographer supported by Margaret, will present a pictorial exploration of: the site and landscape context before and since obtaining the lease; its native flora and fauna (including a section on native pollinators by Roger Farrow); the various management issues and challenges, both expected and unexpected, that have arisen so far; the various on-ground actions undertaken to date and their results; and consideration of implications for future management. Along the way the audience will be quizzed on their native flora knowledge, as we expect there will be some plant species that some may not have seen before or possibly don't often encounter in the field.

Guest Speakers: Andrew Zelnik & Margaret Ning

Andrew Zelnik, an active member of Friends of Grasslands (FOG) since 2005, originally trained and worked as a mechanical engineer and then consulting acoustical engineer for close to two decades before realising the error of his ways. After returning to Canberra in 2002 and obtaining an environmental science degree from ANU in 2005 he worked in the environment areas of the NSW and ACT Governments before then retiring from paid work in 2018. Since then, his involvement in environmental volunteering activities, especially with FOG, has somewhat expanded.

Margaret Ning, a long time ANPSC member and no doubt familiar to you all, has been an active member of FOG since 1997. She is renowned for her passion and expert skills in organising trips to native grassy ecosystem sites and in plant identification, including her eagle eye for spotting and despatching the multitude of invasive weed species that threaten them.

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

Please send articles and/or photos. Articles may be long or short, with or without photos.

Send **high resolution** images separately and not embedded in a document.

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**

**Megafauna
1 July to 6 August**

See ancient creatures come to life in the Gardens with visual theatre masterminds Dead Puppet Society. Megafauna will take up residence in a prehistoric installation in the Visitor Centre when not roving through the Gardens. Following their migratory route to seasonal feeding grounds, three ancient diprotodons have become lost in the city and have found their way to the Australian National Botanic Gardens.



**Bushland Retrospective
9 August to 17 September**

A glimpse of paintings by Anton Uildriks produced over two decades. This exhibition aims to provide the viewer with an appreciation of Australian flora and fauna, and to inspire young artists to pursue their own creativity.



**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>

6 July	'Australia's fossil caves: underground archives of past biodiversity' - Dr Liz Reed
13 July	'Identifying drivers of decline of the bogong moth (<i>Agrotis infusa</i>) – a call out to Caughley' - Dr Peter Caley
20 July	'Fire Recovery in Namadgi National Park' - Dr Nina McLean and Nathan Kay
27 July	'Pepper Trees grow in the Old School Yard' - Dr Anna Howe
3 August	'Using novel approaches to strengthen the relevance of lichen collections' - Dr. Cécile Gueidan

Plant Sales

Australian Native Plant Market

At Cool Country Natives, Pialligo is now in winter recess. Next Market Day - Saturday 2 September, 8.30am-3pm.

**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**

The 2023 version of ANPSC's *Where to buy Native Plants in the Canberra Region* is now available. Go to <https://nativeplantscbr.com.au/>

Australian Plants publication

This quarterly publication is produced by the Australian Plants Society, NSW on behalf of the Australian Native Plants Society (Australia) (ANPSA). Members who wish to subscribe to *Australian Plants* contact:

office@austplants.com.au

For more information go to:

<https://anpsa.org.au/about/publications/>





**Native Plants
Queensland**

**State Conference, Cairns
14 to 18 September 2023**

If you are interested in attending this conference, go to: <https://npq.org.au/state-conference/>
You can download an application form which includes information on payment and accommodation options and a preliminary timetable.



***ANPSA Biennial Conference 2024
'Gardens for Life'
30 September to 4 October 2024
Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre**

APS Victoria is hosting the next ANPSA Biennial Conference in 2024.

We encourage all ANPSC members to consider attending this conference.

For more information and to register your interest go to:
<https://apsvic.org.au/anpsa-biennial-conference-2024/>

***Australian Native Plants Society Australia**

Lyndal Thorburn photo - *Hakea laurina* 'Stockland Sensation' in Lyndal's garden.



