

### All ANPS activities are still suspended due to the Covid-19 health emergency.

However Council is currently looking at resuming some/all activities as soon as possible.

As from 30 May and 1 June, ACT and NSW governments respectively have eased more Covid-19 restrictions. ANPS Activity Groups and Council are currently considering how we can resume activities under the revised restrictions and what arrangements ANPS needs to make while minimising the risk of Covid-19 to our members and the public. We'll keep you informed.

Council will trial a large indoor venue we have been offered at Cool Country Natives Nursery at Pialligo to use for our next Council meeting. Council members can instead still link up by teleconference if they wish.

Please take care of yourselves and stay well.

### ANPS Council's Meritorious Service Awards

**Awarded to Nola McKeon and Peter Woodbury.**

These Awards recognise Nola's and Peter's very valuable contribution to ANPS, and especially to our propagation activities.

More details in an article in the June Journal.

### Looking for *Banksia marginata*

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

### New ANPS Council Member

Council has accepted Anthony Meyer's offer to be a member of Council.

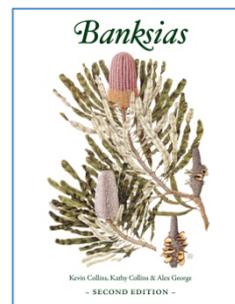
Anthony has been a member of ANPS since 1993 and is an active participant in Society activities.

All 12 positions on Council are now filled.

Thank you Anthony. Ed.

### ANPS Book Sales

**'Banksias', 2<sup>nd</sup> edition by Alex George et al.**



'We are winding down our sales of new books to members. However there is a newly published title that members may be interested in purchasing.

This is 'Banksias', 2<sup>nd</sup> edition by Alex George et al published by Thames and

Hudson in June 2020

This has a recommended retail price \$69.95 and members will be able to buy this at \$50 or less – final price to be confirmed.

Note that this Banksia book includes only the long established genera of Banksia and does not include the revision to incorporate *Dryandra*.

For orders email Murray Dadds

at [daddsm43@gmail.com](mailto:daddsm43@gmail.com) or ☎0404 870 447.

We will make arrangements for distribution after the books are received.' Murray.

### ANPS Life Membership Nominations

If you think one of our members deserves life membership, you have until 30 June to put in a nomination to Garth Chamberlain, our Secretary at [secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

Contact person: Lucinda Royston

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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

☘ No new members to report this month.

## Invasive Species Council initiative

### From Rosemary Blemings.

ISC has been sent a Letter to the Prime Minister of Australia titled - potential COVID-19 economic stimulus measures in conservation and land management.

Endorsed by 80 landcare, farming and conservation groups, it provides ideas on the constructive role that the conservation and land management sector could play in immediate, medium and long-term economic stimulus efforts. It lists practical conservation activities that could be undertaken across public and private land. Go to <https://invasives.org.au/publications/letter-to-the-prime-minister-of-australia-potential-covid-19-economic-stimulus-measures-in-conservation-and-land-management/>.

The Invasive Species Council was formed in 2002 to seek stronger laws, policies and programs to keep Australian biodiversity safe from weeds, feral animals and other invaders. Its focus is on prevention and early action. The ISC is a not-for-profit charitable organisation with a board, about 200 members and over 2000 supporters. <https://invasives.org.au>

## Australian Native Plants Society (Australia) ANPSA

### Australian Plants Award 2021

The biennial **Australian Plants 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.

ANPSA makes Awards, each in the professional and Amateur categories, at its Biennial Conference.

ANPSA is calling for nominations for Awards to be made at its next Biennial Conference to be held at Kiama, NSW in September 2021. 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>

Go to <http://anpsa.org.au> for more information on ANPSA.

### Next Bulletin: July 2020.

Again the Bulletin has some great contributions from members. If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members such as photos, newsy bits, please send them by Wednesday 24 June to [bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au).

## Australian Pea Flower Study Group.

An ANPSA Study Group has been reactivated to study plants with pea flowers and has been renamed Australian Pea Flower Study Group. The Leader is Shirley McLaran, [shirlock61@optusnet.com.au](mailto:shirlock61@optusnet.com.au).

In the past, a study group for this purpose has operated under the name Fabaceae Study Group, as pea flowers were previously recognised as a separate family.

If you are interested in the identification, classification, cultivation, propagation or conservation of Australia's pea flowers, consider joining the Australian Pea Flower Study Group. The study group webpage can be found at <http://anpsa.org.au/pea-flowerSG/index.html>.

