



Members Meeting
Thursday, 13 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: Daryl Crapp

Meeting Book Sales: See item on page 3.

June Raffle prizes: Plants provided by ANPSC member Megan Dixon of Canberra Native Nursery.

Show and Tell: Please bring along any plant material or pot plants you think we would find interesting and like to see.

Important Reminder: bring Myrtaceae specimens into ANBG in plastic bags.

Meeting Talk: Travel in the Deep South - a recent holiday in Patagonia.

The talk will cover a recent 4 week visit to Patagonia, and Peter will try to convince you that this is an amazing part of the world.

Guest Speaker: Peter Chandler

Peter worked as a research scientist at CSIRO Plant Industry for many years, studying hormonal regulation of growth of barley and wheat. His principal research interest was the plant hormone gibberellin, in particular defining the genes involved in hormone synthesis, hormone perception and signal transduction.

Since retirement he has pursued interests in native plants and conservation. His wife Sonja retired in 2023 and together they have enjoyed recent walking holidays in Tasmania (Overland Trail) and Patagonia.

Peter and Sonja are members of ANPSC and Wednesday Walkers.

Photograph by Peter Chandler - Autumn colours in the Andes.



What's new in our Online Journal articles

The latest articles make for some great reading. For example:

[Twenty Years On — Walcott Garden 2003–2024](#) . A few of us have been to Ros and Ben Walcott's garden. It truly is a gem. However, to learn the history, read their description of the garden's growth from its inception to the present.

[The Dieback of Red Stringybark \(*Eucalyptus macrorhyncha*\) in the Queanbeyan Area](#) , written by Bill Willis, is the subject of another recent article. It's a detailed depiction of the physical processes going on in our trees during this stressful period.

There's still more for example discovering *Ricinocarpos Bowmanii*, western wedding bush. Check back often as we add new content to our website. But keep in mind that you too are welcome to submit any size article to journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au . We'd love to hear from you. *Gail Ritchie Knight*

ANPSA 2024

Biennial Conference in Victoria

'Gardens for Life'

30 September to 4 October 2024

There are 2 Newsletters attached to this Bulletin's MailChimp email -

1. Biennial Conference Highlights
2. ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference, Newsletter. May 2024, Issue 8.



DAGs at Wallaroo garden in May. Lucinda Royston and Paul Goggin photos.



Exhibitions at ANBG

Visitor Information Centre
9.30am to 4.30pm, daily

'Garden of Letters'

Canberra Calligraphy Society exhibition
Until 2 June

Through the artistic form of lettering, artists have created 30 unique works painting a literal story of native flora and its immense importance to the environment.



'Gardens of Academe' by Elizabeth Truswell

Elizabeth's latest watercolour and charcoal artworks.

5 to 30 June

This exhibition reflects the landscaped gardens from our neighbours at the lower slopes of Black Mountain and Sullivans Creek.

All the artworks are inspired and created on the grounds of the Australian National University.



ANBG Thursday Talks

12.30 - 1.30pm, Theatrette

Bookings open 30 days before the talk until Wednesday night or until seating limits are reached. (Tickets are Free).

<https://www.friendsanbg.org.au/calendar>

6 June	Dr Rosemary Purdie – 'Some Persian Gardens of Iran'.
13 June	Christina Gee - 'Quolls on tour – detecting trait differences between reintroduced and dispersing eastern quoll populations'.
20 June	Professor David Lindenmayer AO - 'The Forest Wars – debunking myths around native forest logging'.
27 June	Emeritus Professor Jim Hone - 'Birds of Namadgi National Park'.
4 July	Professor Steve Webb - 'Empty deserts: Megafauna Demography and Extinction'.

Plant Sales

Next ANPSC Plant Sale is our Spring Sale on 19 October 2024 at ANBG

Australian Native Plant Market

At Cool Country Natives, Pialligo

Next Market Day - Saturday 7 September, 8.30am-3pm.

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

ANPSC's *Where to buy Native Plants in the Canberra Region* is available at <https://nativeplantscbr.com.au/>

Book for Sale

Now available - a new, 2nd edition of:

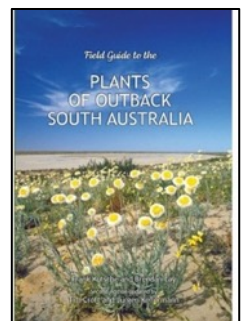
Field guide to plants of outback South Australia

by F. Kutsche, B Lay, T. Croft & J. Kellermann.

RRP \$44.

For more information and to purchase a copy go to:

<https://www.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/science-conservation/state-herbarium/publications-and-resources/field-guide-to-the-plants-of-outback-south-australia>





GARDENS FOR LIFE

ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference - Melbourne
Hosted by Australian Plants Society Victoria
30th September to 4th October 2024

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'Gardens for Life'
30 September to 4 October 2024
Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre**
Hosted by APS Victoria
We encourage all ANPSC members to consider attending this conference.
For more details and to register go to:
<https://apsvic.org.au/anpsa-biennial-conference-2024/>
*Australian Native Plants Society Australia



'Captured' on the DAGs Wallaroo garden visit.

