

Australian Native Plants Society Canberra Region Inc.

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Members Meeting

Thursday, 8 June

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: Karen Brien

Meeting Book Sales: as usual. See item

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June Raffle prizes:

The plants will be provided by: ANPSC's CIT Propagation group

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.

Reviewing ANPSC's Plant Database.

ANPSC's current public Plant Database (PDB) was launched in September 2021.

A report from the PDB team on the database is attached to this Bulletin email.

We welcome your comments on the database and suggestions on how it could be improved – please email Stephen Saunders, President at

president@nativeplantscbr.com.au

*The PDB is attached to our website and can be accessed at

https://plantdatabase.nativeplantscbr.com.au/

Updating your email address.

Remember - if your email address changes you need to update it in your membership record via our website.

Meeting Talk: The story of three threatened Eucalypts.

This month's talk is about 3 Eucalypts - the Mongarlowe Mallee (*Eucalyptus recurva*), the Mount Imlay Mallee (*Eucalyptus imlayensis*) and the Suggan Buggan Mallee (*Eucalyptus saxatilis*). The talk covers the conservation challenges of each species and the conservation solutions to protect these species in the long-term.

Guest Speaker: Genevieve Wright.

Gen is a Flora Ecologist, and has worked for NSW NPWS for 25 years, including in places like the Yathong Nature Reserve near Lake Cargellico. For the last 5 years she has been the Flora Ecologist in Biodiversity Conservation, investigating threatened species - (both NSW National Parks and Biodiversity Conservation Division are in the NSW Department of Planning and Environment). Gen spends most of her time working in the Australian Alps, so is most at home when working in Kosciuszko National Park where she has an expert knowledge of the alpine flora.

May members meeting.

'Thanks to all members who showed up at our rescheduled members meeting on 18 May for Tom Mesaglio's excellent discussion of plant-photo gaps among the vascular Australian plants.

If you couldn't make it, a report will probably follow, on our website and in the Journal.'

Steve Saunders, President

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

ANPSA Biennial Conference 2024, Newsletter May 2023, Issue 2 is attached to this Bulletin email.

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

Our Wonderful Natural World.

10 May – 4 June.

An exhibition by Canberra based artists of flora and fauna who use various mediums to express their inspiration and appreciation for the great beauty and diversity of nature.



Banksia Views 7 June – 29 June.

A survey of artworks emerging from the Painting with Parkinson's program and a reflection of diverse experiences offered from the context of the Banksia Centre.





State Conference, Cairns – September 2023

At the Kiama ANPSA Conference, some people expressed an interest in going to Native Plants Queensland 2023 State Conference being held in Cairns from Thursday 14 to Monday 18 September.

If you are interested in attending the conference, you can now download an application form which includes more information on payment and accommodation options. A preliminary timetable is also available to download. Go to:

https://npq.org.au/state-conference/



*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

https://apsvic.org.au/anpsa-biennial-conference-2024/ *Australian Native Plants Society Australia

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

1 June	'High Country Bush Blitz' - Jo Harding.
8 June	'Fern stories: the search for the 'magical fern seed' - and how fern knowledge grew' - Alison Turner and Marilyn Faunt.
15 June	'Australia and Chile – A shared heritage' - Doug Laing.
22 June	'Botanically inspired systems for sustainable resource management' - Associate Professor Caitlin Byrt.
29 June	'An amazing array of butterflies' - Dr Suzi Bond.
6 July	'Australia's fossil caves: underground archives of past biodiversity' - Dr Liz Reed '

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

For latest version go to https://nativeplantscbr.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Where-to-buy-Native-Plants-in-the-Canberra-Region.pdf

Australian Plants publication

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





Westringia fruticosa at Green Cape. Photo by Lucinda Royston

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 5 June; at 12.30pm, Dickson Room, Banks Building, ANBG.

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

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

Next Bulletin: July 2023: If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by Wednesday 28 June to bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Members Meeting Speakers

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

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 <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:

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ANPSC Notices

Welcome to our new Members:

- ℜ Nigel Ray
- Odette Fahey
- & Alexander Rutherford
- & Derek Corrigan
- * Tobias Creighton
- & Andrew Hennell
- ℜ Britt Spyrou

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

HECS for farmers? Nature repair loans could help biodiversity recover – and boost farm productivity https://theconversation.com/hecs-for-farmers-nature-repair-loans-could-help-biodiversity-recover-and-boost-farm-productivity-

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2622626392+CID_50a54cd066fd91bc4e2ac8ffcd8bc76 <u>f&utm_source=campaign_monitor&utm_term=HECS</u> <u>for farmers Nature repair loans could help biodiversity</u> <u>recover and boost farm productivity</u>

'Rivers of Carbon and Greening Australia have been achieving dam-rescues for decades, here's a national approach perhaps.' *Rosemary*

Item of interest from Bill Willis



AABR Newsletter

The latest AABR newsletter #155, is available at: https://aabr.org.au/NL/AABR_News_155jip.pdf
The next Newsletter will be produced in August 2023.

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

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'.