ANPSC calendar & services

Book Sales at Members Meetings

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

Next Council Meeting: Monday 10 July; at 12.30pm, Dickson Room, Banks Building, ANBG.

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

June Council Minutes will go up on the website after they are approved at the July Council Meeting

Next Bulletin: August 2023: If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by Wednesday 26 July to bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Members Meeting Speakers

Send speaker suggestions to our speaker organiser, Roger Farrow at r.farrow@iimetro.com.au

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.

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.

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ANPSC Notices

New Members:

☘ None to report this month.

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

Item of interest from Rosemary Blemings

From *The Conversation* on June 8th 2023.

'60 billion leaf-litter critters died in fires'

More than 60 billion leaf litter invertebrates died in the Black Summer fires. Heloise Gibb and Nick Porch show what that did to ecosystems.

[https://citynews.com.au/2023/60-billion-leaf-litter-critters-died-in-](https://citynews.com.au/2023/60-billion-leaf-litter-critters-died-in-fires/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=canberra-daily-today-s-news-today_7801)

[fires/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=canberra-daily-today-s-news-today_7801](https://citynews.com.au/2023/60-billion-leaf-litter-critters-died-in-fires/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=canberra-daily-today-s-news-today_7801)

From Riotact on 11 Jun 2023 by James Coleman

'ANU expert says eucalyptus trees aren't the 'widow-makers' we might think'

<https://the-riotact.com/anu-expert-says-eucalyptus-trees-arent-the-widow-makers-we-might-think/669089>



Lyndal Thorburn photo - Grevillea 'Apricot Glow' in Lyndal's garden

Members Activities

ANPSC Plant Sales

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

**ANPSC's Spring Plant Sale is
 21 October at ANBG**

A Word about the Plant Sale Process – Setting the Record Straight.

From Linda Tabe

'I wish the Society all the very best with the plant sales, going forward. They are a Canberra institution, and an important boost for the use of native plants in local gardens. I wanted to say that, although I had a role in organising the plant sales from 2005 to 2021, my time as the main Plant Sale Coordinator was relatively brief. The process used for the sales long pre-dated my involvement, and has evolved over time, with input from many people. An Van den Borre, Masumi and John Robertson, Gwyn Clarke and Paul Carmen are a few who I know have made major contributions. Someone who deserves a huge vote of thanks is Rod Hutchinson, whose persistent efforts led to the complete documentation of the multi-faceted sale process, allowing future coordinators to benefit from the Society's many years of experience.' Linda.

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](#)'.

Photos from WWs at Mcleods Creek NR



Christine Kendrick photo.



Gail Ritchie Knight photo.

- Top to bottom
 - Rt to Lt
 - Dillwynia
 - phylicoides
 - Melichrus
 - urceolatus
 - Brachyloma
 - daphnoides
 - Hibbertia
 - obtusifolia
 - Pterostylus sp
 - leaves
 - Leucochrysum
 - albicans var.
 - tricolor
- Photos by Gail
 Ritchie Knight



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

July Cutting Bee

Sunday 22 July, from 11am to 2pm.
Queanbeyan Shade house at 3 Considine Close, Greenleigh.

We will again focus on cuttings.
Please bring labelled cuttings, secateurs, a mug, warm clothes and gloves if you want them. We will provide tea and coffee. As the time spans lunchtime, you might want to bring a sandwich!
If it is raining it will be held under cover.
Please let Nola know if you are coming by emailing propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au

All are welcome to come along to our regular bees; no previous experience necessary. Lyndal



June Propagation Bee and Propagation Workshop – Report and Photos

The June Propagation Bee had 14 people, including 6 newbies, who braved the very (very!) chilly and rather windy weather to create 70 punnets of cuttings and seeds - that is over 800 cuttings - all now snugly installed in our hotbed at CIT Bruce. We had an influx of first-timers: Robyn, Kirrily and Jen all attended the postponed beginners' workshop; and Dennis and Alex, both of whom are experienced and are new to Canberra. They were all a great addition to the members of the established team who could make it on the day (Lyndal, Tom, Sally, Maureen, Nola, Digby, Gavin, Juanita) and we really appreciated their attendance and contributions. Lyndal

Field Trips

Our Field Trip Coordinator is Jeanette Jeffery

Contact: fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au

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.