If you would like to join the group, there is a section on the webpage that can be completed and submitted on-line. Membership for emailed newsletters is free.



Beautiful Peas. Photos by Lucinda Royston

## ANPS Calendar

**Next Council Meeting:** Tuesday 9 June 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 May ones will go up after the June Council Meeting.

## Other events

### Australian Native Plant Market

Held monthly at Cool Country Natives, Pialligo  
Cancelled until September.

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### DAGs and Garden Design Study Group

‘We have been alienated from our person to person contact for some time, but there is a hope that we will be able to get back to garden visits in the next month or so.

Thank you to the DAGs & GDSG members who contributed to the Zoom meeting on 18 May. It was a focused meeting and addressed, ANPSC Council’s request to provide guidelines as to how we can deliver DAGs & GDSG activities during current relaxation of the official restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic. Notes of the meeting were sent around by Mailchimp on the 19 May. A draft DAGs & GDSG document will go out to DAGs & GDSG members via Mailchimp early next week. I would ask that members send their response by email by 7 June. Your responses are important and will form a review of how we can deliver garden visits in the future.

A scheduled meeting invitation for a **Zoom** meeting on **Tuesday 15 June at 10:30 am** will be sent out via Mailchimp email on Tuesday 8 June.

The meeting will discuss:

- How host gardeners can webcast their gardens – a practical demonstration;
- Content we need and want on DAGs & GDSG section of the ANPSC website;
- *And other member matters.*

I had a recent request from a DAGs & GDSG member on how they join the **Australian Garden Design Study Group** that is one of a number of Study Groups within the **Australian Native Plants Society (Australia)**. The Study Group provides answers on how we can have a beautiful Australian garden that is environmentally friendly, encourages and supports biodiversity and is completely self-sustainable. The website is:

<http://www.anpsa.org.au/design/>. Members should also email Ros Walcott at [roswaltcott5@gmail.com](mailto:roswaltcott5@gmail.com).

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## *Telopea* ‘Braidwood Brilliant’

By Geoff Butler

If anyone wants to grow a waratah in our region, in my opinion this cultivar is the first one to try. This plant has had a very chequered history, having been first planted on my property in Towamba River valley at New Buildings near Rocky Hall in 1982, where it spent the first two years of its life in drought conditions.

It was then (very roughly) transplanted when we sold the property, spent two years in a pot, then replanted into an open, exposed position in Wamboin. It was watered about three times over about 3 months and left to fend for itself, as are all my plantings.

It commenced flowering after two years in its new position, and has never failed to flower each year since. For the last three years, it has had over 120 blooms each year, despite one of the worst droughts experienced in this region and on some of the worst local soils.



I am currently preparing a more detailed history on this cultivar and this individual specimen, which I hope to submit to the Journal in the near future.

Photos by Geoff Butler



At ANBG - *Grevillea manglesii* subsp. *ornithopoda*, a great Sign, *Eremophila warnsii*, *Spyridium burragorang*. Photos by Lucinda Royston

## Show and Tell From the Walcotts

Text by Ros Walcott, photos by Ben Walcott

### **Grevillea 'Lady O'**

Bred by Peter Ollerenshaw and named for his mother, Lady O is a medium sized spreading shrub bearing a host of bright red flowers. For us, the plants flower all year round and attract nectar feeding birds including lots of spine bills. We prune ours which does cut off some flower buds but encourages multiple new growths and more flowers in the future. It also keeps the plant more compact. It is one of our favourite plants because it looks well and flowers all the year.



### **Correa 'Marian's Marvel'**

This is a hybrid between *C. backhousiana* and *C. reflexa*. It may reach 2 m by 3 m across in a well-drained semi-shaded site. The bell-shaped flowers, produced in the autumn and winter, are pink in upper section and lime green near the tip. It is frost tolerant and bird attracting. Responds well to pruning after flowering.



### **Correa 'Ring A Ding Ding'**

Spreading compact shrub with a neat low growing habit. Prolific bright orange flower display autumn through spring, contrasting glossy green foliage. Easy to grow and hardy in most conditions. Height 50cm x width 60cm. Full sun to part shade. Fantastic plant with tons of bloom.



### **Acacia cremiflora**

Spreading medium shrub (more the shape of a small tree), 1-1.5m high x 2m wide, with green circular foliage on arching branches. Cream flowers in late spring and again in autumn. In fact, one of them is blooming well now. Hardy in a range of soil types in full sun or part shade. Withstands dryness and frosts. It is a brilliant Acacia particularly for a small garden as you can grow other plants under it.



