

COVID-19 health emergency – ANPSC activities

Activity groups - WWs, Field Trips, Propagation Group and DAGs/GDSG - have COVID-19 Plans approved by Council setting out arrangements to minimize the risk of COVID-19 to our members and the public.

Therefore, subject to ACT and NSW government restrictions, these groups may resume their activities.

Propagation and DAGs/GDSG, have resumed activities while WWs and Field Trips have yet to do so.

Monthly Members Meetings are suspended until further notice to comply with ACT government restrictions on people numbers.

Council is holding its meetings in a large indoor venue at Cool Country Natives Nursery, Pialligo.

As we cancelled both 2020 Plant Sales due to COVID-19, member growers may promote their alternative plant selling activities on the ANPS website and Facebook page.

Please stay well everyone.
Lucinda Royston, President

Treasurer position now vacant

Rod Hutchinson resigned as our Treasurer last month. Rod took on the Treasurer role in a time of real need and had a steep learning curve! The Treasurer position is integral to the management of the Society. Council thanks and appreciates Rod for all his efforts in fulfilling his role as Treasurer.

The Treasurer position is one to be filled at the November AGM.

From the ANSPC Archive

Minutes of our Propagation Group's inaugural meeting, held on 28 November 1986, are an attachment to this Bulletin – interesting reading!

Annual General Meeting 2020

Thursday 12 November 2020 at 7.00pm*

Crosbie Morrison Amphitheatre, ANBG (outside the Crosbie Morrison Building, below the café).

*Please note the earlier time for the meeting.

This meeting will not include a normal members meeting - there will be no speaker, book sales or refreshments this year.

Our Constitution requires a minimum of 20 members to be present at the AGM for a quorum. We have decided to hold the AGM outdoors to comply with COVID-19 restrictions.

You will need to book a place, on a first come first in basis, by emailing secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

We encourage members to come along to the AGM and elect our Council members for 2021. All 11 elected Council positions will be declared vacant and elections for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and six ordinary members will be held.

Nominations for Council: Please think about becoming a Council member and help manage the affairs of the Society. You may nominate yourself or another member and all nominations need to be seconded by another member. Please send nominations to the Secretary at secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au before the AGM.

If you have any queries please contact either Lucinda Royston, President at

president@nativeplantscbr.com.au or Garth Chamberlain, Secretary at secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Plant Sales

Plants available from some of our member growers in Spring 2020.

Plants lists from 4 of our member growers are available on our website at

<https://nativeplantscbr.com.au/articles/plants-available-from-some-anpsc-member-growers/>

Contact each grower for details and prices.

Deadline for articles for the March ANPSC Journal is 1 February.

Please send items/articles to our Journal Editor, Gail Ritchie Knight, at journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Warm welcome to our new members

- ✿ Sven Johanson
- ✿ Melissa Ford
- ✿ Anne-Marie Slattery
- ✿ Miranda Sage
- ✿ Clonagh Riley

Interesting items - from Rosemary Blemings

European honeybees outcompete native pollinators, concerning experts and traditional owners

From ABC Rural News

The European honeybee has been in Australia for almost 200 years and its presence is often seen as benign, even beneficial. But that may not always be the case.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/rural/2020-10-02/feral-european-honeybees-outcompete-native-bees-top-end/12717608>

Wild Pollinator Count 8 to 15 November

You are invited to count wild pollinators in your local environment and help build a database on wild pollinator activity.

You can join in by watching any flowering plant for just ten minutes sometime in the count week.

- You don't need to be an insect expert.
- You don't need fancy gear.
- You may be surprised by what you see!

Australia has around 2,000 native bee species, all of which are important pollinators. There are also a couple of thousand butterfly, wasp, fly, moth, beetle, thrips and ant species, some of which are documented pollinators.

For more information, go to
<https://wildpollinatorcount.com>

Exhibitions at ANBG, Visitor Information Centre

ANBG 50th Anniversary 'Reflection' Until 21 December

Outdoor Exhibition, 9.30am-4.30pm

Step back in time and see how the Gardens have transformed over the last 50 years with a special outdoor exhibition.

Reflections: Friends Photographic Group exhibition

19 November to 6 December
9.30am-4.30pm

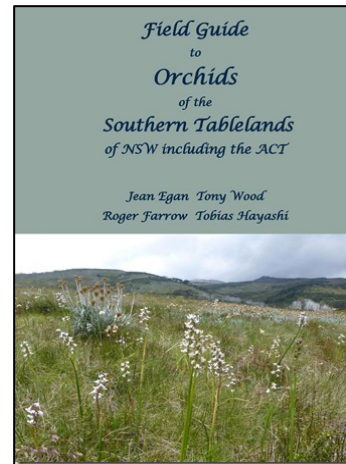
Beautiful photographs taken within the Gardens by the Friends Photographic Group. Unframed prints and cards for sale.

