



Members Meeting

Thursday, 12 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: Karen Brien

Meeting Book Sales: See item on page 3.

October Raffle prizes: Plants will be provided by: the Society's propagation group's shadehouse at Queanbeyan.

Show and Tell: Please bring along any plant material or pot plants you think we would find interesting and like to see.

Important Reminder: bring Myrtaceae specimens into ANBG in plastic bags.

Council members for 2023/2024

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 or Christine Kendrick, Secretary at secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Meeting Talk: Eremophilas in the Landscape - three field trips hunting Emu Bush in western Queensland.

Lyndal Thorburn will recount the experiences of herself and husband Tom Jordan hunting Eremophila in the wild in western Queensland over three field trips during which they drove over 10,000km. They went from not being able to find anything, to being able to spot an emu bush speeding past at 100km/hour. The trips greatly enhanced their understanding of what wild landscapes offer to plants in the Eremophila genus, and they are now better able to understand this genus' responses in domestic garden situations. Lyndal will illustrate her talk with photos of the 17 species they were hunting, and the occasional dinosaur.

Guest Speaker: Lyndal Thorburn

Lyndal is a life member of ANPS Canberra, a member of APS NSW South East Region group, and has been leader of the Eremophila Study Group since 2015. A scientist by training but not by profession, she has kept her interest in biology alive through long term involvement with the APS Canberra propagation group, membership of ANPSA Study Groups, and participation in many Citizen Science groups including inaturalist, NatureMapr and Frog ID. Shortly after moving to Canberra, Lyndal was asked by Canberra Ornithologists' Group to join the Management Committee for Barren Grounds Nature Reserve, which at the time was being established as an education centre. She held this position for several years. She has since also been involved in the Queanbeyan River Corridor Management Committee and Queanbeyan Landcare. She and Tom now own a property on the South Coast and are enthusiastically focussed on regeneration of its local flora.

Lyndal's interest in Eremophila (Emu Bush) was kindled in 1985 when they first bought a pink Eremophila maculata 'Wendy' - a plant which is still alive in their Queanbeyan garden. She and Tom have since grown over 100 varieties in their rather shady garden, and they have been delighted to discover that many in the genus are frost hardy and don't need sun all day. This garden is also the source of many Eremophilas that have been sold over the years at ANPS Canberra plant sales.

ANPSC has a new Treasurer – see page 3 for details.

ANPSC's Spring Plant Sale is on 21 October at ANBG. To volunteer to help on Friday set up day and/or at the Sale contact georgietill@me.com . More details on page 4.

Deadline for items for our December Journal is 1 November.

Please send articles, long or short, with or without photos. Send **high resolution** images separately, not embedded in a document. Send them to Gail Ritchie Knight, our Journal Editor, at journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au

52nd Black Mountain Spring Wildflower Ramble

**Saturday 14 October, 9.30am to 12pm or later
Belconnen Way entry just before Caswell Drive
turnoff - watch for balloons or banners**

After the rain we have had this year we are anticipating a special display of flowers. We plan that there will be several guides, who will take different directions.

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

Gold Coins donation. **Bookings essential** at <https://www.trybooking.com/CLJIQ>



Open Gardens Canberra

OGC has some gardens opening this spring with sections of Australian native plants.

14&15 Oct: 'Serendipity', 29 Fitzalan Place, Kambah.
21&22 October: 'El's Garden', 3 Ramage Place, Flynn.
18&19 November: 'Amber's Garden', 8 Andado Place, Hawker.

More information about all the gardens is on the Open Gardens website:

<https://opengardenscanberra.org.au/events/>

Gardens are open 10am - 4pm. Entry is \$10 per person, free to Open Gardens Canberra members and children under 18. Non-members can pay cash on the day or book through Eventbrite (via the OGC website); this is recommended.

Exhibitions at ANBG

Visitor Information Centre
9.30am to 4.30pm, daily

Plant Stories: Woven Tapestry Narratives

20 September to 29 October

Through contemporary woven tapestry, ten artists, explore their associations with, interests in and memories of particular plants, state and national floral symbols, markers of the seasons, night and day, geographic locations, connection to nature, renewal and growth.

They draw, collage, print, paint from observation and imagination to develop designs for weaving in tapestry.



