

ANPS has suspended all activities for the foreseeable future due to the Covid-19 health emergency and to comply with the official recommendations put out by our Federal Health Agency intended to minimise the risk from COVID-19 to its members and the public.

Sadly, there will be no Members meetings, Plant Sales, Wednesday walks or DAGs events, ANPS field trips or propagation activities, of any kind.

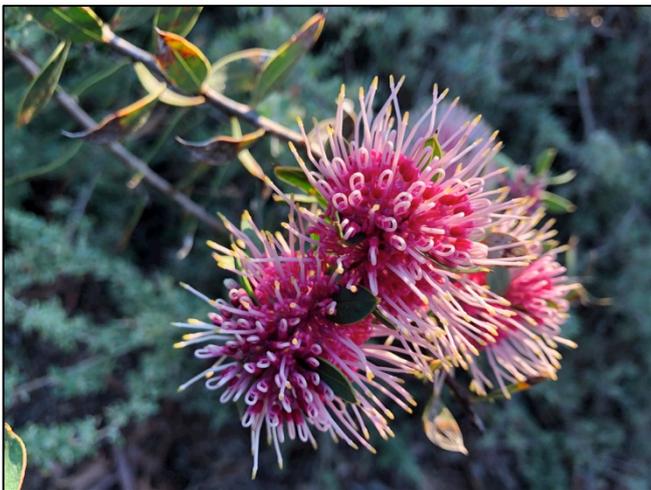
We will however continue to hold Council meetings, by teleconference.

Please take care of yourselves and stay well.

World Environment Day - 5 June 2020 **‘Celebrating biodiversity’**

Since 1974, World Environment Day is celebrated annually to focus the world’s attention on a pressing environmental issue. The Day strives to raise awareness and encourage action for the environment.

www.worldenvironmentday.global



Australian Native Plants Society (Australia) ANPSA

- ANPS’ new representative

John Carter has volunteered to be our new ANPSA representative.

Go to <http://anpsa.org.au> for more information on ANPSA.

‘Drought survivors’

In this 'quiet' time ahead, we could start planning for 'after COVID-19'.

If you have some plants that have come through the drought well, let us know about them.

If they have been in your garden for a while and are also hardy to frost, even better.

You can provide just the names but might also like to add some details on location, site, watering regime etc.

Please contact Nola McKeon at

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Next Bulletin: June 2020:

This Bulletin has some great contributions from members. If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members such as photos, newsy bits, please send them by Wednesday 27 May to bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

Show and Tell

Hakea ‘Burrendong Beauty’

For years I’ve had this (now) 0.5m plant in my front garden, never flowered until now. Of course I never water my front garden so no wonder. I had forgotten what it was and now I know! Isn’t it beautiful!

Lucinda Royston

Deadline for articles for the September ANPS Journal is 1 August.

Please send items/articles to our Journal Editor, Gail Ritchie Knight, at

journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au

New members

- ✿ Robert Gavin
- ✿ Barbara Hade
- ✿ Agneta Sherborne
- ✿ Gillian Shaw

Vale Reet Vallak

Reet died on 1 May at the Mary Porter Lodge, Calvary Community Care, at Bruce. She was 83.

Reet became a member of ANPS in 1971 and continued to be an active participant in Society activities until her ill health a few years ago. She was also a volunteer with the Coleman Ridge Park Care group. Reet had many interests other than our native flora and bushwalking including dancing and cross-country skiing.

Reet wished for her ashes to be scattered in the Kosciuszko National Park

Reet came to Australia after WW11 as an Estonian refugee. She obtained a Science degree (Hons. in Physics) and a Master's Degree in Astronomy, subsequently working at the Woomera Rocket Range and then at the Mt Stromlo Observatory where she stayed until she retired.

Lucinda, Ed.

Eremophila Study Group Seminar

- may still be held in the future

The Eremophila Study Group (ESG), led by Dr Lyndal Thorburn (life member of ANPS Canberra) has been planning a seminar and garden visit weekend in Warwick, Toowoomba and Lowood (Qld), **from Friday 31 July to Monday 3 August 2020.**

The organisers have decided to go with the dates above anticipating that restrictions will have eased by then. However if it has to be postponed, the likely dates are mid September to mid October.

The draft Seminar program includes 5 presentations on various technical and horticultural aspects of the Eremophila genus, 6 garden visits and two nurseries that specialise in Eremophila.

If you'd like more information and want to be kept informed of the decision, with a view to attending if it is being run, please email Lyndal at [lthorburn \(at\) viria.com.au](mailto:lthorburn@viria.com.au)



2020 Volunteering Awards Canberra Region

Volunteering Awards acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding contribution of thousands of volunteers around the Canberra region who willingly give their time and skills to the community each year.

Nominations close 30 June 2020.

Nominate your valuable volunteers for a 2020 award

VolunteeringACT has opened nominations for the 2020 Volunteering Awards. The Awards, now in their 29th year.

