

Members Meeting

Thursday, 14 March

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.

March Raffle prizes:

The plants will be supplied by:
Member grower, Damian De Marco.

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.



Snow gum – *Eucalyptus pauciflora* on Mt Ginini – Lucinda Royston photo

Meeting Talk: Protecting Australia's Plants: A Perspective from Australia's Threatened Species Commissioner.

Sally will talk about her role as Australia's Threatened Species Commissioner and action to protect threatened plants under Australia's Threatened Species Strategy. She will focus on threatened plants found locally in the Australian Capital Territory, including the Button Wrinklewort, *Rutidosis leptorhynchoides* and the Small Purple-pea, *Swainsona recta*.



Image - ANBG, J McAuliffe

Guest Speaker: Dr Sally Box, Threatened Species Commissioner.

As the Threatened Species Commissioner, Sally champions the implementation of the Threatened Species Strategy and practical conservation actions to recover our most threatened plants and animals. Using the principles of science, action and partnership, the Commissioner works with conservation organisations, governments, community and the private sector to improve the trajectory of our threatened species.

Sally has a PhD in Plant Sciences and began her career in the Department of the Environment and Energy working on threatened species assessments. Since, Sally has worked with the community to design and deliver programs focused on threatened species conservation, including through her leadership of the Green Army. Sally has also worked in partnership with scientists and landholders to deliver the Emissions Reduction Fund and most recently worked on the Paris Agreement in the Department's international climate change area.



Image - Canberra nature map

National Eucalypt Day on Saturday 23 March.

National Eucalypt Day - Eucalypt Australia. Held annually, National Eucalypt Day aims to raise awareness of eucalypts and celebrate the important place that they hold in the hearts and lives of Australians.

www.eucalyptaaustralia.org.au/special-programs/national-eucalypt-day/

New Members

- ✿ Bruce and Jan Hamilton
- ✿ Garry Dunn
- ✿ Katherine Byron
- ✿ Don Bromhead
- ✿ Barbara Willoughby-Thomas
- ✿ Peter McCrorey
- ✿ Fran Teirney

ANPS' new membership system

Reminder about additional email addresses

The membership system will automatically add only one email address to the appropriate mailing list. However, for a family membership, other email addresses can be added manually by the Webmaster. Please email membership@nativeplantscbr.com.au if you would like a second email address added to the mailing list.

Black Mountain Miniatures

20 February to 10 March 2019

Visitor Centre Gallery, ANBG

A series of paintings and photographs focusing on light, patterns and the natural subjects of Black Mountain in Canberra.

Paintings by Frank Knight (who will be in attendance 11.00 to 2.30pm each day) and photographs by Friends of Black Mountain.



Botanic Art Groups – 12th Annual Exhibition

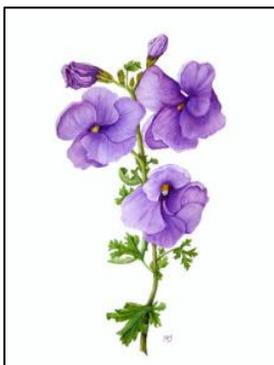
16 March to 14 April 2019

Visitor Centre Gallery, ANBG

'More than just a pretty plant' – native plant use then and now

The Friends of ANBG's Botanic Art Groups will hold their 12th annual exhibition and sale, with the theme

'more than just a pretty plant'. The works on show will feature plants with traditional and modern uses as sources of food, medicine, and materials for making practical objects and artworks.



Invitation -

To all STEP members and friends

10 years celebration - 22 March, 5-7pm

Invitation to join STEP to celebrate 10 years since the commencement of tree planting at the STEP Regional Botanic Garden, Forest 20, National Arboretum Canberra.

RSVP 18 March for catering to

rvhgreen@outlook.com, ☎ 0422 084 505

Parking in lower, overflow carpark, look for yellow STEP flag

Follow signs to The Clearing

Casual dress and sensible shoes

Wet weather venue, Terrace room, Village Centre

APS South Australia Plant Sale

Expo and Plants Sale, 13 -14 April,

Adelaide Showground.

Theme is smaller plants and groundcovers.

Workshops: Propagation; Sustainable Gardening in the Australian garden; Gardening in a small Space - Local Natives for Courtyards, Patios and Hanging baskets; Native grasses (with emphasis on ornamental use); Small Plants and Ground Covers; and possibly a session on building a native bee hotel.

