



Members Meeting

****Thursday, 18 May****

Date Change for special speaker

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: TBA

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

May Raffle prizes:

The plants will be provided by: member growers Damian De Marco and Naomi Boccola.

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.

Talks at Members Meetings.

We have a great array of interesting speakers lined up for the rest of 2023 for our monthly members meetings.

Please support these talks by coming along to listen to a range of different subjects presented by experts in their fields.

Speakers go to a lot of trouble preparing and presenting their talks and having a full audience is a big reward for them. After the talks there is opportunity to engage with speakers over a cup of tea.

We look forward to seeing you at the next and future meetings.

Roger Farrow, Speaker organiser.

Meeting Talk: Photographs as an essential biodiversity resource: thousands of our native plants have no public photographs available. Here's why that matters

In the world of biodiversity data, physical specimens are the gold standard, allowing for microscopic examination and DNA extraction, among many benefits. However, there's increasing recognition of the value of photos for documenting difficult-to-collect taxa, such as tall trees or spiny plants. Photographs also offer information absent or lost from physical specimens, such as flower colour or growth habit, and are valuable tools for identification keys, field guides, conservation and research.

Based on a comprehensive survey of 33 major online photo databases, almost 18% of Australia's ~21,000 native vascular plant species don't have an easily accessible field photograph. While south-eastern Australia is relatively well-documented, Western Australia, the Northern Territory and Queensland have thousands of un-photographed plants. A complex mix of factors, relating to taxonomy, geography and morphology, drives these patterns.

Guest Speaker: Tom Mesaglio

Tom is a PhD candidate at UNSW Sydney, working on understanding Australian plants, and how to improve this knowledge.

He's a curator and forum-moderator on the global citizen science platform "iNaturalist", having made more than 260,000 identifications for other users. Although much of his research involves citizen science data, he has published research across various disciplines, including marine forensics, bushfire recovery, and invertebrate ecology.

As part of the Environment Recovery Project team, Tom received the Department of Industry, Science and Resources 2022 Eureka Prize, for Innovation in Citizen Science.

Society members need no convincing of the immense value of plant photos for identification and cultivation. A number of our members are expert photographers.

The deadline for articles for ANPSC's June Journal is now 5 May.

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

Send **high resolution** images separately and not embedded in a document.

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

****Open Garden – ‘Yellow Box’****

Weekend 6 and 7 May, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

447 Spring Range Road, Spring Range, NSW

This extensive one hectare all native garden is located around the owner’s home on a prominent rocky knoll with 360 degree views of the rural countryside.

Meandering paths allow visitors to explore the many shrubby planted sections and a production area.

Refreshments available.

<https://opengardenscanberra.org.au/event/yellowbox-2023/>



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**

APS Victoria is hosting the next ANPSA Biennial Conference in 2024.

We encourage all ANPSC members to consider attending this conference.

The first conference newsletter from the conference organising team is attached to this Bulletin email.

For more information and to register your interest go to:
<https://apsvic.org.au/anpsa-biennial-conference-2024/>
*Australian Native Plants Society Australia

Exhibitions at ANBG

Visitor Information Centre

9.30am to 4.30pm, daily

High Country Natives.

8 April – 7 May.

An exhibition focusing on native plants from the alpine, subalpine, montane and tableland regions by the Friends of the ANBG Botanic Art Groups.

The artists have used a variety of media including watercolours, coloured pencil, graphite, pastels and acrylic paints to illustrate plants in an intricate and highly realistic manner.

All works are for sale with proceeds going to the Friends of the ANBG.



Our Wonderful Natural World.

10 May – 4 June.

An exhibition by Canberra based artists of flora and fauna who use various mediums to express their inspiration and appreciation for the great beauty and diversity of nature.



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>

4 May	‘Enlightened Conservatory Design and Plants’ - Peter Byron and Joe McAuliffe.
11 May	‘Training the future: 30 years of the Volunteer Botanical Training Program’ - Bronwyn Collins.
18 May	‘Say cheese-tree! Exploring Australia’s vascular plant photographic record’ - Tom Masaglio.
25 May	‘Gardens and biodiversity’ - Dr Ben Walcott.
1 June	‘High Country Bush Blitz’ - Jo Harding.



State Conference, 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/>

Plant Sales

Australian Native Plant Market

Next Market Day - Saturday 6 May, 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.

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>

Australian Plants publication

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/>

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: Monday 8 May; at 12.30pm, Dickson Room, Banks Building, ANBG.