### **Crowea saligna 'Large Flower'**

Croweas in general will not grow in our garden. We have tried many in a variety of places and they all die within weeks. I do not think they like our heavy clay soil. However, they do brilliantly in a pot. This plant has been blooming like this for at least 3 months. It is under some frost protection but has plenty of light and gets watered regularly.



**Show and Tell**  
**From John Carter**

**Hardenbergia violacea “Bonnie Bilby”**

I have a very narrow strip between a concrete slab and a paved pathway. The soil has a lot of clay and receives afternoon sun. I’ve decided to try *Hardenbergia violacea* “Bonnie Bilby” because of its small compact upright growth habit.

In the wild it survives  $-6^{\circ}$ , so I’m hoping the proximity of the concrete will ameliorate the occasional very heavy Wanniasa frosts.

*Hardenbergia violacea* “Bonnie Bilby” is on ANPSC’s Plant Database so may be available at ANPSC plant sales. Bilby Blooms has selected this cultivar.



Flower photos by Anthony O'Halloran



Garden photos by John Carter



## ‘An orchid autumn.’

By Roger Farrow

After several years of an orchid famine, this autumn has seen a veritable renaissance of orchid sightings especially in the former drought-affected forests and fire-ravaged heathlands. Both drought and fire (and hail in the case of Black Mountain) have opened up the canopy to extra light, reduced competition, as trees and shrubs have died back, and provided extra nutrients from the ash. Carpets of leaf rosettes of the greenhood alliance have been seen in many places but in the fire-affected heathlands it is the midge orchid alliance and the Parson’s Bands that that have shown a resurgence. Wasp and helmet orchids have also been commonly seen. As winter progresses more orchids will come into flower, especially the greenhoods, so keep your eyes open.



Greenhood rosettes at McClouds Creek Nature Reserve



Helmet orchid at Fishing Gap, Tidbinbilla



Dense midge orchid in the ash at Nerriga



Parson's Bands in the ash at Nerriga

## Show and Tell

From Roger Farrow



### Out-of-season flowering

‘The arrival of rains earlier this year after one of the most intense droughts in recent times (I hesitate to call these rains drought -breaking) induced a varied series of responses from the native vegetation.

One of them was to bring on out-of-season flowering in a range of species. I have an ancient (30+ years), weeping *Callistemon citrinus* cv that normally flowers in early summer. It has now burst into flower in late May, the best show for several years, but is now enduring the first frosts of winter. Our resident spinebills are taking advantage of its nectar flow.’ Roger.