Botanic Images

1 to 19 November

A unique collection of botanic art and photographic works donated to the Gardens by the Friends of the ANBG. The exhibition showcases the talents of the Botanic Art Group and the Photographic Group in depicting botany.



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>

5 October	'Moths in the ACT: what might the Scott Sisters have found if they were here?' - Glenn Cocking
12 October	'Melichrus urceolatus on Black Mountain is a different species to Melichrus urceolatus on Mount Ainslie!' - Helen Kennedy
19 October	Don Beer Memorial Lecture 2023 - 'From little things big things grow' - Jo White
26 October	'Safe Custody for Native Guava' - Dr Zoe Knapp
2 November	'Conservation time machine: harnessing degraded DNA for wildlife protection' - Dr Erin Hahn



***ANPSA Biennial Conference 2024**

'Gardens for Life'

30 September to 4 October 2024

Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre

Hosted by APS Victoria

We encourage all ANPSC members to consider attending this conference.

For more details and to register your interest go to:
<https://apsvic.org.au/anpsa-biennial-conference-2024/>

*Australian Native Plants Society Australia

Plant Sales

Australian Native Plant Market

At Cool Country Natives, Pialligo

Next Market Day - Saturday 7 October, 8.30am-3pm.

**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

The 2023 version of ANPSC's *Where to buy Native Plants in the Canberra Region* is now available. Go to <https://nativeplantscbr.com.au/>

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 9 October at 12.30pm, Dickson 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 2023: If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by Wednesday 25 October 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.
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

Welcome to our new Members:

- ✿ Ruth Lang
- ✿ Tamara Winsor
- ✿ Daina Trethewey
- ✿ Kathleen Tozer
- ✿ Jon Propet

New Treasurer for the Society

'Our former long-term bookkeeper, Merelyn Southwell-Keely, stepped back into the Treasurer role last year to help us out. She has done a great job in the role. I've really appreciated her acumen and advice.

As members would have seen, we advertised a couple of times for a new Treasurer to relieve Merelyn once again. **We're pleased to advise that member Nana Sashiwa has now agreed to nominate for the role of Treasurer for the Society.**

Nana moved to Australia in 2014 and currently works at a local engineering company full time. Her favourite pastime is to visit a local nursery and help design the garden with her husband and three-year-old boy who also enjoy gardening.

You will be able to say hello to Nana at the upcoming Plant Sale. The Council really looks forward to working with her.'

Steve Saunders, President.

Australian Plants publication

Produced quarterly 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'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

Items of interest

"The Ecological Importance of Mistletoe."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOI-P9XNFdA&t=201s>

"How we brought mistletoes back to the trees of Melbourne – while warding off hungry possums"

<https://theconversation.com/how-we-brought-mistletoes-back-to-the-trees-of-melbourne-while-warding-off-hungry-possums-211742>

Members Activities

ANPSC Plant Sales

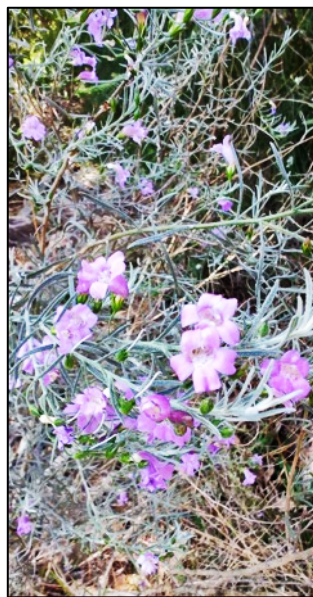
Our Plant Sale Coordinators are Alison Roach and Georgie Till.

Contact: plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au

ANPSC's Spring Plant Sale Saturday 21 October at ANBG Please volunteer to help with set-up and/or the Sale.

We need volunteers for the set-up on Friday 20 October (8:00 am to 3:00 pm, or part thereof) and to run the Sale on Saturday 21 October (7:00 am to 2:00pm, or part thereof).

Please support your Society by volunteering – please email Georgie at georgietill@me.com. Volunteers may buy up to 10 plants before the Sale opens.



