



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: Peter Woodbury

Meeting Book Sales: See item on page 3.

March Raffle prizes: Plants provided by Roger Farrow.

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.

ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference, Newsletter February 2024, Issue 6 is attached to this Bulletin's email.

From our President

“Have a look at the Society’s Annual Plan for 2024, a short account of priorities for Council this year, and what changes might be afoot.

You can find the Plan at ANPSC Website at: <https://nativeplantscbr.com.au/wp-content/uploads/ANPSPC-Plan-2024.pdf>”
Steve Saunders.

ANPSC Membership renewal past due.

Contact Karen, membership if you are unsure how to renew.
Karen Brien, Membership Secretary.
membership@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Meeting Talk: Senecio - an exploration of this remarkable genus in an ACT context.

The talk will explore locally occurring members of the genus Senecio (there are over 20!), and how they are best identified in the field by an informed observer. We will also cover some alternative identification approaches, as those keys available for Senecio relay of micro features of the bracts or seeds. Certainly a challenge when you are looking at a plant in the field!



Guest Speaker: Ciaran Ernst-Russell.

‘I’m a uni student, botanist, environmental scientist and nature lover with a passion for citizen science.

I am very much a plant lover, so that tends to be the focus of my photography, though I try to document everything that I can when out and about.

I am pretty well versed with plants of NSW particularly along the coast and on the southern tablelands. Though there is plenty more that I don’t know, all tips are much appreciated!

For IDs I am currently sorting through all plant sighting from the ACT that need IDs.

I have a particular fascination with the high altitude flora in Namadgi National Park, and this passion, coupled with a love for mountaineering has taken me to some incredible places (Mt Bimberi, Mt Namadgi etc and the Sentry box to name a few). My current mission is climbing and surveying every peak in the ACT over 1700m. I’m also on Naturemapr at the following address:

<https://naturemapr.org/users/sightings/22727> ’ Ciaran

Bio details from iNaturalist. Photo: WWs - Bendora Dam Rd - Senecio linearifolius by Lucinda Royston.

Journal articles – Journal now online.

Recent visitors to our website will notice the Society’s new format of Journal articles.

Individual articles are now being posted on our Home page at <https://nativeplantscbr.com.au> as we receive them.

You may also notice some familiar articles as we repost extracts from previous editions of the Journal.

As the number of articles increases, the earlier ones will continue to be available via a link.

The editorial team look forward to receiving more articles from you, our members.

Submit articles to the Journal at journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Exhibitions at ANBG

Visitor Information Centre
9.30am to 4.30pm, daily

A charm of native bees

29 February to 1 April

Immerse yourself in the marvel of Australian native bees through intricate and lifelike watercolour paintings by Cheryl Hodges. Cheryl's larger-than-life artworks encapsulate the allure and diversity of native bees discovered at the Australian National Botanic Gardens.





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

***ANPSA Biennial Conference 2024
'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 your interest go to:
<https://apsvic.org.au/anpsa-biennial-conference-2024/>

*Australian Native Plants Society Australia

Item of Interest – from Jean-Michel Perraud.

"Plants distinguish different photoperiods to independently control seasonal flowering and growth:"

<https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.adg9196>

The molecular pathways controlling flowering have been understood for more than 20 years, yet those controlling leaf growth remained unclear. Plants detect two different day lengths to control seasonal flowering and growth. Whereas flowering time primarily depends on light signaling, vegetative growth is controlled by photosynthetic and metabolic cues that change according to photoperiod.



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>

7 March	Dr Chris Cargill - 'Extremophiles: bryophyte discoveries in southwest Western Australia and Central Australia'.
14 March	Sharon Field - '3000 days ... and counting ... - a botanical artist's response to Climate Change'.
21 March	Toby Golson - 'Collaboration for conservation: Macadamia janseni at the ANBG'.
28 March	Tom North - 'Seed Banking and National Parks, an ideal conservation partnership'.
4 April	Andrew Skeoch - 'Deep Listening to Nature'.

Plant Sales

Next ANPSC Plant Sale is our Autumn Sale on 16 March 2024 at ANBG
See page 4.

Australian Native Plant Market

At Cool Country Natives, Pialligo

Next Market Day - Saturday 6 April, 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

The 2023 version of ANPSC's *Where to buy Native Plants in the Canberra Region* is now available. Go to <https://nativeplantscbr.com.au/>



Photos at Parliament House gardens, February 2024,
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: Tuesday 12 March at 12.30pm, Dickson Room, Banks Building, ANBG.

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

February 2024 Council Minutes will go up on the website after they are approved at the March Council Meeting.