## Show and Tell

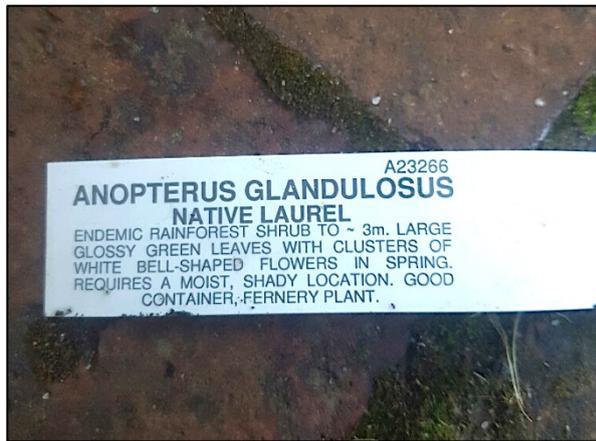
### *Anopterus glandulosus*

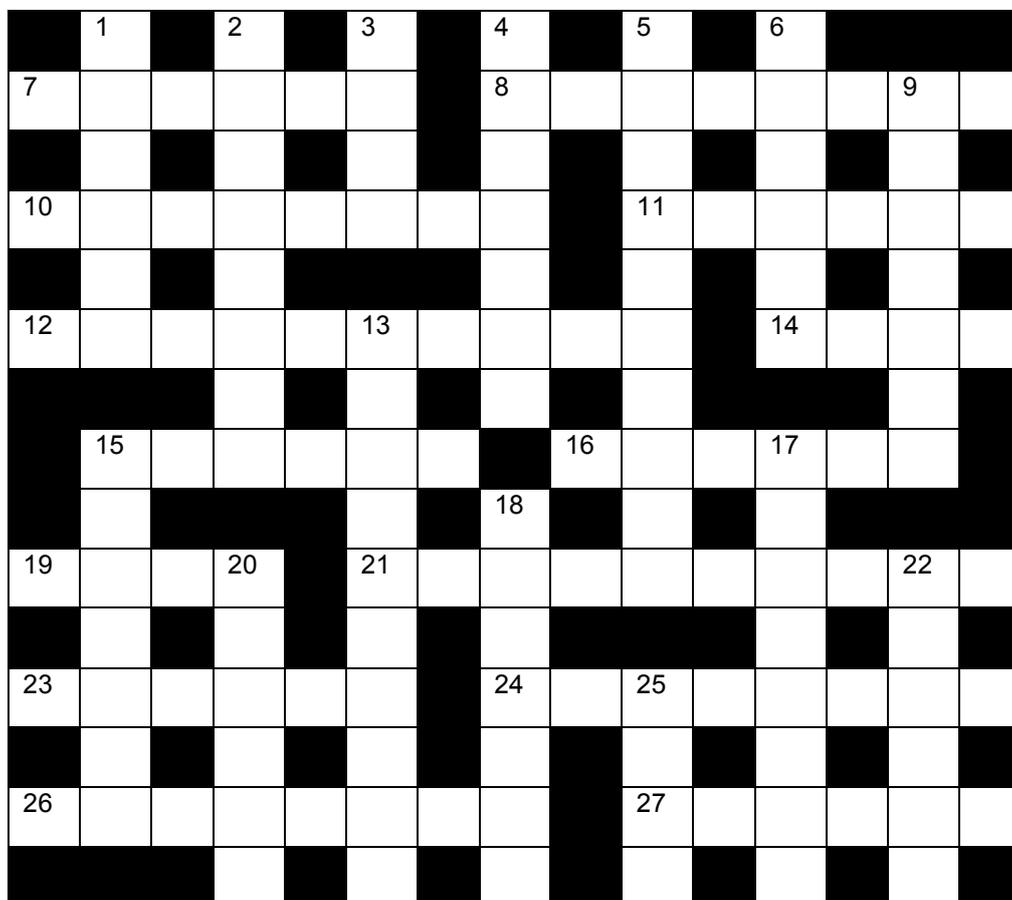
By John Carter

We bought 2 specimens of this 'Native Laurel' following the Hobart ANPSA Conference in 2018.

We have them living in shade, protected from the western sun, but open to the sky. Obviously flowering in autumn despite the label description. They did the same last year but later in the season and the flower buds were killed by early frosts.

Photos by John Carter





**Crossword by John Carter - Answer in next Bulletin.** Compiled by GT

## Clues

### Across

7. Roger Moore invests in a species of pinkwood in his garden (6)
8. Erin gets mixed up with a tangled trap for a reptile (8)
10. A species of myrtaceae makes war aid in the Northern Territory (8)
11. Spooner's best hint makes a point (3, 3)
12. A giant mark of disgrace for a type of boronia (10)
14. Sounds like a pestiferous country (4)
15. A short agent dashes to get kidney weed (6)
16. Mistakenly, true as a cocky's tongue (6)
19. Sounds like he has regret in creating a shiny surface (4)
21. A previous conundrum revealed by the disruption of pagan times (4, 6)
23. There's no point in Noeline identifying a weather pattern (2, 4)
24. Uncle Matisse hid a social climber (8)
26. The anti-Dili movement for soup pasta (8)
27. Hunted animals preceded the odd characters to a generative cell (6)

### Down

1. Robert briefly returned and consumed a plant micronutrient (6)
2. An Adelaide footballer meets each bookmaker to obtain an unspecified rutaceae (6, 2)
3. Even Umpire One has a demeanour (4)
4. A mangled star and an odd nugget coalesce to create a type of quark (7)
5. A plant family tore a peace arrangement to shreds (10)
6. Cardinal Pell fronts a part of a flower (6)
9. Miso tomato soup is great at masking the taste of lobeliaceae (7)
13. A seed raised a contorted hip boa which contracted a fear of fish (4, 6)
15. Rhesus is unwell before reportedly responding to a command to get a bramble (1, 6)
17. Is rump not available to be mixed up in raising hell (2, 2, 4)
18. An irregular pesky young girl can become a clairvoyant (7)
20. Sounds like this pale Asian comes from another country (6)
22. Roy Ren that is, thy lost hydrogen to become apart (6)
25. Encourages types of 27ac (4)