Lucinda Royston photo.

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: *Tuesday 11 June at 3pm in the Dickson Room, Banks Building, ANBG.
*Note day change due to public holiday.

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

Council Meeting Minutes go up on the website after they are approved at the next Council Meeting.

Next Bulletin: July 2024 If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by Wednesday 26 June 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

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- Personal details; and
- Members Groups activity preferences.

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

Welcome our new member:

☘ Erin Dineen

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



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office@austplants.com.au

For more information go to:

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



A gully of Eucalypts on the recent WW on a property outside Gundaroo.
Photo by Peter Chandler.

Members Activities

Conservation

ANPSC Council – message from our President

Meeting with Suzanne Orr MLA, 29 April 2024

'In the ACT Government, Greens hold the Environment Ministry itself. Labor has an "Environment Spokesperson". At present, that's the Member for Yerrabi, Ms Suzanne Orr.

Suzanne recently asked to meet with our Society. On behalf of Council, I took up this invitation, bringing a copy of Plant Book and the "Where to Buy Natives" leaflet.

I highlighted our long-established Society's dual aims – horticulture and preservation of native flora. We reach out to the community as well as members, examples being Plant Database and the broad cross-section attending Plant Sales.

I noted our MoU with ANBG, also our arrangements with her ACT Government - the CIT agreement for Prop Group, and the three-year grant for *Keyacris* grasshopper survey.

We spent some time on Society "areas of interest" that intersect with ACT Government and ACT Environment. These include domestic gardens, city and town-centre plantings, urban landscape policy, urban development or land-clearing, Namadgi National Park plus Canberra Nature Park.

Suzanne was aware of noxious weed problems like African Lovegrass and St John's Wort, in the urban landscape and in Nature Park.

I noted environmental representations, from us and others, over the Lawson and Bluetts development sites. This reminded us, of major upcoming developments at CSIRO Ginninderra and North Curtin Paddocks.

Though Society no longer has a formal Conservation Officer, we should keep across these.

Wrapping up, Suzanne said we could use her as a port of call, for issues we might wish to raise.'

Steve Saunders, President, May 2024.

Photo- Weedy "Old Weetangara Farm", at Bruce Ridge, O'Connor



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

Cutting bee

Saturday 2 June, 11am to 2pm

Note the later starting time.

At CIT, Bruce - Charles Weston Lane, off Eade St

Bring cuttings from named plants that are growing well in your garden, along with secateurs (if available), water, a sandwich or snack.

Newcomers and beginners are welcome.

We will provide tea and coffee.

Contact: Sally will be hosting this bee. You can contact her for further information on ph 0428 578 586

May Workshop - 'Plant Propagation for Beginners'

Photos by Lyndal Thorburn taken at this workshop.



ANPSC Plant Sales

Our Plant Sale Coordinator is Alison Roach
Contact: plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Next ANPSC Plant Sale is our Spring Sale on 19 October 2024 at ANBG

Field Trips

Our Field Trip Coordinator is Jeanette Jeffery

Contact: fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Email Jeanette to receive emailed news on future trips.

jefferyjeanette@gmail.com

For a particular field trip, email the trip contact person for info and to book your spot.

Field Trips proposed so far

6 to 9 November to the Orange Area, NSW

‘We plan to walk on several areas on Mount Canobolas, looking at different plant communities, including a heritage listed lichen site. Some 950 different species have now been recorded at Mount Canobolas State Conservation Area. We also hope to visit a native garden at Lister Southwest of Orange.’

Pat and Warwick.

Future Trips suggestions welcome

I'm sure you will get takers!’ *Jeanette*

Wednesday Walkers (WWs)

Contact: Christine Kendrick at
christine.kendrick@me.com

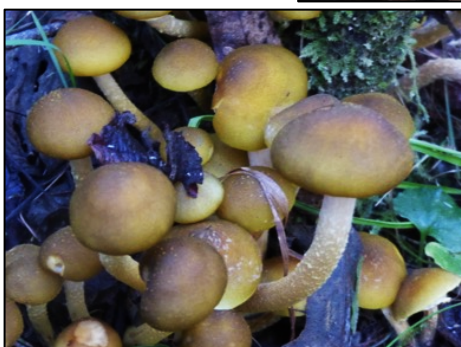
If you would like to receive information on future Wednesday Walks, go to the bottom of any ANPSC email and click on ‘you can update your preferences’.

