



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.

However, with the recent spike in COVID-19 cases in Victoria and NSW, all groups, other than Propagation, have suspended activities.

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.

October 2020 Spring Plant Sale has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

Member growers may promote their alternative Spring plant selling activities on the ANPS website and Facebook page.

Please stay well everyone.
Lucinda Royston, President

49th Black Mountain Spring Wildflower Ramble

Saturday 10 October, 9.30 – 12.00 or later
Belconnen Way entry just before Caswell Drive turnoff

Cost: Gold coin donation

BYO morning tea, water, hat, sunblock and stout shoes.

Bookings Essential: Places are limited. Please provide your name, phone number and email address in order to satisfy COVID-19 regulations. Contact:

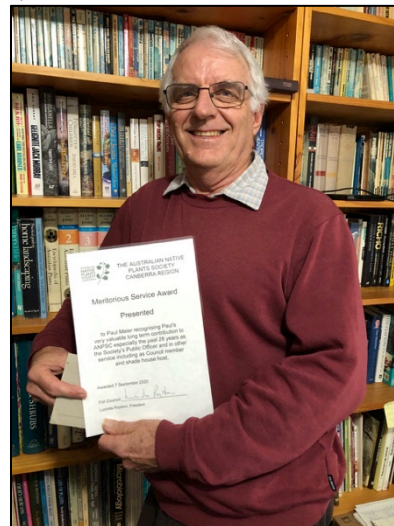
friendsofblackmountain@gmail.com or Linda ☎0437 298 711 or Libby ☎6296 1936.

Meritorious Service Award – Paul Meier

ANPSC Council recognises and considers Paul has made a very valuable contribution to ANPSC, and believes he deserves this Award.

The Award certificate reads ‘recognising Paul’s very valuable long term contribution to ANPSC especially the past 28 years as the Society’s Public Officer and in other service including as Council member and shade house host.’

Paul has been a member of ANPSC since 1982 and has been a Council member including Vice-President and Treasurer. He has been our Public Officer for past 28 years since the ACT Associations Incorporation Act



came in and ANPSC was required to have a new Constitution that Paul wrote. Paul and Cheryl also hosted an ANPSC shade house in their back yard in Chisholm. Paul has a Horticulture Diploma and with John Carter founded The Plant People native plant nursery, selling plants at our Plant Sales and privately.

The Award includes a presentation of a certificate and a book voucher, usually made at an ANPSC monthly meeting but due to Covid-19 restrictions, Paul has been presented with the Award at his home by the President, Lucinda, and the Secretary, Garth.

Council introduced this Award, in 2019, to acknowledge members who have freely given exceptional support, practical service and commitment to the life of ANPS.

Lucinda Royston, President.

Deadline for articles for the December ANPSC Journal is 1 November.

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

Warm welcome to our new member

☘ Megan Taylor

Friends of Dryandra Woodland

There is one more opportunity to help with an informal plant survey in O'Connor - from 9am to 12pm on Saturday 31 October, based at North Canberra Dog Park.

Friends of Dryandra Woodland aim to encourage ACT City Services to manage the urban park land located between Black Mountain and Bruce Ridge nature parks, bounded by Barry Drive and Dryandra and Fairfax streets.

Contact Jamie Pittock pittockj@yahoo.com if you are interested in being involved.

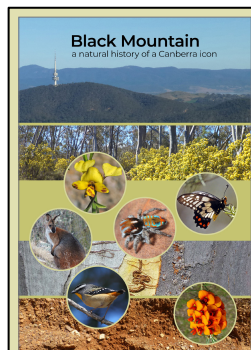
Black Mountain – a natural history of a Canberra icon

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: ANBG Bookshop, Paperchain Manuka, Dickson Newsagency, Canberra Visitors Centre, Regatta Point, The Curatoreum, National Arboretum, and NLA Bookshop OR Order ☎0404 148 721, email to FoBMPublicationSales@gmail.com



Exhibitions at ANBG, Visitor Information Centre

Presented by members of the Friends of the Gardens Botanic Art Group – *Legacy of Banks and Solander*

26 September to 25 October

An exhibition of botanical art focusing on plants collected by Joseph Banks and Daniel Solander on their discovery voyage of Australia to coincide with the 250th Anniversary of Cook's first voyage to Australia and on Banksias for the Gardens 50th Anniversary.

