



## Members Meeting

**Thursday, 13 October**

**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:** Roger Farrow.

**Meeting Book Sales:** as usual. See item on page 4

### **October Raffle prizes:**

The plants will be provided by: member grower Damian De Marco.

**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.

## **ANPSC's Spring Plant Sale 15 October at ANBG**

### **Please volunteer to help with set-up and/or Sale.**

We need volunteers for the set-up on Friday 14 October (8:00 am to 3:00 pm, or part thereof) and to run the Sale on Saturday 15 October (7:00 am to 2:00pm, or part thereof). Please support your Society by volunteering – please email Tom at [plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au) Volunteers may buy up to 10 plants before the Sale opens.

### **The deadline for articles for ANPSC's December Journal is 1 November**

Please send items/articles to Gail Ritchie Knight, our Journal Editor, at [journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

## **Meeting Talk: Waterwatch – helping to protect, conserve, restore and manage landscapes.**

Waterwatch is a community water quality monitoring program that encourages all Australians to become involved and active in the protection and management of their waterways and catchments.

Waterwatch engages and supports local community groups, residents, schools and landowners to regularly monitor the water quality of local creeks, wetlands, lakes, rivers and drainage lines. The program is extensive, covering the Murrumbidgee River and Yass River catchments upstream of Burrinjuck Dam - an area of more than 11,000km<sup>2</sup>.

Each year, Waterwatch coordinates hundreds of citizen scientists to record data on water quality and aquatic ecosystems. Their records are so precise and detailed that they form part of the Territory's official water quality monitoring scheme and contribute to the development of the ACT's catchment management policy.

Waterwatch data has also helped to inform community-based conservation activities such as creek restoration, willow removal, weed eradication, habitat development and reduced use of pesticides and fertilisers.

## **Guest Speaker: Woo O'Reilly**

Woo O'Reilly has 20 years' experience in the field of freshwater management ranging from research on montane stream frogs, Ramsar wetland and migratory bird conservation, as well as broader catchment management. Her most recent work involves engaging the community in catchment health through her work as the Regional Facilitator of Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch.

## **Council members for 2022/2023**

Our AGM is in November where 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.

The Society needs members' support and new and different ideas and views to achieve its aims and importantly to enable the Society to continue to function. We need members to step forward and take up roles on Council.

Please consider the valuable contribution you would make being a Council member and helping to manage the ongoing affairs and running of the Society. You may nominate yourself or another member.

If you have any queries please contact either Stephen Saunders, President at [president@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:president@nativeplantscbr.com.au) or Christine Kendrick, Secretary at [secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

## Exhibitions at ANBG Visitor Information Centre 9.30am to 4.30pm, daily

### Finding Flight 6 to 23 October

An exploration of biodiversity within the Gardens, featuring photographic images of birds, animals and plants by photographer Ben Harvey.



### Dirk Lejuene Timber Mosaics

#### 26 October to 20 November

A sculptural feast of three dimensional decorative wood mosaics. Inspired by Dirk's fascination of the Australian bush, his artworks consist of timber, bark and crosscuts of branches.



## Friends of Black Mountain Walks

### Black Mountain Spring Wildflower Rambles.

**Saturday 8 October, 9.30am till about 12 noon**  
**Belconnen Way entry just before Caswell Drive**  
**turnoff.**

We are expecting a very lovely display after all the good weather we've been having.

**Bookings are essential.** Please register by email at [friendsofblackmountain@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofblackmountain@gmail.com) or ☎ 0437 298 711 and provide name and phone number so we can advise you of unexpected changes eg the weather. Gold coin (or more) donation. Bring water and snacks if you wish.

## Open Gardens Canberra

The following gardens have either some or largely Australian native plant component. **All the gardens open on Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 4pm.** More info at <https://opengardenscanberra.org.au>

### 22 to 23 October: Vasey Garden: 46 Vasey Cr., Campbell

Over 500 species of flowering and non-flowering native trees, shrubs and groundcovers. Owners are ANPSC members.

### 5 to 6 November: Sarah's Garden: 45 Middleton Cct., Gowrie

Non-natives and new plantings include local indigenous species wherever possible and a 'guerrilla' garden out into the urban 'park' planted with mainly local grassland species.

### 12 to 13 November: Pillans Garden: 30 Aspen Rise, Jerrabomberra

An entirely native garden which features over 1000 individual species, including more than 70 acacia species and more than 70 grevillea species. A wide range of bird species frequent the garden and the number is increasing as the garden develops. Existing mature eucalypts are complemented by plants sourced from a wide variety of local, regional and far-flung sources, including some not normally grown in the Canberra region. One section of the garden has been developed as a dry 'rainforest' gully using species with glossy, dark green leaves. Owners are ANPSC members.