A list of the plants for sale and finalised program will be on the website prior to the sale.

www.australianplantssa.asn.au

ANPS(A) National Conference 2019

Albany WA, 29 September to 4

October

'Blooming Biodiversity' features tours to and from the City of Albany, presentations and discussions by botanical experts, full-day wildflower and nature excursions, a conference dinner and the opportunity to meet and connect with fellow wildflower experts and enthusiasts from all around Australia.

Registration for the conference is now open and the tours are proving popular so you might want to get in early!

www.bloomingbiodiversity.com.au

Calling for nominations for the

ANPS(A) - Australian Plants Award

The Australian Native Plants Society Australia - ANPS(A) - is inviting all Member Societies to submit nominees for the Australian Plants Award to be presented at the ANPS(A) 2019 Conference in Western Australia later this year.

Each Member Society may make no more than one nomination in either or both categories – Professional and Amateur. Nominations need to be with ANPS(A) by 1 April 2019.

ANPS Council is considering who we might nominate and if any member has a suggestion(s) or would like more information please contact Garth, our Secretary, at secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au

To all ANPS Members

Development of new ANPS website – Update

Due to the rising interest shown by some members in the new ANPS website, the Council provides the following summary on the reasons for, content of and costs associated with the new ANPS website.

An organisation's website is very important as it's always the accessible public interface and it needs to be easy to navigate and kept up to date. In 2017, Council reviewed the Society's website and noted particularly that it was not being updated regularly and it didn't work effectively using a smart phone, the most commonly used device, especially with the younger audiences we are trying to attract. Council therefore needed to update our website as well as its design/presentation, and also agreed that we wanted the website to contain considerably more information for members and the public. We decided to seek professional advice and assistance.

To this end, we approached 5 local web design companies with our needs, and based on their responses Council decided that Giraffe Visual's approach most suited our needs. In September 2017, a group of 6 members then met with Giraffe to discuss and determine what we wanted in a website. This involved some 2 hours in a 'card sorting exercise' to determine the structure of the future website. This exercise was provided free of charge.

Giraffe subsequently quoted \$15,416.50 for redesigning a website and \$4950.00 for branding and reviewing potential new logo designs. In December 2017, Council accepted these quotations and voted to move forward with developing the new website.

In April 2018, Council voted to ask Giraffe to create a "lite" version of the website as soon as possible because the current website was becoming unworkable, while continuing with creating the full site. Work on the website is continuing with a Plants section and Members section currently being developed.

In September 2018, Council accepted a support package of 5 hours per month for a year to provide training for members in using the website and Mailchimp and to maintain the system and further develop it. This package cost is \$8,580.00 for the year.

In October 2018, Council decided to include a membership system within the new website in place of using the stand alone Filemaker Pro and Mailman systems. Council accepted the quotation of \$8,635.00 to develop the membership system and link it automatically with Mailchimp. Mailchimp enables

the leaders of the activity groups - Wednesday Walkers, Propagation, Field Trips and DAGs - to communicate easily via email with the members of these groups. Mailchimp is also used to email out the Bulletin to members and produce labels for mailout of the Journal and Australian Plants.

The new website is still in the 'lite' form as it was considered most important to concentrate on getting the membership system working for the beginning of 2019, as well as membership renewals. Hopefully in the next few months the major parts of the website will be fully functional.

Signed
Ben Walcott, President for Council
3 March 2019

ANPS Canberra Region Inc Logo

As part of the branding process, Giraffe designed a logo for us based on *Eucalyptus polyanthemus*, a native tree that occurs naturally in Canberra. After considering all the comments Council received before its February 2019 meeting, both in favour and against the proposed logo, Council decided at the February meeting to adopt the *Eucalyptus polyanthemus* logo. Council also agreed that *Wahlenbergia gloriosa* be designated as the Society's floral emblem.

Ben Walcott, President



Eucalyptus polyanthemus
ANPS Logo



Wahlenbergia gloriosa
ANPS Floral emblem

Members Activities

Joining an ANPS Member Activity

Group email list ie Field Trips, Propagation, Wednesday Walks and Daytime Activities.

If you would like to receive the emails sent around to any of these 4 activity groups, you just need to subscribe. We are using a new online email facility called MailChimp and for example this is how the Bulletin is now being emailed out to all members.