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

April Council Minutes will go up on the website after they are approved at the May Council Meeting

Next Bulletin: June 2023: If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by Wednesday 24 May 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 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?

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ANPSC Notices

Welcome to our new Members:

- ☘ Max Darvill
- ☘ Sandra Henderson
- ☘ Vathy Nagalingam and Jack Hilton



Correa sp.
Photos by Lucinda Royston

Vale Jan Simpson

23 July 1942 to 5 April 2023.

Jan joined ANPSC in 1972 was made a Life Member in 2004.

She was an active participant of the Society for 50 years and supported ANPSC and its many activities with her energetic, consistent, practical, ongoing and valuable contribution.

She will also be remembered for her friendship and her passion and knowledge for our native flora (particularly her love for Correas!).

A Tribute to Jan will be in the June Journal.

Photo by Jean Geue



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



Conservation

Item of interest from Rosemary Blemings

The Conversation: Nature is in crisis. Here are 10 easy ways you can make a difference

https://theconversation.com/nature-is-in-crisis-here-are-10-easy-ways-you-can-make-a-difference-202855?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest from The Conversation for April 11 2023 - 2595126094&utm_content=Latest from The Conversation for April 11 2023 - 2595126094+CID_c639226e926feb2a76c55d2229b2b4f6&utm_source=campaign_monitor&utm_term=Nature is in crisis Here are 10 easy ways you can make a difference

Sleeper Weeds - still being planted - Canberra Nature Map

<https://canberra.naturemapr.org/species/lists/52>

This new site and facility will help prevent threats to biodiversity.

Items of interest from Bill Willis

Eucalypt found only in Sydney suburbs confirmed as new species

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-07-21/new-eucalypt-species-sydney-botanic-gardens/101255680>

Eucalypts are icons of the Australian landscape, but their family tree is shrouded in mystery

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/science/2022-07-31/eucalyptus-native-trees-evolution-dominate-australia-landscape/101229092>



Clockwise from above Rt

- *Marsilea mutica* (Banded Nardoo) floating on dam at Mt Majura
- Botanising *Amyema miquellii* at Mt Majura
- Wednesday walkers on Smokers Flat Swamp Loop, Corin
- Botanising on Smokers Flat Swamp Loop, Corin

Photos by Gail Ritchie Knight

Members Activities

ANPSC Plant Sales

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

**ANPSC's Spring Plant Sale is
21 October at ANBG**

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'.



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



May Propagation Bee

Sunday 14 May, from 10am to 1pm.

3 Considine Close, Greenleigh (Queanbeyan)

We will be potting up struck cuttings. Please dress warmly and bring secateurs, gloves, hats and a drinking mug. If it is raining it will be held under cover. We will provide tea and coffee.

The propagation workshop (see below) will be well underway when you arrive (it starts at 9am) and the graduates from this workshop will join us at about 10:30am to help with the potting up.

We are aware that this is Mother's Day - if you can come for just a little while before your Mother's Day lunch you will be very welcome!

If you have any questions contact Lyndal on ☎0418 972 438.

We'd appreciate advance notice to Nola McKeon at propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au if you plan to attend - and, as always, do not attend if you are unwell.

May Beginners' propagation workshop

Sunday 14 May, 9 to 10 am

3 Considine Close, Queanbeyan.

Starting at 9am, the workshop will cover propagation media, hormones, cuttings and seeds. At approx. 10am, participants will join the main propagation Bee for at least 30 minutes to learn potting up. The main Bee will continue until 1pm. This allows you to go to Mother's Day lunch if you have that planned, though you will be welcome to stay at the main Bee for as long as you like. Please register as soon as you can as there will be a limit of 6 people. Please email Lyndal Thorburn on lyndal@viria.com.au, providing your name, email address and phone number. Places will be allocated on a "first come first served" basis. The workshop will be held under cover and hence will proceed even if it is raining.

We look forward to welcoming members to the Propagation Workshop!

Photos from April propagation Bee

Photos by Lyndal Thorburn. 'We were potting on small plants left over from the Plant Sale and potting up new struck cuttings.'





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 April Activity

Thursday 4 May

Combined visit with the Southern Highlands Australian Plant Society to a garden in Exeter.

DAGs members will visit the beautiful bush garden of Bill and Fran Mullard. The driveway is planted with eucalypts and banksias and other Australian natives. There are mixed plantings around the house and an extensive shale woodland bush garden, a threatened type of bush.