WWs photos on walk on lower slopes of Mt Ainslie from Campbell Park on 24 May.









- Group at 'Barbara's (Daly) tree'
 Eucalyptus rossii.
 Photo by Brigitta Wimmer.
- Hakea decurrens tree.
 Photo by Christine Kendrick
- Hakea decurrens & bee.
- Chrysocephalum apicutum.
- Allocasuarina verticillata.
- Crimson Rosella.
 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

June Cutting Bee

Sunday 18 June, from 11am to 2pm.

CIT, Bruce, Charles Weston Lane, off Eade St.

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

Please come warmly attired and bring a mug and snack for break time and labelled cuttings from plants with healthy growth if you have some.

If it is raining it will be held under cover. We will provide tea and coffee.

If you can't come for the whole 3 hours, do still come along for part of the time.

Contact Nola McKeon for further information: nola mckeon@hotmail.com

Propagation beginners' workshop - rescheduled

Sunday 18 June, from 11am.

CIT Bruce, Charles Weston Lane, off Eade St.

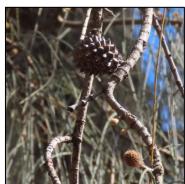
The propagation workshop planned for May had to be postponed due to illness and has been deferred until June and is being held with the monthly propagation activity.

Propagation group members have already advised those who registered. **If anyone else wants to join this event** please contact Lyndal Thorburn at

<u>lthorburn@viria.com.au</u> - we have room for a couple of additional people.

The workshop will cover propagation media, hormones, cuttings and seeds and will be held under cover and hence will proceed even if it is raining.





May DAG activity to a garden at Exeter.









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 June Activity

Tuesday 13 June

Native garden at Bungendore

DAGs members will visit the largely native garden of Kris and Laurie Nash set on 2.75 acres at Bungendore. Further details will be emailed to DAGs members. If you'd like to join the Day Activity Group see note above **

Report on the May DAG activity

On 4 May, 20 DAGs members visited the Exeter garden of Bill, President of the APS Southern Highlands Group, and Fran Mullard.

It was a lovely sunny day in stark contrast to the previous wet and windy days. After the incredible morning tea provided by the local APS committee, Bill talked about the history of the property which had been originally used to graze cattle and sheep and had been extensively cleared. He and Fran bought the 25 acre property in 1976. They gradually fenced off areas to allow for regrowth of the endemic trees and groundcovers. Members then spent the remaining time wandering around the expansive property before heading to lunch at Bundanoon. It was really nice to meet the Southern Highland members and we appreciated their warm hospitality. Maureen Mallard

Top 3 photos - morning tea, Grevillea sp., side deck overlooking the regrown native trees and groundcovers. Photos by Maureen Mallard Bottom photo – the gully below the house full of regrown trees and other vegetation. Photo by Lucinda Royston

DAG 2023 Program

Future planned activities

- Sunday & Monday 9th & 10th July. Visit the Illawarra Grevillea Park (Sunday), the Menai Wildflower Group garden in Illawong (Monday morning), and the Mt Annan Botanic Garden (Monday afternoon).
- 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

Field Trips

Our Field Trip Coordinator is Jeanette Jeffery

Contact: <u>fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au</u>
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.

Report of May Field Trip. Beowa NP near Eden.

Twenty-five members took the opportunity to go along on this 3 overnights field trip to the far south coast. We stayed in Eden and had walks on both the Tuesday and Wednesday in this coastal National Park and including Green Cape. We were able to see quite a few plants in flower mainly on the heathland and we explored a forest ridge with a different range of plants. We had our usual convivial happy hours at 5pm and recapped the day's activities. *Warwick Daniels*

There is no June Field Trip

July Field Trip

Sunday 9 and Monday 10 July – 2 days. Joining the DAGs trip to Illawarra Grevillea Garden/Menai Wildflower Group/Mt Annan Botanic Garden.

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*



Forest ridge track with Acacia terminalis.

Photo by Jeanette Jeffery











- Green Cape headland with Westringia fruticose
 Green Cape heathland
- Correa relexa
- Grevillea lanigera
- Hakea teretifolia
- Banksia paludosa
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Photos by Lucinda Royston

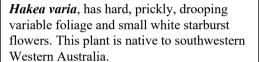




Show and Tell – Plants currently blooming in the ANBG Text by Ros Walcott and photos by Ben Walcott.



Acacia beckleri or Barrier Range Wattle, has hard, elliptical grey-green foliage and yellow ball flowers on stalks. This plant is native to the Barrier Range of NSW, near Cobar and Jeriliderie.





Westringia glabra or Violet Westringia, is a small bush with grey-green leaves and mauve flowers. This plant is native to New South Wales and Victoria.





Isopogon cuneatus 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.



Corymbia 'Summer Red' is a grafted eucalypt with dark green leathery foliage, attractive new red foliage, red fluffy flowers and beautiful bud formations.

Hakea drupacea commonly known as Sweet Hakea, is an open shrub with green, sharp-pointed leaves and white pincushion flowers. This plant is native to southwestern Western Australia.