## STEP

The Southern Tablelands Ecosystems Park (STEP) is a regional botanic garden, education and conservation centre demonstrating southern tablelands species within the National Arboretum.

STEP advises that their site, Forest 20, has been re-opened to the public following remediation to paths and locations caused by storm damage and encourages people to visit and enjoy what's in flower.

## Australian Rural leadership Program

'Regenerate Capital Region' (Canberra | Yass | Michelago | Burra | Bredbo | Queanbeyan | Bumbalong | Tharwa | Royalla)

An 8-day residential leadership development program for rural landholders or managers, emergency first responders and local government employees to build community resilience and improve future bushfire responses.

**Applications close 31 October.** The program is fully funded by the federal Government.

Group 1: 19-24 March & 25-27 August 2023

Group 2: 16-21 April 2023 & 15-17 Sept 2023

<https://rural-leaders.org.au/regional-leadership-programs/regenerate-capital-region/>

## Conservation

### Update on the Lawson North Residential Development

The Conservation Council ACT Region recently made a submission to the Minister for Environment and Water regarding the Lawson North EPBC Referral.

You can read the full submission at:

[https://conservationcouncil.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Conservation-Council-ACT-Region\\_Lawson-North-Residential-Development.pdf](https://conservationcouncil.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Conservation-Council-ACT-Region_Lawson-North-Residential-Development.pdf)

ANPSC is a member of the Conservation Council and has given its support in opposing this development.

Defence Housing Australia, a Commonwealth Government agency, put forward the proposal to develop the Lawson Grasslands for housing which would lead to the loss of approximately 15.8 hectares of critically endangered ecological communities under Commonwealth environment laws.

In addition, the ACT Government has also called on the Federal Environment Minister to reject the proposal to develop the Lawson Grasslands. Refer to:

[https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2022/sep/23/act-urges-tanya-plibersek-to-quash-defence-housing-plan-that-would-destroy-critically-endangered-grasslands?CMP=Share\\_iOSApp\\_Other](https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2022/sep/23/act-urges-tanya-plibersek-to-quash-defence-housing-plan-that-would-destroy-critically-endangered-grasslands?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other)

## Reminder: No collecting of plant material from NSW National Parks and Nature Reserves

‘There has been a tightening up of regulations concerning the collection of plant and animal material from NSW National Parks and Nature Reserves that affects not just threatened species but all plants however common. ANPSC members are advised that they should not collect any plant material without a permit in such areas. Our Society’s reputation and good relationship with the local NP&WS and the Threatened Species Unit of NSW Department of Environment could be seriously compromised by such activities. Suitable plant material for propagation is easily available outside the reserves in State Forests, Crown Lands, TSR’s, private land and along roadsides where permits are not required, except for threatened species that are protected everywhere.

**For further information see** National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019 Heading 21 on the NSW Government website that states:

### 21 Protection of vegetation

(1) A person must not —

- (a) gather, pluck, pull up, poison, take, dig up, cut, fell, remove, damage or destroy any vegetation in a park, or
- (b) have any vegetation in the person’s possession in a park, whether for removal or otherwise, or
- (c) introduce any vegetation into a park.’

Roger Farrow

## Eucalypt Australia 2023 Dahl Fellowships – Myrtle rust project

Eucalypt Australia has awarded a Fellowship, to Alyssa Martino, funding a project to monitor the spread of myrtle rust on Eucalyptus and other Myrtaceae across Australia.

This project will focus on building a network of ‘Eucalyptus and Myrtaceae Protectors’. By providing the necessary resources to educate people of the symptoms of myrtle rust, this will allow citizens to identify and report myrtle rust in the natural environment.

<https://www.eucalyptaustralia.org.au>

**Eucalypt Australia is a grant-making Charitable Trust that focuses on eucalypts**, awarding Fellowships of up to \$25,000 to individuals for projects that advance the conservation, education or research of eucalypts in Australia.



## 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>

6 October	‘Little Eagle’ - Stuart Rae.
13 October	‘Exploring Wellbeing through Nature’ - Sally Holliday.
20 October	‘Some insights to the Australian National Botanic Gardens’ - Dr Judy West.
27 October	‘Eyebrights at risk of climate change?’ - ‘Alex McLachlan.
3 November	‘The rise of mega forest fires under climate change and what to do about it.’ - Dr Pep Canadell.