Next Bulletin: April 2024 If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by Wednesday 27 March 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

To change your Mailchimp preferences/details:

- 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.

Example:

Want to change how you receive these emails?

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



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ANPSC Notices

New Members:

- ✿ Matthew Larkin
- ✿ Jean-Michael Perraud
- ✿ Marion Blake
- ✿ Elaine Mercier
- ✿ Susan Colwell
- ✿ Greg Bender
- ✿ Hugh Sweatman
- ✿ Dan Simson
- ✿ Ann Ingwerson
- ✿ Jean Douglass

Renewing your membership

Instructions on how to renew have been emailed to all members.

Renewals are done using our website through the Members Area. **Please do not use** the new membership area.

Life members please contact the membership secretary to be given your voucher code to renew without making a payment.

Any queries please contact Karen Brien at membership@nativeplantscbr.com.au

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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Members who wish to subscribe to *Australian Plants* contact:

office@austplants.com.au

For more information go to:

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



Members Activities

ANPSC Plant Sales

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

Autumn native plant sale – volunteering - Set up Friday 15 March, Sale day Saturday 16 March at ANBG.

Thank you to all who have already emailed the plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au address to let Alison Roach know when you are able to volunteer. This sale can't happen without you!

We have a few people new to the sale who have signed up. Thank you! Working on set up and sale days is very satisfying and enjoyable, and a good way to get to know other members and about plants you aren't familiar with. If you have never helped at the sale before, please ask for Alison Roach (the Sale Coordinator) when you arrive, and you'll be assigned a 'buddy'. To the old hands at sale volunteering - if you see a face you don't recognise, introduce yourself and offer to explain the process (because Alison will be too busy at times to explain in detail). Write yourself a name tag, stick it onto your shirt, and enjoy.

Volunteering benefits: Apart from learning lots and being part of providing quality and interesting plants to customers, Volunteers get a \$10 voucher to use at the ANBG's Pollen Cafe - this includes the ANBG gardens staff who do myrtle rust checking for us. If you volunteer on both days, you get a voucher for each day. If you haven't been given a voucher, ask around and you'll find who has them. Volunteers also get the opportunity to buy plants before the sale starts. In previous years we've set the limit at 10 plants, but because we have a much smaller sale this year, please limit this pre-purchase to 5 plants.

- On Friday set up day you can only purchase your 5 plants after all plant check-in processes have concluded. This helps to ensure that the numbers of plants supplied by each member grower are correct and recorded by the Treasurer BEFORE any plants are sold.
- On Saturday sale day your 5 plants must be purchased prior to the 8.30 sale start. 8.15 is a good time to head to the tally and check out area for this.

Friday set up - we'll be starting a bit later than usual, because it's a small sale this time - only around 3,000 plants. So be there at 9.30am, and the first delivery of plants will start not long after. We also need a person or two who are willing to stay after set up to mind the plants so that no ANBG visitors take a shine to them. There are no events planned at the gardens after hours on that day, and the gardens close (with gates locked) at 5 pm. It's actually a really pleasant thing to do - get a chair and sit in the shade and listen to the birds. Alison did it last time and highly recommends it.

Saturday sale day - There are a number of things to do prior to the gates opening, so try and arrive for 7.30am and we'll be assigning jobs from there. Head to the information tent on the top tier and get a yellow 'volunteer vest' and write yourself a sticky label name tag. Then ask around for a job. There are lots of different things to do during the sale as well - something to suit everyone. We do need a core of people afterwards please, please, please to help pack up (once Alison has called the sale closed). If you are one of our more physically able people - this is when we need you the most (and we'll be forever grateful)!

And if you haven't already, email the plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au address to let Alison know when you are able to volunteer and for what (if there are specific things you usually do). Thank you!

The link for the plant sale lists is <https://nativeplantscbr.com.au/events/biannual-plant-sales/>

Alison Roach, Plant Sale Coordinator.

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

Propagation working bee Sunday 10 March, 10am to 1pm 3 Considine Close, Greenleigh NSW.

The propagation group will hold a Potting Bee and Plant Sale preparation morning.

This will be our final Bee proper to prepare for the Plant Sale and the almost 1000 plants sitting in the Queanbeyan igloo awaiting final primping before they are purchased by an eager public the following weekend.

Please come along and help us with the Plant Sale preparation, as well as potting up/cuttings for the next round. There is always plenty to do and it is a great social occasion.