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



Report on the April DAG activity

On a cool and showery Sunday, 14 Day Activity and Garden Design Study Group members visited Bill and Heather's 40 year old all native garden. Part of the 4 acre block has been left untouched including all the trees. After a very welcome morning tea and with the showers easing Bill guided the group around his garden providing many interesting facts about his large and varied collection of plants.

Maureen Mallard

April garden visit

- Bill (in yellow) showing us his garden.
- The untouched part of the block.
- Plant collection in pots.
- Eucalyptus rossii.

Photos by Maureen Mallard



DAG 2023 Program

Future planned activities

- **Tuesday 13th June.** Visit to a garden in Bungendore.
- **Sunday & Monday 9th & 10th July.** Visit the Illawarra Grevillea Park (Sunday), the Menai Wildflower Group garden in Illawong (Monday morning), and the Mt Annan Botanic Garden (Monday afternoon).
- **Sunday 13th August.** Visit to the garden of Peter Olde in Oakdale, NSW.
- **Tuesday 16th September.** Visit to a garden in Burra.

If you have a garden you'd like to share with the group, or have a garden suggestion, please contact the DAG Committee at dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au

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

The first two trips are:

May Field Trip.

Monday 15 May to Thursday 18 May

Beowa NP (formerly Ben Boyd NP.)

Travel to Eden on Monday, various walks on Tuesday and Wednesday, return home on Thursday.

This will be an opportunity to explore the state of regeneration since the bush fire and to enjoy a coastal park.

We will be based in Eden for 3 nights, which is approx. 290 km and 3/5hrs from Canberra and has a wide range of accommodation/camping options.

Note: the park has fire damage and tracks may be rough and uneven and or closed for park purposes.

Register with Warwick Daniels at

wda68126@bigpond.net.au

For an interesting article on Ben Boyd and why the national park has been re-named, go to the Beowa National Park website -

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/parks-reserves-and-protected-areas/park-management/community-engagement/ben-boyd-national-park-renaming>

July Field Trip

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

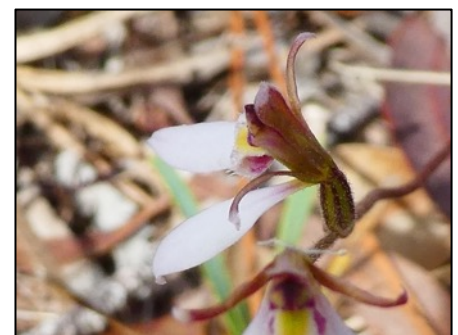
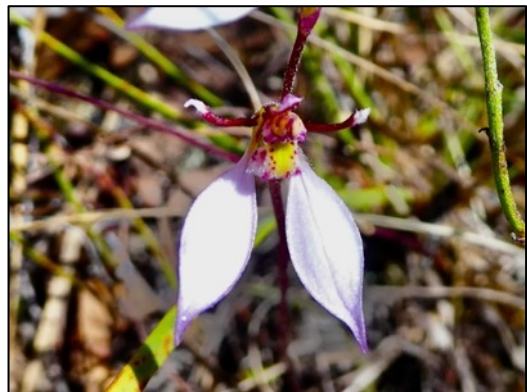
‘If you have thoughts on a place to go with good companions and friends, please make a suggestion. I'm sure you will get takers!’ Jeanette

WWs at Dalton and Broadway TSR in April.

Photos by Lucinda Royston



At Dalton – Goodenia hederacea, looking at the orchids, Eriochilus cucullatus - Parson's Bands.



Below - At Broadway TSR, the track, and Isotoma fluviatilis at the dam.



Show and Tell – Plants in the ANBG currently blooming or with seed.
Text by Ros Walcott and photos by Ben Walcott.

Banksia neoanglic or New England Banksia, has silver backed dark green foliage with gold brushes held upright. This shrub is native to the eastern tableland of Queensland and New South Wales.



Corymbia 'Summer Red' is a grafted eucalypt with dark green leathery foliage, attractive new red foliage, red fluffy flowers and beautiful bud formations.



Grevillea 'Mason's Hybrid' is a spreading bush with large spider blooms of pink, red and orange. This hybrid arose from seed collected from an upright glaucous form of *Grevillea bipinnatifida* while the other parent is presumed to be *G. banksia*.



Hakea archaeoides is a bushy shrub with oblong leaves and clusters of now green furry nuts which develop into grey woody nuts. This plant is native to the north coast of New South Wales and is listed as vulnerable in the wild.

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



Grevillea lanigera has grey-green foliage and pink and cream flowers on a low bush. This plant, commonly known as Woolly Grevillea, is endemic to Victoria and New South Wales.