## Plant Sales

### Australian Native Plant Market

**Next Market Day - Saturday 5 November, 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>

At the October Australian Native Plant Market last Saturday - Lt member grower, Alison Ubels, Farmgate Natives with Gail Ritchie Knight and the pink umbrella. Rt member grower, Bill Willis. Photos 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. In addition, there is a good range of second-hand books, donated by members, for a donation of your choice.

**Next Council Meeting:** Monday 10 October at 12.30pm, Celia Rosser Room, Banks Building, ANBG.

**Council Business - Council Minutes are on our website in Members Area under 'Minutes'.** September Council Minutes will go up on the website after they are approved at the October Council Meeting

**Next Bulletin: November 2022:** If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by Wednesday 26 October to [bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

### 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.

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## ANPSC Notices

### New Members

A warm welcome to new members:

- ☘ Sharon Grafton
- ☘ Susan McMaster

### Vale Anne Holmes

**Died on 17 May 2022, age 73.**

Anne had been an ANPSC member since 1985 and until her work life became too busy, Anne was actively involved in Society activities including plant sales and field trips and was especially very active in propagation. She had also been a Council member.

Anne offered to take on the Treasurer role in late 2020 and while only able to remain in the role for a year, her knowledge and advice as Treasurer as well as on other Council issues was highly valuable and valued. Her counsel has been missed.

Anne was a very enthusiastic chorister, being a member of several choirs including the Llewelyn Choir. Since the mid 90s she had been a diligent runner, even completing a marathon.

Anne was Director of Economics at the Parliamentary Library for many years and more recently she worked part time with Senate committees.

Lucinda Royston  
Past President.



Anne Holmes and Ben Walcott consigning in plants at the March 2021 Plant Sale. Photo by Lucinda Royston.

### ANPSC Council – a new Treasurer and a Council member

We have a **new Treasurer** - Merelyn Southwell Keely, who has taken over this position from Jacki Schirmer who resigned due to family and personal commitments. Council thanks and appreciates Jacki for taking on the important role of Treasurer.

We also have a **new Council member**, Jeanette Jeffery, who is also our Field Trips coordinator.

We now have a Council of 8 members – 4 Executive and 4 Ordinary.

## Members Meeting Speakers

Send speaker suggestions to our speaker organiser, Lena Saboisky, at [lenasaboisky@gmail.com](mailto:lenasaboisky@gmail.com)

## Write-ups of Member's Meetings talks

'Members may recall that, during COVID, we looked at recording members' meetings, but did not proceed. For those of you who may not be able to attend meetings, the Journal is trialling articles on the speaker presentations. The first of these will look at our September speaker, Lori Gould and her Latham's Snipe Project.' Steve Saunders, President.

## The Eremophila Study Group

The Eremophila Study Group is celebrating its 50th anniversary and has **launched an Eremophila-themed Christmas Card, birthday card, present-wrapping paper and a colouring book**, to raise funds for its research into Eremophila germination.

**These items are available for sale** to the general public. If you would like to see the range and order something, go to [anpsa.org.au/eremophilasg/merchandise](https://anpsa.org.au/eremophilasg/merchandise).

The image from the front of the Christmas card and the images on the 500x700mm wrapping paper are shown below.



## 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](mailto:lthorburn@viria.com.au)



## Members Activities

### Wednesday Walkers (WWs)

Contact: Christine Kendrick at [secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto: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'.

## Members Activities cont.

### ANPSC Plant Sales

Our Plant Sale Coordinator is Tom Jordan  
Contact: [plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

**October Spring Plant Sale**  
**15 October 2022**  
**at ANBG**

### Volunteers needed

See our call for volunteers to help with the set-up and the Sale on page 1.

### Sale Arrangements

There is no requirement for a Covid Plan and there will be no capacity constraints on this event. Also, there will be open entry from the start of the Sale at 8.30 am ie no ticketed entry as we expect fewer customers due to a reduced number of plants for sale (<7,000) than usual for a Spring Sale.

And note, for the first time, relevant plants will have Threatened species labels.

## Members out and about.

### At Cocoparra National Park, near Griffith, NSW.

From Roger Farrow. Roger and Christine Kendrick visited Cocoparra NP in September.



Christine looking at the endangered Pomaderris cocoparrana. Grevillea floribunda - called the 7 dwarfs grevillea!



## Propagation

Propagation group queries to [propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto: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](mailto:propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

## October Propagation

There will be no weekend propagation bee in October. Instead, members of the propagation group will meet on a week day early in October to finalise weeding and labelling of plants going to our Spring Plant Sale. If you are already on the propagation group list, look out for an email in your inbox. If you aren't on the list, and would like to be, please email [propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au)



Plants in the Propagation Group potted up at September's Potting Bee at CIT Bruce. Photo by Lyndal Thorburn

## Field Trips

**Our Field Trip Coordinator is Jeanette Jeffery**

Contact: [fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

If you are interested in any field trips, 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. And if you have any suggestions for trips or would like to lead one, also please contact Jeanette.