Now Available!

Field Guide to Orchids of the Southern Tablelands of NSW including the ACT by Jean Egan, Tony Wood, Roger Farrow, Tobias Hayashi

Price \$45 RRP. A special concession price will be available to ANPSC members through on-line sales at email tobiashayashi@hotmail.com

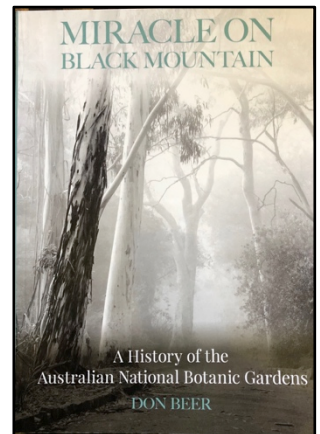
It will also be available from selected local book shops including ANBG Bookshop.
Roger is a life member of ANPSC. Ed



Miracle on Black Mountain *A History of the Australian National Botanic Gardens* by Don Beer

This is the story of the only major metropolitan botanic garden devoted wholly to Australia's native flora and presents the first full-scale history of the ANBG.

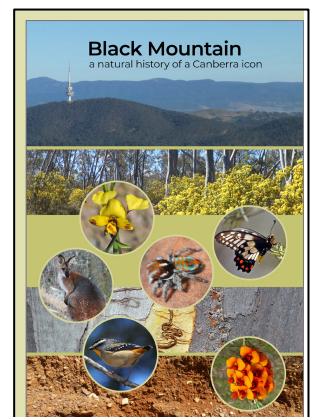
Now available from the ANBG Bookshop for \$28 RRP.



Black Mountain – a natural history of a Canberra icon by naturalist, Ian Fraser and plant ecologist, Rosemary Purdie with Friends of Black Mountain

This Book is about the area's natural history as well as its fascinating social history.

Price: \$35 RRP
Available from selected local book shops including ANBG Bookshop OR email to FoBMPublicationSales@gmail.com



ANPSC Vacancies

Looking for a new Journal editor

ANPSC is looking for a new Journal editor. After eight years, Gail Ritchie Knight will no longer be available to produce our quarterly Journal.

Please consider volunteering. Botanical knowledge is not a prerequisite. In fact, you don't even need to write any articles. They will come to you. Our Society has several talented members who happily write on a range of topics that make our Journal one of the most respected native plants society journals in the country.

The software used to produce the Journal is Adobe InDesign. If you are unfamiliar with InDesign, there are free online courses available. The Journal's design is quite simple and a basic knowledge is more than adequate. Gail will happily provide support if needed. A bonus for the new editor is that ANPSC will pay the software subscription fee. If you have any questions regarding the role of editor feel free to contact Gail whirlwind1@argonite.com.au. Please consider putting up your hand. Expressions of interest to our Secretary secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

ANPSC Study Group Leader Liaison Officer vacancy

Brigitta Wimmer, our SGLO, is resigning from this role after our AGM.

The SGLO is the liaison point between the ANPSA Study Groups, the ANPSA Study Group Coordinator and our Society.

SGLO tasks - Study groups produce newsletters up to twice a year and the SGLO receives these newsletters, prepares a list of their contents and sends it to our Journal Editor to be published in our quarterly Journal. From time to time the SGLO receives an updated Study Group list to also be published in our Journal.

This is not an onerous role so please consider volunteering. Please contact our Secretary secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au if you are interested.

At the moment there are 16 active Study Groups and any ANPSC member can join any study group. ANPSC has 2 Study Group Leaders - Lyndal Thorburn, Eremophila and Ros and Ben Walcott, Australian Plants for Containers.

For more information on Study Groups, go to <http://anpsa.org.au/study.html>

A big Thank You to Brigitta.

We very much appreciate and acknowledge Brigitta for undertaking the SGLO role since 2016. Study Groups are an important component of ANPSA and a valuable resource for our members. It is thanks to Brigitta's efforts that we have been kept informed of study group activities and information. Lucinda Royston

WW Coordinator vacancy

Kris Nash, our WW coordinator, has advised that she is unable to continue in this role. We are therefore looking for a member to take up this task as soon as possible. Kris is happy to assist the next coordinator in any familiarisation with processes, if needed.

The Coordinator activities include liaising between walk leaders and walkers: receive walk proposals from potential leaders; send out emails notifying next walk(s); and arrange for post walk reports to go to WWs and onto our website.

If you are interested in taking on this role please contact our Secretary secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

A big Thank You to Kris for giving so generously of her time and energy in coordinating our Wednesday walks. We very much appreciate her volunteering to do this important role and enabling members to enjoy such a variety of walks and diversity of native flora in the local area. Lucinda Royston.

