



Members Meeting

Thursday, 9 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: Volunteer needed. Email secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Meeting Book Sales: as usual. See item on page 3

March Raffle prizes:

The plants will be provided by: member grower Alison Ubels, Farmgate Natives Nursery.

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.

ANPSC Membership renewal

A reminder that memberships for 2023 calendar year will expire unless completed by 28 February.

Thanks to everyone who has already renewed their membership but if you have forgotten then please complete them by 28th.

If you need help renewing your membership please contact membership@nativeplantscbr.com.au for assistance. Karen, Membership Secretary.

Members meeting ANBG Gate

Minder - we need volunteers to close the gate after members have left the members meeting. To volunteer, email secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Meeting Talk: The orchids of the Waisali Rain Forest Reserve in Fiji.

During her time in Fiji, Jean was fortunate to be able to assist in the first recordings of orchids in a pristine area, the Waisali Rain Forest Reserve that had then only recently been leased to the National Trust of Fiji. Since then, she has returned to Fiji many times and formed a close relationship with the Waisali people. She will talk to us about the many orchids found in the Reserve.

Guest Speaker: Jean Egan.

Jean is an ANPSC member and one of the authors of the *Field Guide to Orchids of the Southern Tablelands of NSW including the ACT* published in 2020.

Growing up on the edge of Exmoor in Somerset, England, gave Jean an interest in native plants from a very young age. When moving to Aranda in the late 1960s with Black Mountain on her doorstep she soon discovered native orchids and was hooked. She has travelled many countries in her quest for orchids including Spain, Peru, Borneo, Ireland, and China, also living in Fiji for a year (1998/99).



Jean's granddaughter amongst the scrambling dense vegetation of the Waisali Rain Forest Reserve.

**ANPSC's Autumn Plant Sale is on
18 March 2023 at ANBG.**

See page 5 for how you might help with the Sale

**The deadline for articles for ANPSC's June Journal
is 1 May.**

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

Send them to Gail Ritchie Knight, our Journal Editor, at journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au



**Native Plants
Queensland**

State Conference in 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/>

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

See What I See.

1 March - 23 April.

See Australia through the eyes of NatureArt Lab's renowned team of tutors across a diverse range of creative responses to nature, such as nature journaling, watercolour, drawing, scratchboard, polymer clay, scientific illustrations, botanical and wildlife art, wildlife photography, macrophotography and much more.

<https://natureartlab.com.au>



Celebrating 10 years of National Eucalypt Day on 23 March. Vote for Eucalypt of the Year 2023.

Voting is now open and closes on 19 March. Vote for the 2023 Eucalypt of the year from a shortlist of 25 featured species.

Go to: www.eucalyptaustralia.org.au/eucalyptoftheyear/

The 2022 Winner was the mighty Mountain Ash - Eucalyptus regnans.



Eucalyptus sp bark.
Lucinda Royston photo

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>

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| 2 March | 'Towards a better understanding into the Bush Peas Mirbelieae (Fabaceae) in Australia' - Dr James Clugston. |
| 9 March | 'Connecting Nature, Connecting People: joining the dots for wildlife connectivity across Canberra' - Dr Melissa Snape. |
| 16 March | 'Orchids of Norfolk Island and their place within the Australasian Orchidaceae' - Dr Heide Zimmer. |
| 23 March | 'The emerging Truffle Industry in Australia and its Canberra Region Focus' - Wayne Haslam. |
| 30 March | 'Why Digitise Biological Collection?' - Dr Peter Thrall. |
| 6 April | 'Natural Asset Farming – key ways to integrate woodland conservation and agricultural production' - Professor David Lindenmayer AO. |

Greening Australia - Community Nursery Thinning Event.

Friday 3 March, 2.30 to 5.00pm.

Greening Australia's Canberra Nursery.

Free but RSVP required.

Help thin out the seedlings, ready for planting out into our region.

<https://www.greeningaustralia.org.au/events/community-nursery-thinning-event-3/>

Plant Sales

Australian Native Plant Market

Next Market Day - Saturday 4 March, 8.30am-3pm.

At Cool Country Natives, Pialligo.

**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.

Greening Australia Autumn plant sale

Friday 31 March, 3:00pm-6:00pm

The Nursery at 5 Kubura Place, Aranda.

RSVP required. Details can be found at:

<https://www.greeningaustralia.org.au/events/autumn-plant-sale/>

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>

ANPSC calendar & services

Book Sales at Members Meetings

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

Next Council Meeting: Monday 6 March at 12.30pm, Dickson Room, Banks Building, ANBG.

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

February Council Minutes will go up on the website after they are approved at the March Council Meeting

Next Bulletin: April 2023: If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by Wednesday 29 March to bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au

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.