WWs visited -

- 1 May a property outside Gundaroo;
- 8 May Farrer Ridge Nature Reserve;
- 15 May Tidbinbilla - Cascades and Lyrebird walk;
- 22 May Nadgigomar Nature Reserve (west) near Tarrago; and
- 29 May Big Badga, Deua National Park.



On WW at Tidbinbilla we came across some beautiful and varied fungi –here are some.
Photos by Lesley Page.



On WW at Nadgigomar NR. At the entrance gate, *Philothea salsolifolia*, a red *Drosera*, *Mirbelia platylobioides*, *Banksia marginata*.
Photos by Lucinda Royston.

Day Activity Group (DAG) & Garden Design Study Group

Contact: dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Coordinating Committee members:

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

Register your interest

To register your interest in the DAG and receive emails detailing the next activity, go to the bottom of any ANPSC Mailchimp email and click on 'update your preferences' or email

webmaster@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Future Activities

If you have a garden you'd like to share with the group, in 2024 or have a garden suggestion, please contact the DAG Committee at

dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au

DAG June Activity

Tuesday 11 June 2024 at 10.30am

Visit to the garden of Anne Mackenzie and Mark Clements in Hawker.

This large garden brings together knowledge and skills in botany and horticulture to create an attractive and well-maintained space where native and exotic plants thrive together and new plants will always find a spot. Many of the interesting range of native plants have been grown from seed, including several Banksia species not often seen in Canberra gardens. Mark and Anne have an eye for unusual plants and it was a pleasant surprise to see a sub-tropical Australian red cedar (*Toona ciliata*) starting to create a canopy over shrubs in a predominantly native section of the front garden. We will be visiting in winter when the benefit of sheltered sunny spots will be most appreciated as we wander through this delightful mature garden. However, the labour of love never stops in this garden as Mark and Anne are always making improvements, pruning and replacing plants that have passed their best.

Mark, well-known among orchid academics and enthusiasts, has a large collection of native and exotic orchids in glasshouses. For those feeling limited by the Canberra climate, visitors will be interested to see some species of Australian orchids also thriving outside in the garden.

Fran Middleton



Report on DAG May Activity

Visit to Bob Nader's garden at Wallaroo

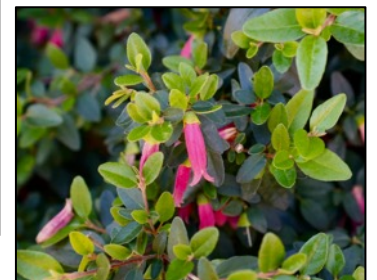
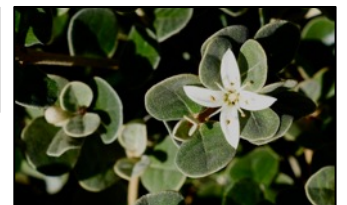
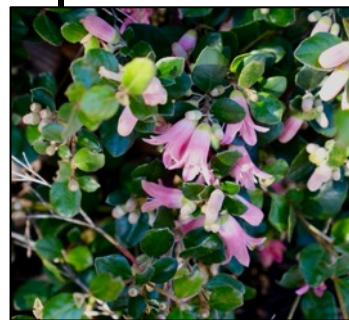
The Group spent the gorgeous autumn morning of 14 May in the large, twenty year old, Wallaroo garden of Bob Nader. Within an extensive array of exotic trees Bob, assisted by right-hand man Kinloch Kilby, has established large beds of natives backed by a grove of local eucalypts. There was particular interest in the range of correas in flower, some of them rarely seen locally. Also impressive were three very expansive groundcover *Eremophila* 'Kalbarri Carpet'. Had there been more time we might also have inspected Bob's successful effort to revegetate and rehabilitate a badly eroded creek that is crossed by a concrete ford on the road into the property. Following the visit, lunch was enjoyed at nearby Hall.

Digby Gascoine

Photos by Paul Goggin at Bob Nader's garden.



Some of the plants flowering on our visit – 3 *Correas*, a *Grevillea* and an *Eremophila*.



Save the Dates

There will be no activity in July however there are interesting and varied garden visits planned for the rest of the year. **Please note** that some of the activities aren't on the usual Tuesday.

13 August - Tuesday – Sallys Garden in O'Connor

14 September - Saturday – Lauren and Carl's garden in Crestwood, Queanbeyan

15 October – Tuesday – Christine and David Lovell's Carwoola garden

7 November – Thursday – Ben and Ros' garden together with the Southern Highlands Group

17 December – Tuesday – Xmas lunch at Peter and Lyn's

Show and Tell – Flowering now at 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 Jerilderie.



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



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



Grevillea 'Peaches and Cream' has deeply divided green leaves and large flower heads of pink and cream. This hybrid was developed in Queensland by Jan Glazebrook and Dennis Cox and patented in 2006.



Banksia ericifolia 'Red Clusters', is a small tree with green heath-like foliage and very large orange-red cones.