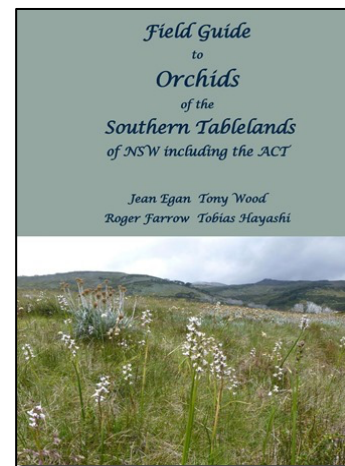
56 of the Australian plant specimens collected by Joseph Banks & Daniel Solander in 1770 are among the more than 1 million held within the Australian National Herbarium at ANBG

Field Guide to Orchids of the Southern Tablelands of NSW including the ACT

by Jean Egan, Tony Wood, Roger Farrow, Tobias Hayashi

The Book will be available after the launch on 1 October. 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



The FJC Rogers Seminar - to be held on line due to COVID-19.

October and November, 2020

Please register an Expression of Interest - email to fjcrogers@apsvic.org.au if you would like to receive the **Webinar (Zoom) link to be part of the FJC Rogers Seminar lectures.**

There is no cost to the Webinars. Everyone who registers by sending an email will be sent the Webinar link a day or two before 8th October. So be sure to check your email.

All those who have already registered an EOI for the Seminar, and those who have registered for **garden visits** will automatically be sent the Webinar link - no need to email again.

The garden visits are on hold. Tentatively 28 & 29 November if Victorian COVID-19 restrictions allow them. An updated Registration Form will be emailed separately for these.

1st Webinar (Zoom) - Thursday 8th October, 7pm-8.30pm: 1. Trevor Wilson - Intimate relationships unveiled; kinships of quirky Australian Mints. 2. Dr. Michael Whitehead - Pollinators, pollination & gene flow in Victorian prostantheras.

2nd Webinar (Zoom) - Thursday 15th October, 7pm-8pm. Professor Jeremy Bruhl & Dr Ian Telford - Mayhem in the Mints, Systematic study of Prostanthera; resolving misnaming with consequences for cultivation & conservation.

3rd Webinar (Zoom) - Thursday 22nd October, 7pm-8.45pm: 1. Maria Hitchcock OAM - Propagation, cultivation, & essential oils of Prostanthera & Westringia genera. 2. Propagation & cultivation of Allied genera; the Kings Park experience. 3. 5min presentation by APS Maroondah on 14th FJC Rogers Seminar in 2022.

Australian Native Plants Society (Australia) – ANPSA

Australian Plants Award 2021

As an ANPSA member Society, ANPS Canberra may nominate someone in either or both the Professional and Amateur categories of this Award - before February 2021.

If you know of someone from our Region, you think has made an outstanding contribution to the knowledge of **Australian plants** who you think ANPSC should nominate or you want further info, contact Lucinda Royston president@nativeplantscbr.com.au. More information is also at <http://anpsa.org.au/award.html>



Interesting items - from Bill Willis



Webinar: Carbon sequestration & biodiversity: valuing & managing carbon-rich systems

Tuesday 13 October, 3:30-5:00 pm AEDT

<https://climatefirebiodiversity-value.eventbrite.com>

International and national climate mitigation policies have seen a growing interest in approaches to carbon accounting and investments in carbon-rich systems. Increasingly this interest includes a focus on the importance of carbon stored in biodiverse systems, as well as the value of integrating biodiversity and other values into new carbon investments.