ANPSC Calendar

Next Council Meeting: Monday 9 November at 12.30pm in the large indoor venue at Cool Country Natives Nursery, Pialligo.

Council Business Reminder: Council Minutes are on our website in Members Area under 'Minutes'. The October ones will go up after the November Council Meeting.

Next Bulletin: December 2020.

If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by 25 November to bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

Other events

Australian Native Plant Market

Held monthly at Cool Country Natives, Pialligo
Cancelled until further notice.

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Society Activities

ANPSA Biennial Conference deferred to 2022

The organising committee of the ANPSA Biennial Conference due to be held in September 2021 at Kiama, NSW has made the difficult decision to postpone this Conference to September 2022.

Attached to this Bulletin is a Notice from the organising committee.



The endangered Small Purple Pea, *Swainsona recta* at Burra reserves is flowering well this year after several lean years. Photo by Roger Farrow.

Australian Plants Journal September 2020 - Eremophila Issue

The latest issue of the Australian Plants Journal (the quarterly publication by APS NSW) is devoted entirely to the genus *Eremophila*.

Dr Lyndal Thorburn, who leads the Study Group, is also a Life Member of ANPS Canberra.

The issue has 65 colour photos of *Eremophila* and articles on horticulture, propagation, indigenous uses, responses to fire and their occurrence in the wild. Any members who wish to buy a copy, but do not already subscribe to the Journal, can purchase one for \$6.50 and postage through the Eremophila Study Group's website -

<http://www.anpsa.org.au/eremophilaSG/Order%20form%20for%20APS%20jnl%20Sept%202020.pdf> .

Lyndal Thorburn



Members Activities

Propagation

Propagation group queries to propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

The COVID-19 Plan for this activity group has been approved by Council and propagation at both CIT and Queanbeyan locations is subject to any ACT/NSW COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.

Potting Bee

Saturday 21 November from 10.00am to 1.00pm
Charles Weston Lane, CIT, Bruce

As part of ANPSC's COVID-19 management, as usual please bring your own gloves, hats, sunscreen etc and your own food and your own tea/coffee. Please also bring any COVID-19 protective gear you wish e.g. Masks.

You will need to pre-register your attendance by emailing propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

Cutting Bee

Monday 7 December from 4pm to 7pm.
3 Considine Close Greenleigh NSW

'This will be a twilight cutting bee. We usually share some Christmas cheer at this event but this year you will need to bring your own drinks and food as we cannot share due to COVID19 restrictions - nevertheless we will toast a glass to the year at the end of the bee.

As it is later in the afternoon you may not need the usual sun protection but as it has also been raining a lot you will need mosquito protection instead.

Please bring cuttings, gloves, hats/sunscreen if you feel the need, secateurs, insect repellent and your own food/drink.

Please park along the street unless you have limited mobility, in which case you are welcome to park in the circular drive.

We would be particularly interested in significant numbers of cuttings of the following species so we can trial different hormone strengths (these are species we have had limited or zero success from cuttings in recent years): *Adenanthos ileticos*, *Banksia serrata*, *Boronia molloyae*, *Bossiaea walkeri*, *Callistemon formosus*, *Callistemon pachyphyllus*, *Callistemon villosus*, *Cryptandra spinescens*, *Derwentia (Veronica) arenaria*, *Isopogon anemonifolia* and *Melaleuca nematophylla x barlowii*

You will need to pre-register your attendance by emailing propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au but note that we can have 30 people at outdoor events in NSW now.'

Contact: Lyndal Thorburn, ☎0418 972 438

Day Activity Group* & Garden Design Study Group

Acting Coordinator: Bill Willis ☎0407 268 797,
dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au

* DAGs

The COVID-19 Plan for this activity group has been approved by Council and this activity is subject to any COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.

DAGs & GDSG Garden Visit 24 November, 11:00 am

Dave Bishop's garden, 30 Perry St, Yass

An 11am arrival at Yass allows travel time from Canberra to Yass. We are planning to have a COVIDSafe spaced happy birthday (Dave's) picnic lunch in the garden. An outside event with everyone bringing their everything.

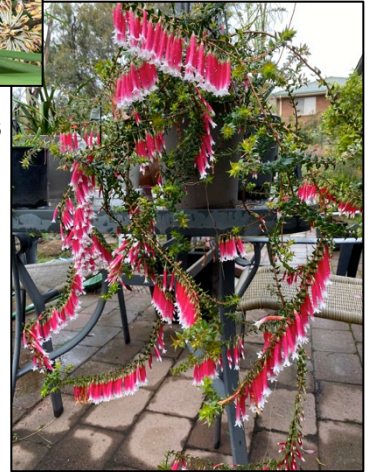
You will need to advise me of your interest in attending by emailing me at least 72 hours prior to Tuesday 24th. I will confirm your attendance.