- Go to a MailChimp email – the one that has the Bulletin attached for example. Scroll to the bottom of the email to the footer where it says 'update preferences' or 'unsubscribe'.
- Clicked on 'update preferences'. This will take you straight into the web site with a page that has your email address in scrambled form at the top.
- Fill in boxes with your first and last name. Scroll down and the 4 preferences are listed each with a tick box. Tick on your preferred group(s).
- Scroll down to the black boxes 'update preferences' and 'unsubscribe'. Clicked on 'update preferences'. You can now click out of this page or use the option to go to the ANPS website.

Propagation

General ANPS propagation queries: Nola McKeon at propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au, ☎6278 6619.

There is no specific propagation activity this month because of the Autumn Plant sale. The propagation group will be preparing their plants for the sale

We need to relocate a Shade house and a Hotbed.

Could you host one of these facilities at your place?

Our Propagation Group uses 3 shade houses and 2 hotbeds, located in members' backyards, to produce plants for our Plant Sales. Most of our monthly propagation bees are held in these sites, in rotation.

The **Shade house** is 3.4m by 6.25m and needs access to both electricity and water. It has sturdy mesh benches and an automatic sprinkler system.

The **Hotbed** is 90 cm by 2.5m and also needs access to both electricity and water. It needs to be sited out of the sun.

ANPS covers the cost of setting up and ongoing electricity and water costs.

For expressions of interest and further information please contact Nola McKeon on ☎6278 6619, propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au

DAGs* & Garden Design Study Group

Garden visit Tuesday 19 March 2019 from 10.30am, 41 Jamieson Cres, Kambah

Hosts are Lucinda Royston and Lloyd Jones.

This is an all Australian native plant garden with hardy plants, first set up in the 70s. It's a small house block of 600sq m.

Lunch: at 'A Bite To Eat', Shop 8 Chifley Place, Chifley. www.abitetoeat.net.au

Bill Willis ☎0407 268 797, 02 6297 5615, nativeplants@cuumbeun.com.

* Daytime Activity Group

Field Trips

Our Field Trip Coordinator is Jeanette Jeffery

Contact: fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au

March Field Trip

Southern Highlands, Sunday 24th and Monday 25th

This Trip is to Budderoo National Park and Barren Grounds for a touch of Rainforest and Sydney sandstone flora in Autumn. We will spend a day in each area returning to Moss Vale each night.

Accommodation: Moss Vale Village Caravan Park ☎02 4868 1099. Cabins, powered and unpowered sites

Travel up on the Saturday, 160- 200km, and return at your leisure- Kiama is less than an hour further on if you want to extend you trip.

Leader: Jeanette and Colin Jeffery

Contact: cjeffery@bigpond.net.au, ☎Col 0448 220 214.

Wednesday Walks

Details of planned walks are emailed out to subscribers of the Wednesday Walks group on a weekly basis.

So far, the following walks have been planned for 2019:

March - Tinderry Nature Reserve, Mongarlowe Cemetery

May - Cleatmore Plains

April - Nerriga Road

October - Booroomba Rocks, Dangelong Nature Reserve

November - Oallen Ford, Woodleigh Fire Trail, Chalet Road, Mt Gingera

December - WW/DAGS Christmas Party

Members interested in leading a walk on other dates would be most welcome. To do so please contact the Coordinator Kris Nash at krisnash4@gmail.com.

ANPS Plant Sale - Notices

Our Plant Sale Coordinator is Linda Tabe
 Contact: plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Autumn Plant Sale, 15-16 March

For those of you will be volunteering to help at our Autumn Plant Sale please see the attached 'Instructions to Sale Volunteers' for some helpful information.

Volunteers needed for the sale set up, the sale, and packing up

We need 50 people to help with a variety of tasks on each of Friday setup day from 8.15am and Saturday Sale day from 7.30am.

You don't need to stay for a whole day; any help you can spare would be most welcome.

No previous experience necessary!

Please contact our Plant Sale Coordinator, Linda Tabe plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au to volunteer or if you have any queries.

Plant Sale List

Available on our website at <https://nativeplantscbr.com.au/events/biannual-plant-sales/>

Plant sale setting up on the Friday
 – Lucinda Royston photo

We are looking for members to join a Plant Sale Promotion Team.

We need people to cover the following areas:

- **Print, Online Media, Radio.** This involves distributing notice of the impending Plant Sale across a range of print (daily, community), web sites (ANBG, ACTEWAGL Community Switch), radio and flyers.
- **Street Signs in North Canberra.** We are looking for one or more people to put out the 10 x street signs in north Canberra. These signs are an important aspect of the Sale promotion.