Speakers will discuss the concept of 'green' and 'blue' carbon accounting in biodiverse systems and explore new approaches to integrating biodiversity, social and cultural values with carbon accounting. They will also examine the impacts of the 2019-20 fire season on Australia's carbon budget, how carbon stocks are impacted by a changing climate, and strategies for ensuring biodiverse carbon sinks are sustainable and resilient to future shocks.

This webinar series is a collaboration between the National Environmental Science Program's Threatened Species Recovery Hub and Earth Systems and Climate Change Hubs.

A new Eucalypt described

A new mallee red gum from Triassic aged sandstone benches in the northern part of Wollemi National Park north-west of Sydney, has been described and illustrated

Glen Gallic Mallee (Eucalyptus dealbata subsp. aperticola, Myrtaceae), a new taxon from the sandstone escarpment of the Hunter Valley, New South Wales.



<https://openjournals.library.sydney.edu.au/index.php/TEL/article/view/14543e>

From Telopea - a plant systematics journal

<https://openjournals.library.sydney.edu.au/>

Philotheca myoporoides

Lucinda Royston photo

ANPSC Calendar

Next Council Meeting: Due to long weekend - Tuesday 6 October 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 September ones will go up after the October Council Meeting.

Next Bulletin: November 2020.

If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by 28 October 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

ANPSC's Plant Database Team

Are you interested in being involved in its activities?

The Plant Database Team (PDBT) manages the Society's plant database. The database is used to generate the list of plants available at the Society's plant sales and also to create the plant labels used at those sales. The role of Team members includes entering new information, and reviewing existing information and amending where necessary.

Council has recently approved Terms of Reference (TOR) for the PDBT. These TOR can be found on the Society's website under Our Policies, under the main Menu.

The PDBT currently comprises nine people with John Carter as the Chair. The TOR allows for up to ten people to be members of the PDBT and in addition the PDBT may invite people to assist for particular projects.

If you are interested in nominating for membership of the PDBT or wish to become involved in its activities. please contact John Carter at carterjg@inet.net.au.



Propagation at CIT on 27 September

Lucinda Royston photos



Members Activities

Plant Sales

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

For the list of plants available from now on (until sold out) from 4 of our member growers, go to our website at <https://nativeplantscbr.com.au/articles/plants-available-from-some-anpsc-member-growers/>

Contact each grower for details and prices.

Propagation

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

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

Potting Bee

Saturday 9 October from 10am to 1pm*.

*We will be in Daylight Saving Time.

Queanbeyan Shadehouse at 3 Considine Close, Greenleigh, NSW

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

You will need to pre-register your attendance with the bee host, Lyndal Thorburn, by emailing lthorburn@viria.com.au. There is a limit of 20 people - Lyndal will confirm attendance on a first-come-first-served basis.

Any queries please contact Lyndal ☎ 0418 972 438 or Ian Tranter ☎ 02 6284 3547

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: Kris Nash, krisnash4@gmail.com

☎0420 920 993

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.

Due to current COVID-19 situation and the ACT government advice that people should only travel interstate if necessary, **Wednesday Walks are suspended until further notice.**

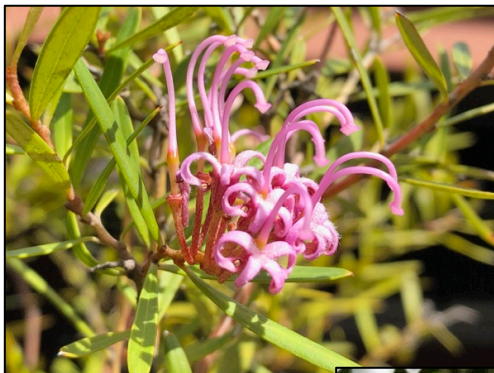
Day Activity Group* & Garden Design Study Group

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. This activity may go ahead subject to any COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.