Bill Willis dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au



Lomandra multiflora Guys Cross
- Stony Crk
Epacris longiflora

Photos by Bill Willis



Dave Bishop's garden – February 2017, May 2018, April 2020.
Photos by Dave Bishop



Report and thank you - DAGs & GDSG October Garden visit

At Lyndal Thorburn & Tom Jordon's Greenleigh garden on Tuesday 27 October.

'Thank you Lyndal Thorburn & Tom Jordon for the delightful visit to their large verdant rural residential Greenleigh (1985) garden. It was gratefully acknowledged by one and all (8 DAGs) that the size and range of native plants in the garden was amazing. The weather was kind and Lyndal was most generous with her time and knowledge on native plants, gardening and their propagation. The extensive range of native plants, especially Eremophila sp., reflected the many years of service and commitment Lyndal and Tom have given to ANPSC and ANPSA.'

Bill Willis.

Acting Coordinator ANPSC DAGs & GDSG

Field Trips

Our Field Trip Coordinator is Jeanette Jeffery

Contact: fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au

The COVID-19 Plan for this activity group has been approved by Council. Activities may go ahead subject to any COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.

No field trips are planned for the rest of this year at this stage.

If you want to be kept in the email loop contact the Coordinator: Jeanette Jeffery.

Wednesday Walkers (WWs)

Coordinator: vacancy. See Notice in this Bulletin.

The COVID-19 Plan for this activity group has been approved by Council. Activities may go ahead subject to any COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.

There are no Wednesday walks planned at this stage.

Show and Tell

Photos from Nola McKeon

In mid October on the rock platform near Bulee Gap past Nerriga. Most of the vegetation had been burnt. Masses of shrubs and forbs re-emerging are competing for space.



Calytrix sp, *Dampier* sp, *Lomandra* sp, *Hybanthus* sp, *Calochilus* sp

Show and Tell

From the Walcotts – flowering in their garden

Text by Ros Walcott, photos by Ben Walcott



Stylidium bulbiferum, or Circus Triggerplant, is a mat-forming plant, with evergreen, linear leaves and short spikes of apricot 'trigger' flowers. These plants grow in the wild in Western Australia near Perth on granite outcrops in woods and on heaths.

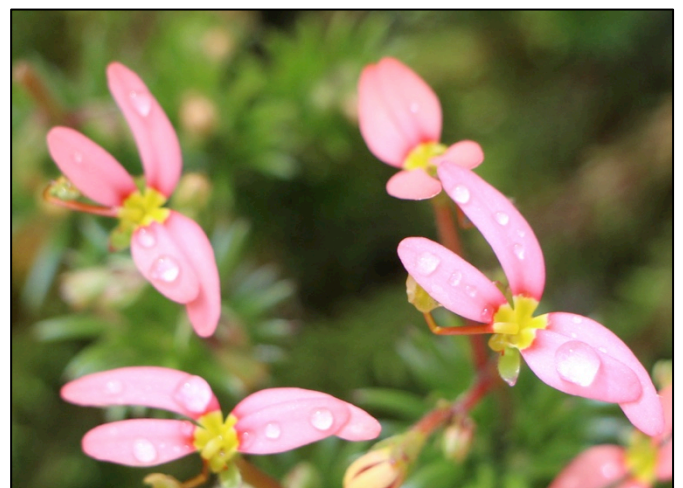
Dampiera linearis 'Violet Princess' is a small plant with soft, linear green leaves and dark purple flowers.



Brachyscome diversifolia var. *maritima*, also in a pot, has large white daisy flowers with gold centres. This plant is native to Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia.

Eremophila nivea is a small shrub with mauve tubular flowers and striking silver-grey foliage covered in hairs. This plant is found in the wild on the southern west coast of Western Australia

Stylidium armeria or Thrift-leaved Triggerplant, has tufts of narrow leaves at the base and erect dark pink-magenta flowers. This plant is native to New South Wales, [Queensland](#), [South Australia](#), [Tasmania](#), and [Victoria](#)



Show and Tell
Pilliga State Conservation Area 3/State Forest in
October - photos by Lucinda Royston



Podolepis neglecta, *Wahlenbergia planiflora* ssp *longipila*,
Ricinocarpus Bowmanii – female, *Xanthorrhoea acaulis*, *Brunonia*
australis, *Pultenaea foliosa*, *Calytrix tetragona*, *Boronia glabra*





Gnaphosia tenuissima, *Leptospermum polygalifolium* ssp *transmontanum*, *Dodonaea penduncularis*, *Dianella* 'Pilliga', *Grevillea floribunda*, *Swainsona cadellii*, *Dampiera adpressa* white, *Prostanthera* 'Pilliga', *Harmogia densifolia*, *Chloanthes parvifolia*