## Future Field Trips

'Our planned trip in November is cancelled and we have no plans for October or December so if anyone has some thoughts on a place to go with good companions and friends please make a suggestion. I'm sure you will get takers!'

Jeanette

## DAGs Calendar of activities

If you would be happy for DAGs to visit your garden or you know of gardens that would be of interest to the group, please email [dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au) and a committee member will contact you.

## Day Activity Group\* & Garden Design Study Group

Contact: [dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

### Coordinating Committee members:

Digby Gascoine, Tom Jordan, Maureen Mallard, Pam Morrison.

\* DAGs

If you have registered your interest in DAG in your membership record in the members area on our website you will receive DAG MailChimp emails detailing the next activity.

## DAGs October Activity - Garden Visit Sunday 16 October, 2pm

### 6 Temora Pl. Karabar, NSW

DAG will visit the 11-year old garden of Darryl Crapp and Alison Roche 'a work in progress'.

The garden is on a battleaxe block so park in Temora Place, please.

Darryl says their approach is 'to plant a native, or a food plant, or if possible both.'

A notice with further details will go out to those who have indicated their interest in DAGs activities in their membership record.

Contact: [dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au](mailto:dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au)

## Report of the DAGs September South Coast visit

Over the 3 days, the Day Activity Group visited: Burrewarra Point Reserve, Guerilla Bay with its diversity of vegetation types and the wildlife this vegetation supports, as well as the aesthetic scenic values; Eurobadalla Regional Botanic Gardens; the Broulee Bangalay Sand Forest, a threatened ecological community associated with coastal sand plains found in the Sydney Basin and South East Corner bioregions; and Horse Island near Bodalla with its beautiful garden and home located on Tuross Lake. This 80 hectare garden is a showcase of native Australian plants used in a formal and informal setting.

An article, with photos, on this field trip will appear in the December Journal.



Tom Jordan talking to the DAG group before the Burrewarra Point Walk. Photo by Maureen Mallard

**Show and Tell – Some Wattles in bloom in the Walcott garden.**  
**Text by Ros Walcott and photos by Ben Walcott.**



**Acacia gittinsii**  
 We planted this shrub, 2-4m high x 1-2m wide, with globular flower heads and fine green phyllodes, in October 2019. This plant is native to the Blackdown Tableland, central highlands area, Queensland.



**Acacia 'Bilby Blue'**  
 We planted one of these shrubs, 3m x 3m, with grey green foliage and bright yellow ball flowers in April 2017.



**Acacia 'Twilight Glow'**  
 We planted this hybrid A. howittii x leprosa seedling, 4-5m high x 2-3m wide, with rich green foliage and mustard pink ball flowers with yellow stamens, in August 2019. This plant was eaten to the ground by kangaroos December 2019 and was looking poorly. We removed the original plant for failure to thrive 2/22. We purchased another specimen to plant along the right hand boundary in July 2021 and are rewarded with our first flowers in September 2022.



**Acacia cardiophylla**  
 West Wyalong Wattle, 3-4m high, began as the most reliable of our wattles, with attractive feathery foliage and masses of bright yellow ball flowers in the spring. We planted 12 of these fast growing, tough plants in many different positions in the garden in 2003 and 2006, but they are a little frost sensitive in Canberra. We now have one remaining plant which was planted in February 2020. This plant is native to central and southern NSW.



**Acacia leprosa 'Scarlet Blaze' – Cinnamon Wattle**  
 We planted six 'Scarlet Blaze', a small evergreen tree, height 4-5m, fast growing, with a semi weeping habit, from 2005-2014, but only one remains. Commonly known as Cinnamon Wattle because leaves crushed in warm weather release a cinnamon like fragrance. The red flowers are spectacular and showy. A single specimen with red flowers was found in Victoria, but does not now exist in the wild. We find in our garden that these plants must be protected from the wind, as they are quite brittle.



**Acacia gracilifolia – Graceful Wattle**  
 We planted one of these slender upright shrubs, to 2m high, with very fine phyllodes and gold ball flowers in October 2011. This plant developed scale and we removed it in November 2014. We planted another specimen in November 2019 and this one persists. This plant is native to Flinders Ranges, Mt. Lofty Ranges and Port Pirie, South Australia.



**Acacia floribunda 'Little Flori'**  
 We have planted two of these mounding shrubs, 60cm x 1m wide, with green feathery leaves and bright yellow flowers in 2019 and 2020.