Bring a hat, water, secateurs and gloves if you use them, plus your lunch if you want to stay for that. We supply tea and coffee. Please register your intention to attend in advance by emailing Nola McKeon at propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Any other questions can be directed to our hosts Lyndal and Tom on ph 0418 972 438 or email [lyndal](mailto:lyndal@tithorburn@viria.com.au) at tithorburn@viria.com.au

Field Trips

Our Field Trip Coordinator is Jeanette Jeffery

Contact: fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au

If you are interested in attending field trips please ensure Jeanette has your emails to send you news on future trips. Email: jefferyjeanette@gmail.com

For a particular field trip, email the contact person for that trip for more information and to book your spot on their list.

Field Trips.

There are no Field Trips planned.

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*

January field trip

Mt Buffalo NP - Dicksons Falls walking track



Xerochrysum subundulatum - Orange Everlasting and Prasophyllum suttonii - Mauve Leek-orchid.
Lucinda Royston photos

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 at Tallaganda NP



Lunchtime. Brigitta Wimmer photo



Epacris gunnii and Diplodium coccinum - Scarlet Greenwood.
Photos by Lucinda Royston

Day Activity Group* & Garden Design Study Group

Contact: dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Coordinating Committee members:

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

2024 Program

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 March activity

Tuesday 19 March 10.30am

Visit to Greg Clark's garden in Lyons

'Our garden has transformed over the last 10 years from a tired 1960's garden to a refreshed garden dominated by native plants. It is still evolving as outgrown kids' play areas provide new planting opportunities. The garden is 90% native plants with ages ranging from 10 years to 10 weeks. There are some gaps between shrubs and these are being filled by trial and error with low growing plants including local forbs and grasses. Walking to the back garden you pass through a fernery dominated by a large Bird's Nest and Tree Ferns.' Greg Clark.

Report on DAG February Activity

Parliament House Native Gardens Walk

On 20 February, 22 members enjoyed a brief but informative talk by Paul Janssens, Assistant Manager, Landscape Services, Parliament House followed by a leisurely walk through the gardens. This was followed by an enjoyable lunch at a nearby café in Deakin.

Photos at Parliament House gardens by Lucinda Royston



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



Correa 'Canberra Bells'
 We have tried seven specimens of this shrub, which grows to 1m x 1m, with oval green foliage and red and cream bell flowers from late summer to winter. The plants in the ground have not done as well for us as one we planted in a pot in March 2017. The plant in the pot blooms prolifically over a long period. Perhaps mercifully the plants in the ground were squashed flat by the fall of a pine in July 2016.



Acacia cremiflora
 We planted three of these rounded shrubs, 1-1.5m high x 2m wide, with green circular foliage and cream flowers on arching branches in 2016-17. These plants bloom at least three times a year and their foliage, dark seed pods and umbrella shape is pleasing at all times of the year. This plant is native to central NSW, near Orange.



Correa 'Warrandyte Wonder'
 We planted this small shrub, 0.5m high x 1-2m wide, with velvet pink flowers, in October 2021.

Hibiscus geranioides
 We planted this annual or biennial species, 0.75m high x 0.75m wide, with dark green, lobed leaves and delicate pink flowers with a darker throat, in a pot in October 2015. This charming plant flowers over many months. We removed our original plant in 2021, as it had grown too large for its position and was not blooming so freely, but the cutting Ben made is growing and flowering well. This plant is widespread in tropical areas of Western Australia, Northern Territory and Queensland. In common with most Hibiscus species, the individual flowers last only 1-2 days but new flowers continue to open over a long period.



Melaleuca lateritia
 Melaleuca lateritia, or Robin Redbreast Bush, is a medium shrub, supposedly 1.5m high and wide, although has grown to 2m x 2m in our garden. We planted eight of these in March 2004 on the corners of the parterres near the house. They flowered first for us in January 2005 and have continued to flower over long periods since then. The flowers are bright orange-red, almost Dayglo orange. If these shrubs start to look unsightly you can cut them back to the ground and they will reshoot and flower again in two years. Ben calls them the resurrection plant. This plant is native to southwestern coast of WA.



Grevillea 'Bush Lemons'
 We have tried twice to establish Grevillea 'Bush Lemons', grafted specimens, in our garden but have had to admit defeat. Our frosty conditions are too severe for this plant. One, planted in March 2013 died in September 2015 after flowering somewhat in December 2013. The other, planted in February 2018, was frosted off in the winter and died in September 2018. In February 2022, we obtained an advanced standard form of 'Bush Lemons' in a pot, and two years later it is performing well. The lemon toothbrush flowers last a long time and the deeply divided grey-green foliage is a bonus. This beautiful plant was developed at Changers Green Nursery in Gin Gin Queensland, but the exact parentage is not known.