Due to current COVID-19 situation and the ACT government advice, **DAGs & GDSG activities are suspended until further notice.**



Grevillea sericea

Lucinda Royston photos



Calothamnus quadriflorum



Westringia longifolia

Show and Tell From Bill Willis' garden

Phebalium sp

A three year old *Phebalium nottii* (scion) with pink flowers, on *Phebalium squamulosum* (flowering rootstock).

The unusual feature of the *P. nottii* flower arrangement are the yellow stamens which are offset to one side. This is not characteristic of most other members of the genus, (Family: Rutaceae) except for *P. woombye*.

Flowering occurs in late winter - spring.



Pterostylis curta

- commonly known as the Blunt Greenhood orchid found in south-eastern Australia, Lord Howe Island and New Caledonia.

It has a rosette of leaves at its base and a single white and green, forward leaning flower with a brown tip and a twisted labellum.



A Wander in the Wallum by Linda Tabe

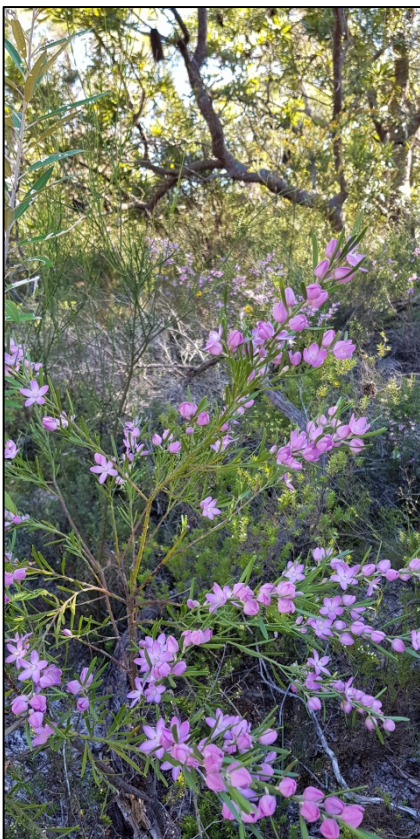
Rod and I managed to be granted permits to squeeze through the Queensland border, just before it was closed a couple of months ago. Since then, we have been taking refuge from the southern winter in our shed home on a one acre block at Cooloola Cove, in SE Queensland. It has been a wonderful wildflower season up here. Here are some pictorial highlights of our local perambulations.



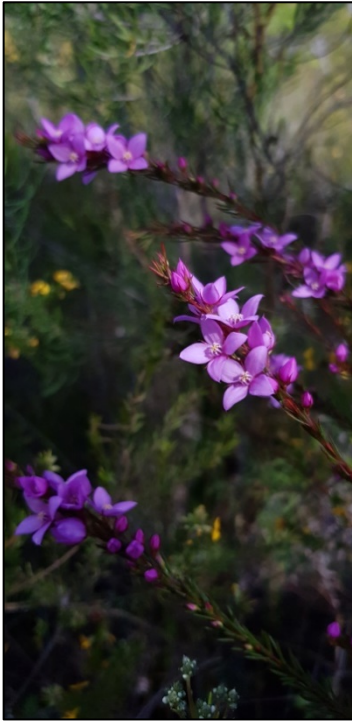
We spotted one of these for the first time, in wet Eucalypt forest; the climbing orchid, *Erythrorchis cassythoides*, twining and leafless, as the name suggests.

Orchids flowering on our block this year included *Diuris alba* (left), odd when you are used to the yellow versions!

Another was the delightfully named *Arthrochilus irritabilis*, or leafy elbow orchid. The discovery of this one brought the total number of orchid species we have seen on our 1 acre block to 12.



The lovely *Eriostemon australasius* was particularly prolific this year.



Three more favourites that are putting on a great show are (left to right); *Boronia falcifolia*, which surprisingly, thrives in boggy places, *Daviesia umbellata*, and *Ricinocarpus pinifolius*, which is absolutely resplendent through up the whole area right now.