Example:

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).



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At Budjan Galindji
Grassland:
• Rutidosia leptorhynchoides - Button wrinklewort
• Convolvulus erubescens
• Calocephalus citreus - Lemon Beauty-Heads
• Leucochrysum albicans - Hoary Sunray
Lucinda Royston photos



ANPSC Notices

New Members

No new members to report this month

Members Meeting Speakers

Send speaker suggestions to our speaker organiser, Lena Saboisky, at lenasaboisky@gmail.com

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.

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



Australian Plants publication - arrangements.

Australian Plants is a quarterly publication 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/>

Conservation

From Bill Willis

Pomaderris delicata - Delicate Pomaderris ANBG reports:

This critically endangered plant is threatened by the *Phytophthora cinnamomi* fungus. Partnered with NSW Government, they have used plants in the ANBG to successfully test a fungicide treatment which can now be used to protect wild plants!

ANBG 18/2/2023 pic.twitter.com/SZBhTXmGf6

NSW Government, NSW Scientific Committee reports:

Pomaderris delicata is known from two populations south-west of Goulburn on the Southern Tablelands. Each population is bisected by a road. The total number of plants known is about 200.

Populations have been recorded in dry sclerophyll forest dominated by *Eucalyptus sieberi* with a dense shrubby understorey on shallow, rocky soil derived from Silurian and Ordovician sediments.

The populations do not occur within a conservation area. The species is threatened by road widening, clearing, grazing, burning and at risk due to its small population size and stochastic events.

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/threatened-species/nsw-threatened-species-scientific-committee/determinations/final-determinations/2000-2003/pomaderris-delicata-a-shrub-endangered-species-listing>

Halting spread of introduced plant disease *Phytophthora dieback* vital to saving iconic threatened species

This introduced disease is capable of wreaking havoc on an entire ecosystem when it infects plants

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-01-10/plant-disease-phytophthora-dieback-trial-endangered-species/101787108?fbclid=IwAR2k6YR6k9orDmFh4CcJLk3ZZOUSldav88xBDPS2vrxFJ3sP6io7dsGtA>



WWs at Budjan Galindji Grassland:
Lt small wetland
Rt Margaret Ning weeding and *Eryngium ovinum* - Blue Devil

Lucinda Royston photos

Members Activities

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 visited the Budjan Galindji Grassland on 22 February.

We were delighted to have Geoff Robertson and Margaret Ning, FOG members and Steve Bruce, ACT Ranger give us an informative guided walk and provide us with expert advice. The aim is to restore the grassland as well as providing some recreation facilities.

There are Wildflower Seed Gardens in raised beds and ground beds at the entrance to the grassland and this grassland is Golden Sun Moth and Stripped Legless Lizard habitat. There is an area of Grassy Box Woodland with Blakely's Red Gum – *Eucalyptus blakelyi* and Yellow Box – *Eucalyptus melliodora*, an old dam which supports some bird life eg Reed Warblers and Latham Snipes and a small wetland.



WWs at Budjan Galindji Grassland:
At the Wildflower seed raising area with Geoff Robertson and Steve Bruce
Lucinda Royston photos



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

March Propagation

Two Meetings preparing plants for the Sale:

1. Wednesday 8 March from 10am to 12pm at CIT horticultural space, off Eade St, Bruce, and
2. Saturday 11 March from 10am to 12pm at the igloo at 3 Considine Close, Queanbeyan.

Please bring secateurs, hats, and gloves if preferred. We supply tea and coffee. If you haven't been before and favour weekdays, the event at CIT would be a great opportunity for first timers!

Any time you can provide is valuable.

It would help if you can let Nola McKeon know if you are coming by emailing nola.mckeon@hotmail.com

Help needed loading plants that are going to the Sale.

CIT horticultural space, off Eade St, Bruce .

If you can help on the Friday morning, 17 March with loading Propagation Group plants into vehicles for delivery to the Botanic Gardens for the Sale please contact Nola McKeon ☎0447 522 734.



Two volunteers worked tirelessly through some hot weather to help treat the rust in the Propagation Group's CIT hotbed.

Nola McKeon photo

ANPSC Plant Sales

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

ANPSC's Autumn Plant Sale 18 March at ANBG

Please volunteer to help with set-up and/or the Sale.

Our Plant Sales are a major source of publicity and funds for the Society, but more importantly one of our most important opportunities to provide native plants into the Canberra community.

We need a small group of volunteers to start setup on Thursday afternoon 16 March, with more helpers needed for laying out plants that are delivered by the growers on Friday 17 March (between 8:00 am to 3:00 pm) and for the Sale itself on Saturday 18 March (between 7:00 am to 2:00pm).