July Field Trip

Sunday 9 and Monday 10 July – 2 days.

Joining the DAGs trip to Illawarra Grevillea Gardens/Menai Wildflower Group/Mt Annan Botanic Gardens.

DAGs - the Daytime Activity Group is another activity offered by the Society to which any member can belong. See DAGs item in this Bulletin for more information, email dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

To keep up to date with Field trip arrangements and go on the mailing list contact Jeanette Jeffery, Coordinator fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Future Trips suggestions

'If you have thoughts on a place to go with good companions and friends, please make a suggestion. I'm sure you will get takers!' *Jeanette*



Lyndal Thorburn photos - June propagation activity and *Eremophila decipiens* ssp *decipiens* in Lyndal's garden.



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 July Activity

Sunday and Monday 9 and 10 July

Illawarra Grevillea Gardens, the Menai Wildflower Group and Mt Annan Botanic Gardens.

Enquiries to dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

If you'd like to join the Day Activity Group see note above **

Report on June DAG activity to a garden at Bungendore

On 13 June, about 24 members of the Canberra Day Activity Group and Garden Design Study Group visited the Bungendore garden of Kris and Laurie Nash. The 2.75-acre subdivision was formerly a grazed paddock, with no remnant trees or shrubs. The property was purchased in 1991, with the house constructed and moved into in 1993. There are now over 2,000 plants (mostly native), representing over 700 species including about 60 grevillea, 50 acacia, 50 eucalypt, 35 correa, 25 callistemon and 15 hakea species and subspecies, often single specimens. Visitors enjoyed ambling along the paths, seeing a range of grevilleas and correas in flower, and remarked on Laurie's ingenuity in providing a structure to contain Kris's enthusiastic plantings. Many thanks Kris and Laurie for showing us around your property.

Maureen Mallard

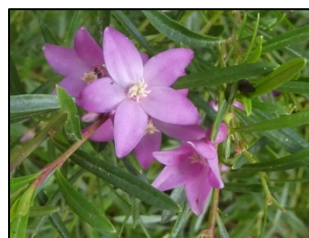
DAG 2023 Program

Future planned activities

- **Sunday 13th August.** Visit to the garden of Peter Olde in Oakdale, NSW.
- **Tuesday 16th September.** Visit to a garden in Burra.

If you have a garden you'd like to share with the group, or have a garden suggestion, please contact the DAG Committee at dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Visit to Kris and Laurie's garden



Lucinda Royston photos



Show and Tell – Plants currently flowering or in fruit at the ANBG

Text by Ros Walcott and photos by Ben Walcott.



Hakea varia has hard, prickly, drooping variable foliage and small white starburst flowers. This plant is native to southwestern Western Australia.



Banksia neoanglica, or New England Banksia, has silver backed dark green foliage with gold brushes held upright. This shrub is native to the eastern tablelands of Queensland and New South Wales.



Banksia media, or Southern Plains Banksia, has broad, toothed, leathery leaves and bright yellow flowers with brown tips. This plant is native to the south coast of Western Australia.



Hakea obtusa is a rounded shrub with blunt elliptical leaves and bright pink powderpuff flowers along the stems. This plant is native to the Ravensthorpe area of southwestern WA.

Syzygium paniculatum 'Backyard Bliss' is a fast growing, dense, evergreen shrub with dark green, glossy leaves and red new growth that shades to bronze. The flowers are cream and borne terminally and the berries are pink to red.



Leionema westonii is a newly described, rare shrub with grey-green foliage and white flowers, native to the northern tablelands of New South Wales, near Walcha. This plant is named for Peter Henry Weston (1956–), formerly a Senior Principal Research Scientist at the New South Wales National Herbarium, and co-discoverer of the species in 2004.