Flowering in Lyndal and Tom's garden

- Acacia Twilight Glow
 - Eremophila Eyre Princess
- Photos by Lyndal

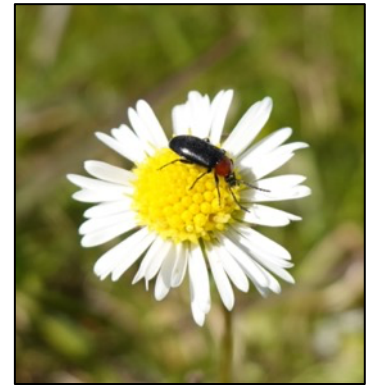
Wednesday Walkers (WWs)

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'.

Photos from WWs outing on 27 September to the Collector TSRs located just outside the village. Walk lead by Roger Farrow, photos by Robert Gibbon.



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

Propagation Group working bee - Plant Sale preparation

Sunday 8 October from 9:30am

CIT Bruce, Charles Weston Lane, off Eade St.

If you have some time on the Sunday morning, please come along to help with Plant Sale preparation. We'll do last minute weeding, add labels and rearrange pots to fill trays for the Sale.

Bring along a hat, gloves, water, mug and a snack.

If you have enquiries and to let us know you're coming, contact Nola: ☎0447 522 753, or nola_mckeeon@hotmail.com

Propagation Group is looking for cuttings of the following plants:

They are in our plant label database but have not been propagated for at least the last 10 years: *Correa alba x pulchella* 'Mallee Pixie', *Correa* 'Western Pink Star', *Correa alba* (low), *Correa decumbens x reflexa* upright pink, *Correa* 'Marianne', *Correa* 'Marian's Marvel', *Correa pulchella* 'Wreck of the Ethel', *Correa reflexa* var *speciosa* 'Point Hicks', *Leptospermum continentale* 'horizontalis', *Leptospermum novae-angliae*, *Leptospermum rotundifolium* 'Lavender Queen', *Thomasia rhyncocarpa*, *Zieria floydii*.

If any members can provide cuttings and/or photos of their plant for the plant label database it would be appreciated.

Please contact Lyndal Thorburn if you can assist lthorburn@viria.com.au

Advance notice

In November, we have been invited to a member's garden about an hour's drive out of Canberra to do our cuttings, taking them from his garden - look for more info in the November Bulletin.



Flowering in the CIT shadehouse area now:
Clockwise from below

- *Olearia phlogopappa*
- *Eremophila youngii*
- *Boronia Teloepa Valley Star*

Photos by Nola McKeon



Field Trips

Our Field Trip Coordinator is Jeanette Jeffery

Contact: fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Email Jeanette to go on the emailing list and keep up to date with Field Trip arrangements.

For a particular field trip, email the contact person for that trip for more information and to book your spot on their list.

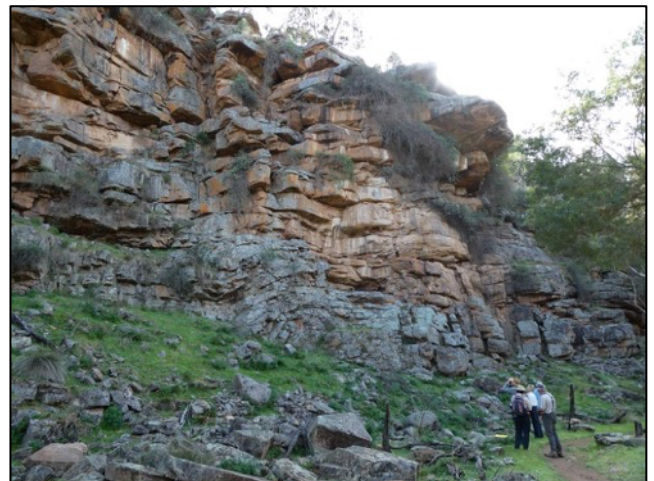
October Field Trip

Unfortunately the field trip planned for October had to be cancelled.

Future Trips suggestions

'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*

Photos from the September Field Trip to Cocoparra NP, by Roger Farrow and Christine Kendrick.



Clockwise from Top Lt

- *Calytrix tetragona* and jewel beetle
- *Grevillea floribunda*
- Jacks Gorge
- *Dampiera lanceolata*

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 October Activity

Tuesday 3 October, 10.30am

Visit Jo Walker's garden, 'Parraweena', 159 Poppet Road, Wamboin.