Show and Tell

From the Walcotts – flowering in their garden

Text by Ros Walcott, photos by Ben Walcott

***Asterolasia hexapetala* (yellow)**

Asterolasia is a small genus of about 5 species, closely related to *Phebalium* and *Leionema*. They are generally small to medium shrubs which grow in sheltered, open forests. All are endemic to Australia and occur in the eastern half of the continent. Most are small shrubs with very aromatic foliage and producing star-like flowers in the white to bright yellow range. *A. hexapetala* is a small to medium shrub which rarely exceeds 2 metres in height. The leaves are hairy, grey-green in colour and up to 4cm long and 2 cm wide. However, *A. hexapetala* frequently produces flowers with six petals. *A. hexapetala* has a restricted distribution in the Warrumbungle Ranges in the central west of New South Wales. In cultivation the species performs best in a moist, well drained and slightly sheltered position (but not dense shade). The plants will usually tolerate periods of dryness once established.



***Asterolasia asteriscophora* – Lemon Starbush**

Erect shrub, 1-2m high, with yellow flowers.
Found in southern NSW and Victoria



Grevillea oleoides

Native to a restricted area of coastal NSW, this is an erect, often suckering shrub to 1.8m high with entire linear leaves about 15cm long. The red flowers are borne in loose spider like heads from winter to early summer.

Boronia coerulescens – Blue Boronia

Erect shrub to 50cm with short thick linear leaves. Flowers vary from bluish to pink and white. Distribution NSW, Vic, SA, WA. Growing well in a pot.



Grevillea rosmarinifolia ‘Wright’

The original plant was found by Pat and Warwick Wright on the nature strip near their house, a vigorous plant growing out into the street so in danger of being removed. We grew 4 plants from cuttings which have grown well. They have very dark green leaves with profuse cream and red clusters of flowers over many months

Acacia denticulosa – Sandpaper Wattle

Erect, sparsely branched shrub to 2m high by 3m across. Thickly textured elliptical phyllodes are up to 7cm long, toothed with a rasp like surface. Golden rod shaped flowers to 7cm long in spring. Distribution WA – status vulnerable. Dry situation needed. Rare plant from SW WA, Wongan Hills.



Show and Tell – in Nola McKeon's garden



Acacia vestita, Bracyscome multifida, Eremophila decipiens ssp. decipiens
 Calothamnus quadrifidus grey leaf,
 Phylothea myoporoides, Hakea propinqua?, Bracyscome Formosa,
 Westringia sp., Sanantha similis, Swainsona galigefolia
 Grevillea forest rambler, Grevillea obtusifolia Gingin Gem, Olearia decurrens

Show and Tell

From the Walcotts – flowering at the ANBG at this time

Text by Ros Walcott, photos by Ben Walcott

Anigozanthos manglesii or Red and Green Kangaroo Paw is the floral emblem of Western Australia. This plant is one of the most spectacular of the Kangaroo Paws, with its green flowers and bright red bases on red furry stems. This plant grows along the southern part of the west coast of Western Australia.



Alyogyne 'West Coast Gem' has clear purple 'hibiscus' style flowers which open for a short period only but are prolific. The bush is medium sized with coarse foliage.



Pandorea pandorana 'Golden Showers' is a vigorous twining vine with masses of tubular brown and gold flowers. This species is widespread in Australia down the east coast from Cape York to Flinders Island in Bass Strait and also occurs in central Australia.



Asterolasia 'Lemon Essence' is a compact shrub with masses of lemon yellow star flowers. This plant was developed at the ANBG.

Chorizema cordatum – *varium* (intermediate form), or Heart-leaved Flame Pea, is a showy weeping shrub with vivid orange/pink flowers and bright green prickly foliage. This plant grows naturally in the moist southwestern parts of Western Australia. The label states *Chorizema cordatum* – *Chorizema varium* and we wondered whether it was a hybrid? According to the Herbarium, it is an intermediate form between the two species.