Nominations close on 30 June 2020

There are nine award categories. Go to for more information and to make a nomination.

<https://www.volunteeringact.org.au/get-involved/volunteering-awards/>

1. Volunteer Team of the Year Award
2. Corporate Volunteering Award
3. Volunteer Leadership Award
4. Innovation Award
5. Young Volunteer of the Year Award
6. Senior Volunteer of the Year Award
7. Inclusion Award
8. Volunteer of the Year
9. Canberra's Choice Award

Weed Swap - Early Invaders

April to December 2020

'Swap weeds for native plants'

ACT Parks and the Molonglo Conservation Group want people to check their gardens, suburbs and reserves for the invasive plants listed under 'Project Requirements' or 'Observation Rules'.

'We want to stop these new and emerging weed species (early invaders) spreading into nature reserves and waterways where they will disrupt our native plant communities and ecosystems.'

A native plant gift voucher (\$30 or \$50, depending on which early invader was located), will be given to people who spot new infestations of these invasive plants **on public land** (a 'spotter's fee'). Residents who spot them **in their garden** and remove them, will receive a \$50 or \$100 native plant gift voucher - depending on which early invader was removed (a 'weed swap').

How to get involved? Go to

<https://inaturalist.ala.org.au/projects/weed-swap-early-invaders>

Hakea "Burrendong Beauty"

Lucinda Royston photo

4000 trees to be planted in COVID-19 and bushfire response packages

The ACT Government has just announced the 'Jobs for Canberrans Fund' that is providing work opportunities for people who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19. In a win-win for people and the environment, the Government has also brought forward bushfire recovery works.

A \$3 million program will plant new 4000 trees across Canberra and refresh public spaces, undertake planting, mulching, and employ an additional ten people to support urban tree management and care. It's unclear as yet whether the 4000 trees are part of the Government's previous 17,000 trees over 4 years, or in addition to that commitment. Simultaneously, another million dollars will support 26 new positions doing repair works in Namadgi National Park and planting trees in the Lower Cotter catchment area

ANPS Calendar

Next Council Meeting: Monday 11 May at 12.30pm, by teleconference

Other events

Australian Native Plant Market

Held monthly at Cool Country Natives, Pialligo
Cancelled until September.

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Show and Tell

A Tale of Two Daisies from John Carter

'I grow two Xerochrysum cultivar daisies—a yellow flowering one and a white flowering one. Both will produce viable seeds.

The yellow cultivar was planted along the driveway of a long-time friend and one of the seedlings it produced grew into a very attractive white flowering form. This plant is more compact than the parent, is vigorous and easy to propagate. I used to sell it as Xerochrysum "Penny's from Heaven" in honour of my long-term friend. It needs very little maintenance other than deadheading.

The moral of the tale is: keep an eye on chance seedlings from your plants because you never know what they will grow into.

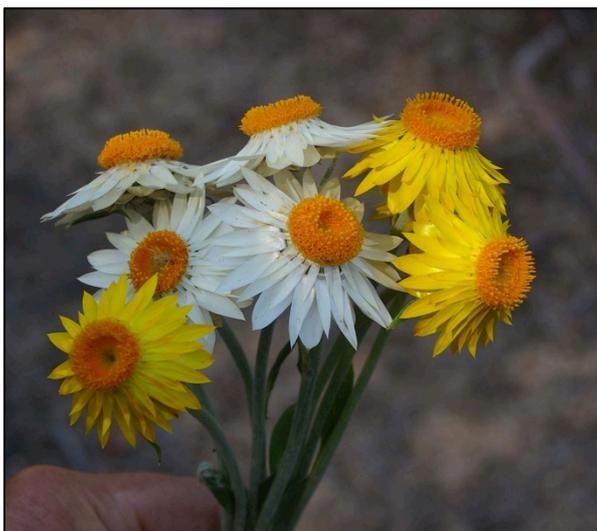
Xerochrysum "Penny's from Heaven" can be bought from Cool Country Natives in Pialligo.



Xerochrysum "Leon's"



Xerochrysum "Penny's from Heaven"



Xerochrysum flowers

more Show and Tell

From Brigitta Wimmer

'If anybody wants to grow a Grevillea that seems to thrive through drought and heat without watering or other maintenance, than this Lady O 'New Blood' is it. Ours is about 10 years old and in flower for a long time of the year - one of my lucky choices!'



From Ben Walcott

Acacia subulata – Awl Wattle

A medium to tall shrub 1.5 – 4m high and 1-2m wide with a slender habit. Narrow graceful foliage and showy yellow ball flowers in spring/summer and sporadic. For moist or dry sites in full or part sun. This plant tolerates heavy soils. From northeastern NSW along the ranges and slopes.