If you are interested in helping, or like more information, please contact

plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au



Future Field Trips

| Month | Leader | Trip details | Accommodation |
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| 13-15 APRIL Weekend <i>Note - School Holidays: Victoria 6-22; NSW 13-29. Easter: 19-21</i> | Margaret | <i>Visiting Private property along Shoalhaven River and Wyanbene Caves in Deua NP</i> | <i>Berlang Camping Ground- in Deua NP, bookings not required. Amenities block, picnic tables, barbecue facilities, carpark. Deua Tin Huts (Google or on Stayz website). We are pencilled in for their largest cabin. The costs would be \$65 per person for two nights, if there are six occupants in the 2 BR cabin. The cost for campers is \$10 per person per night. Contact: Margaret Ning margaretning1@gmail.com</i> |
| 25-27 MAY Weekend | Jo | <i>Visiting Munghorn Gap NP and Goulburn River NP</i> | <i>Mudgee Riverside Caravan and Tourist Park ☎02 6372 2531. Ingenia Holidays Mudgee Valley Caravan Park, Bell St ☎6424 5469 Contact: Jo Walker ☎6238 3415 jwalker25@bigpond.com</i> |

Photos by Roger Farrow from the February field trip to the Toolong Range between Cabramurra and Khancoban.



Mountain Correa, *Correa lawrenciana rosea* at Lake Tooma



Waxberry, *Gaultheria appressa* at Dargell's Firetrail



Patons Hut at Dargell's Fire Trail, Toolong Range



Snakey Firetrails



Rhodanthe anthemoides at Patons Hut



Calendar - activities and events

ANPS

Next Council Meeting: Monday 11 March at 12.30pm, Dickson Room, ANBG.

Next Collation: TBA - Only when mailing out the quarterly Journal and Australian Plants magazine. 95 Price Place, Downer. Host Winifred Mumford.

Next Bulletin: April 2019: Items due Wednesday 27 March to bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

ANPS Autumn Plant Sale
Saturday 16 March at the ANBG

Other

**Australian Native Plant Market,
Cool Country Natives, Pialligo**
Next Market is 6 April 2019

Held on 1st Saturday of the month, 8.30am-3pm, mostly in Spring, Summer and Autumn.

**Canberra Environment Centre -
Identifying Edible Weeds Workshop**
Tuesday 12 March 2019, 5:30-7:30 pm
Location TBA, Canberra

Learn how to identify common backyard weeds such as wild brassicas, mallow and, dandelion. Sarah Aylott will guide you through using common plants that are probably growing very close to home. Learn about key features to look out for in each weed and how to incorporate weeds into your everyday diet.

The exact location of this workshop will be confirmed closer to the date as it depends on the best place for foraging in March.

Contact ☎ 6248 0885,

www.canberraenvironment.org/workshops

'Butterflies on Black Mountain'
Sunday 10 March, 10.30 to 12:00

We owe many flowers, at least those of long tubular form, to the butterflies and moths that pollinate them. Join local expert, Suzi Bond to see and hear about butterflies and the plants they like near the summit of Black Mountain.

A generally easy walk with some steep sections and steps.

Meet: Lookout Terrace slightly uphill from Telstra Tower on Black Mountain (see balloons).

Bring: Friends and family. Binoculars to see the butterflies more clearly if you wish. Water. Snacks if you wish. 'Gold Coin Donation'.

Wear: Sturdy walking gear, including hat and stout shoes.

Please Book: Places are limited, email name and phone number to

friendsofblackmountain@gmail.com,

☎ 0437 298 711.

Ranunculus graniticola – Brigitta Wimmer photo

ANBG Thursday Talks, 12.30-1.30pm, Theatrette

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| 7 March | 'The Declined, the Gifted and the Desired: Four Canberra Rivers' – Matthew Higgins |
| 14 March | 'Phylogenetic Diversity and 'hot spots' for Conservation' - Dr Alexander Schmidt-Lebuhn |
| 21 March | 'Callitris: an Evolutionary Chronicle of Extinction, Survival and Re-diversification' - Emeritus Professor Mike Crisp |
| 28 March | 'ACT Healthy Waterways - an Update' - Justin Foley |
| 4 April | 'Artwork Delights from the ANBG Library and Archives Collection' - Jane Black |

We have a new Membership Secretary – Annabelle Greenup.

Contact Annabelle at

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Thank you Annabelle for taking on this important job.

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