Generally, we finish both days in the early afternoon. A few hours assistance would be greatly appreciated. Most tasks are relatively simple, and experienced people will be able to help any newcomers.

Please support your Society by volunteering – email Tom at plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Volunteers may buy up to 10 plants before the Sale.

Please promote the Sale - you may also encourage neighbours/friends to come and buy plants - autumn is often the best time to get plants in the ground. This is a great opportunity to get people enthusiastic and to provide good plants and wildlife habitat in Canberra gardens."

Tom Jordan.

Propagation Group plants ready for the March Sale.
Nola McKeon photo



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 March Activity Sunday 12 March, 10.30am.

Murrumbateman.

This DAG's garden visit will be to Margaret Streamer's and Dave Herald's garden in Murrumbateman followed by lunch at the Murrumbateman Inn

Details will be sent to DAGs members shortly. If you'd like to join the Day Activity Group see note above **

Report of the DAG February Activity

'Tuesday 14 February saw the Day Activity Group initiate its 2023 program at the garden of Len Dowling in Wanniasa. House and garden are oriented south, with a spectacular view along the Tuggeranong Valley to Mt. Tennent.

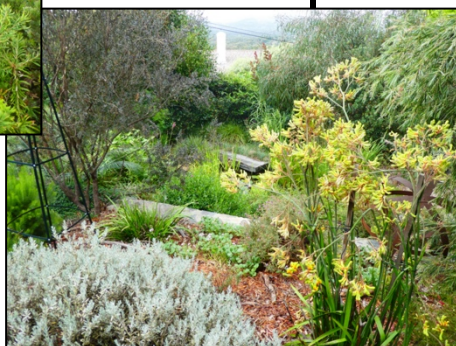
Over the past decade or so Len has progressively introduced native plants to an existing garden of exotics, such that natives now comprise about half of the intensive planting. DAG members enjoyed the late flowering that is consequent upon the south-facing slope, and marvelled at the overall harmony that Len has achieved in positioning plants and in foliage contrasts. It would be of great interest to make a return visit in a few years' time to see the further implementation of Len's plans.'

Digby Gascoine

DAG 2023 Program

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

dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au



DAGs February garden visit.
Lucinda Royston photos

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.

Future Field Trips

About 18 Field Trippers met recently to brainstorm ideas for trips this year.

They came up with 6 moderately firm ideas which someone has generously offered to research.

The first two trip are:

Monday 15 to Wednesday 17 May – 3 days.

Exploring Green Cape area, staying at Eden.

Warwick Daniels is kicking off the plans for us.

Date is pretty firm. More details coming soon.

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

'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



Show and Tell – Flowering now in the Walcott garden.
Text by Ros Walcott and photos by Ben Walcott.



Callistemon 'Tangerine Dream'
 We have planted seven of these free flowering shrubs, 2m high, with tangerine bottle brushes and new foliage which is an attractive pink colour, from 2010-16. This plant benefits from a light prune after flowering. We have removed most of these in 2018 for failure to thrive, but two remain.

Tristaniopsis laurina – Water Gum
 We planted this tree, 5-15 metres high, with a smooth creamy brown trunk and perfumed yellow flowers followed by woody seed capsules, in November 2016. This plant is native to moist, well-drained sites along the east coast of Australia.



Grevillea 'Peaches and Cream'
 This shrub is a slightly frost sensitive plant from the Queensland garden of Denis Cox and Jan Glazebrook, 1.2m x 1.5m, with attractive divided foliage and lovely peach and cream flowers in profusion during summer. This plant needs a little frost protection in Canberra but is worth the bother. Grevillea 'Peaches and Cream' is a standout grevillea for us, the only large flowered grevillea that we can grow in our garden.



Callistemon 'Hannah Ray'
 We have about 30 of this *C. viminalis* cultivar with a weeping habit and red brushes, forming a small tree to 4.5m high, named after the late Mrs. Hannah Hazlewood (nee Miss Hannah Ray).

Banksia marginata
 We planted six specimens of our local banksia, *Banksia marginata* or Silver Banksia in 2003. These grew well and produced attractive yellow flowers with plenty of nectar for the birds. The silver-backed foliage as it moves in the wind has been a valued asset. All but one have now been removed.



Grevillea thyrsoides
 We planted *Grevillea thyrsoides*, a standard grafted on *Grevillea robusta*, in April 2011. This plant comes from Kalbarri, WA and in nature is a low mounding shrub to 70cm with a spread of 2m. The foliage is a feature of this plant, grey needles which are hard to the touch, and the red toothbrush flowers are borne at the ends of long stalks.