Hakea laurina x petiolaris ‘Pin Ball’ – Pincushion Hakea (grafted)

Tall shrub or small tree with leathery green to bluish green leaves. Ball like red flowers with creamy white styles are produced from autumn to winter. Useful for screening and the flowers attract nectar feeding birds. Grow in a sunny open spot. Height 3.5 – 5m high x 3-10m wide. Prune well.



Hakea francisciana ‘Pomonal Pink’ – Pink Pokers – grafted

Tall evergreen erect woody shrub with long narrow grey leaves. Spectacular long pink bottlebrush flowers in winter and spring. Must be planted in full sun in well drained soil. Height 5m, width 5m. Frost hardy, attractive to birds.



What to do on a long driveway. By John Carter

‘My partner’s place in Bowral has a 220m long driveway with a 90m long wedge nearest the road which I have planted with natives. The Bowral area is beset with formal plantings of exotics; laurels, photinia hedges, etc and a 90 long strip doesn’t lend itself to planting a collection of miscellaneous species—a more formal design is needed. You will also have a greater impact with a linear mass planting when you are driving past. Consequently, I have restricted myself to a limited palette and a sandwich design of linear plantings with a banksia filling.

The soil is based on a deep basalt clay, gently sloping to the road. The site has been mulched with *Pinus radiata* chips courtesy of the neighbour who had several cut down and chipped. The mulch is deep and, once planted with natives, no follow up watering has been needed. This is despite the recent drought.

I have planted a line of 32 *Allocasuarina littoralis* along the fence side of the wedge with a line of 41 *Grevillea* ‘Lady O’ and 52 *Xerochrysum* hybrids (aka X. ‘Penny’s from Heaven’) along the drive edge. Between the lines is a collection of banksias: *B. serrata*, *B. ericifolia*, *B. marginata*, and *B. robur*; and a line of *Eucalyptus caesia*.

There was a previous planting of grevilleas and xerochrysums along the original drive, but these were removed when the drive had to be widened to meet Wingecarribee Shire Council requirements. Fortunately, the *B. ericifolias* and *B. serrata* were able to be retained and now provide a backbone for the later plantings.

I used the *Allocasuarinas* to support the campaign in the Southern Highlands to provide food for glossy black cockatoos. The banksias will provide a winter food source and the grevilleas will provide nectar throughout spring, summer, and autumn. I have used the xerochrysums because they naturally form a rounded compact shrub and flower from spring to late autumn. The only maintenance required is deadheading them in winter. They are easy to propagate and will be replaced in a couple of years.’



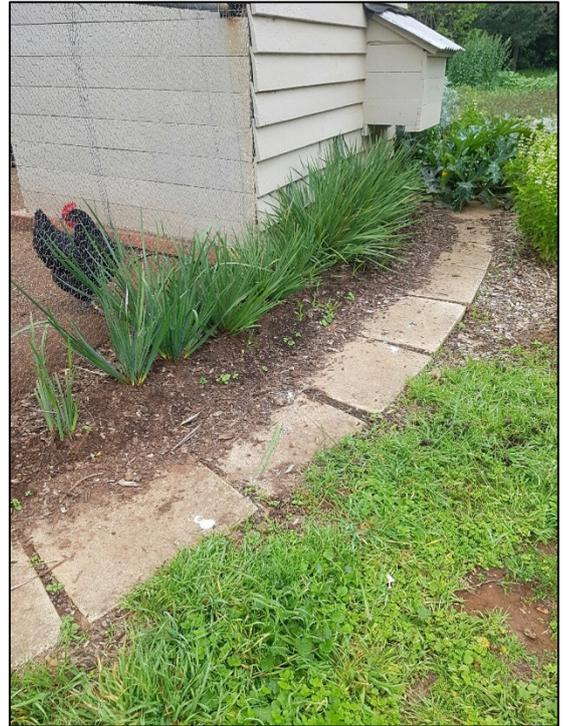
Who needs Mondo Grass? by John Carter

'Try *Patersonia sericea* or *Dianella* 'Florero'. The former can be grown from seed: the latter by division. I'm just about to divide my stock of *Dianella* 'Florero'.

The *Correa* in the background of the *D.* 'Florero' is *Correa* 'Federation Belle', growing in full shade. All plants are on ANPS' Plant Database so can be sold at ANPS Plant Sales.'



Patersonia sericea with chooks behind



Dianella 'Florero' with *Correa* 'Federation Belle' behind.



Recent Rambles on Red Hill
from Brigitta Wimmer



Calotis lappulacea



Glycine tabacina



Hackelia Cynoglossum



Convolvulus angustissimus ssp *angustissimus*



Solanum cinereum



Brachychiton populneus

Barbara Daly's Library

'For Sale'. Barbara's family is looking for a new home for some of Barbara's Australian native plant books. Make an offer or give a donation. All proceeds will go to Bush Heritage Australia www.bushheritage.org.au.

To collect - pickup or meetup. Please email Lucinda at bark@bigblue.net.au, ph 0429 133 449.

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