Lunch following at Sutton Bakery.

Jo's property, Parraweena, is a 20-acre bush block on the lower slopes of Poppet Hill. The vegetation ranges from areas of dry forest through understorey shrubs to open grassy areas containing heaths, daisies and forbs. There is a small area of garden along the driveway and at the side of the house – plus many plantings around the large dam and amongst the original vegetation.

How to get there: Drive along Sutton Road from the south (via Queanbeyan or Pialligo Avenue). Just after the NSW/ACT border sign, turn right into Norton Road. Pass Cooper Road (on right). Turn next right onto Poppet Road (with small white church on the corner). Turn left at letterboxes 159-165 onto dirt track. The gate is on the left of the electricity pole at the top of the track.

If attending please **RSVP before Tuesday** to dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au so we can advise Jo of the numbers visiting. Please indicate if attending either or both garden and lunch. Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell.

DAG - Future planned activities:

Sunday 29th October 10.30am, Visit to the garden of Els Wynen in Flynn.

Tuesday 14th November 10.30am, Visit to the garden of Fran Middleton in Isaacs.

Tuesday 19th December 12 noon, End of year function at Lyn and Peter Woodbury's in Googong.

If you have a garden you'd like to share with the group, in 2024 or have a garden suggestion, please contact the DAG Committee at

dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au

DAGs September Activity Report

A visit to the Burra garden of Fiona Matthews.

'This morning, 19 September, nine DAGs members had a very enjoyable visit to the garden of Fiona Matthews in Burra. After Fiona led us through the garden areas closest to the house, we wandered through some of the natural native vegetation, and finished with a picnic lunch and then delicious cake Fiona had very generously baked for us.

Fiona became custodian of this property in 1999. It is a 40acre bush block with mostly Eucalyptus mannifera and E. rossii, Rytidosperma pallidum (Red anther Wallaby Grass) and Acacia paradoxa and some tea tree. The earth is rocky with shale and not a lot of soil.

Fiona has created a more wild and natural garden using native plants. There are many fascinating repurposed and recycled items as garden sculpture that are (mostly) immune to the attack of local wildlife.

The garden blends into the native bush and many seats take advantage of the different aspects, to chase the sun or shade depending on the season and to contemplate and appreciate the quiet hum of nature.'

DAGs group

Photos from September activity by Paul Goggin



- Acacia sp x 2
- Correa sp
- Gastrolobium sp
- and a cocky sculpture.



Show and Tell – Flowering now in Ros and Ben’s Red Hill garden.

Text by Ros Walcott and photos by Ben Walcott.



Grevillea anethifolia

Our original plant of *Grevillea anethifolia* was given to us by Neil Marriott in 2014 and has proved very attractive in the garden. This plant is not endangered in the wild in WA and SA, but much of its natural habitat in NSW has been cleared. This plant suckers freely and supplies plenty of new plants for sharing. The foliage is dense and intricate, light green and the white flowers are prolific in spring. This plant should be cut back after flowering and will reward you with new growth.



Grevillea 'Crimson Villea'

We planted this compact grevillea with masses of showy crimson winter flowers, 80cm x 80cm, in February 2020. This cultivar of *G. rosmarinifolia* had its first flowers in September.



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.



Rhodanthe anthemoides 'Paper Cascade', 'Paper Star', 'Southern Stars', 'Starshower' and 'Sunray Snow'

We have planted more than 60 of these perennial everlasting daisies, 0.3 m high x 1m wide, with aromatic grey leaves and white papery flowers in summer, often pink in bud, from 2004 onward. These sub-alpine plants prefer a well-drained, mulched sunny position, but thrive with some overhead protection in our garden. Slugs love them – put down slug deterrent.



Nematolepsis frondosa

Previously *Phebalium frondosum*. We planted this erect shrub, 1.5-3m high x 1-1.5m wide, with very dark green fragrant foliage and white flowers, in September 2023. This plant grows best in full sun or part shade in well drained acidic soils and is frost and snow tolerant. Threatened species.

Grevillea lanigera 'Celia'

We planted three of these low hardy shrubs, 45cm high x 1m wide, with pink and white flowers, in 2018. This plant needs full sun and is frost hardy, and the flowers attract birds.

