



ANPSC has suspended activities due to the Covid-19 Lockdown in the ACT that came into force on Thursday 12 August.

It looks very unlikely that the lockdown will be lifted soon or a staged relief from restrictions will allow a return of member activities for a while. Sadly, there will be no Members meetings, Wednesday walks or DAGs events, field trips or propagation activities, of any kind until further notice.

We can however continue to hold Council meetings, by teleconference.

Please take care of yourselves and stay well.
Lucinda

Wattle Day is 1 September

Over 1,000 species of Acacia occur in Australia, making it the nation's largest genus of flowering plants

Wattle day was introduced in 1913 by an association called the Wattle Day League and formally recognised on 23 June 1992.

Acacia pycnantha, the golden wattle, was unofficially accepted as the national floral emblem to mark Federation in 1901.



Acacia sp. Lucinda Royston photo

****New Journal Editor****

Welcoming Louise Reid to the role.

Louise has recently moved to Canberra from Sydney where she owned a florist shop in Kirribilli for the past eight years. Her husband Mark is a ken behren and they have moved back for his work.

Louise has professional expertise in marketing and communications across a variety of sectors including shipping and logistics, pharmaceutical, healthcare and telecommunications and is currently working in the research sector for a Not-for-profit.

A self-confessed coffee addict, flower loving, dog obsessed (ask her about her spoodle Bran) individual who looks forward to meeting, learning and working with ANPSC members.

Louise, our new Editor, is looking for items for the next Journal

We have extended the deadline for submission of articles for the September and Louise's first Journal to Friday 10 September.

So far we have very few articles. It doesn't matter how long or short, with or without photos. Remember our Journal is written by the members for the members. Over the years members have provided a vast variety of articles ensuring something of interest for everyone. It is a highly respected publication but it can only maintain that reputation if we continue to publish.

See the inside front cover of any Journal for article requirements. [And a reminder that the Editor reserves the right without exception to edit all articles and include or omit images as appropriate](#)

If any of you have something waiting in the wings, please submit it to Louise at journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au.

ANPSA (Australian Native Plants Society Australia) Biennial Conference 2022

<https://events.humanitix.com/conference-tours-and-excursions>

Theme: Australian flora - past present future.

Conference Dates: Monday 12 September to Friday 16 September 2022.

In addition pre and post conference tours are planned.

Location: Kiama, NSW

Registration for the conference and tours: The aim is to open bookings for the conference and tours in February 2022.

Queries: Please contact organisers via email with any questions on Conf2022@spin.net.au

See attached information sheet.

Copies of 'Australian Plants' magazine need a new home

'I have 46 of these A5 size magazines put out by the Society for Growing Australian Plants. They date from 1971 to 1992.

They were my mothers. I'd love to give them away if anyone is interested.'

Contact Joanna Barrett indijobarrett@gmail.com

ANPSC calendar & services

Next Council Meeting: Monday 6 September via Zoom due to Covid-19 lockdown in the ACT.

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

The August 2021 ones will go up after the September Council Meeting.

Next Bulletin: October 2021: If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by Wednesday 29 September to bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au

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New Book

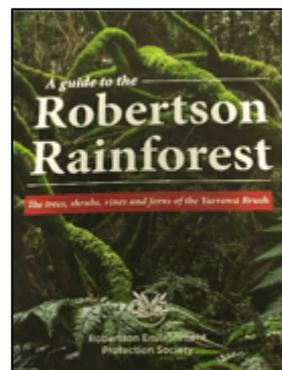
A guide to the Robertson Rainforest, produced by the Robertson Environment Protection Society.

Known as part of the Yarrowa Brush, this small patch of remnant rainforest is the largest left of an extensive rainforest community of the Southern Highlands that was largely cleared in the 19C. The book provides a history of the Brush followed by a key to all the trees and shrubs and to the vines and scramblers found there. Each species is then

given a one-page description including a colour photograph. This is followed by descriptions of the ferns, some other plants, including epiphyte orchids, and the weeds that have invaded the Brush.

A range of botany experts has contributed to the book including former ANPSC member, Steve Douglas. The book is of use not just for the Robertson Reserve but for any rainforest remnant in the area.

Available from the ANBG Bookshop \$24.95.



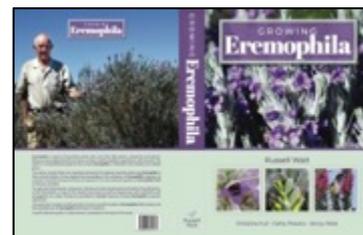
2 New Books on Eremophila

Growing Eremophila by Russell Wait et al.

504 pages full colour, description of each species plus chapters on propagation and horticulture, RRP \$80 plus postage.

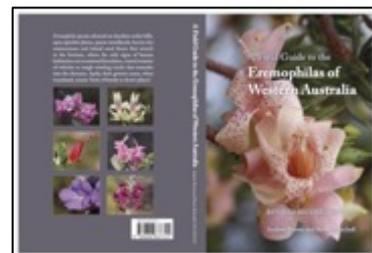
'I have two spare copies of Russell's book that I can sell locally for \$80 and a \$10 donation to the study group in lieu of postage -

contactless pickup can be arranged from Queanbeyan.' Contact Lyndal at lthorburn@viria.com.au.



A Field Guide to the Eremophila of Western Australia, 2nd edition, by Andrew Brown and Bevan Buirchell.

360pp. \$55 including postage.



More details and order forms are available at <http://www.anpsa.org.au/eremophilaSG/ESG-resources.html>

Members Activities

New Members

- ✿ John Davidson-Mowle
- ✿ Caroline LeCouteur
- ✿ Jeff Ellis
- ✿ Jacqueline Reid
- ✿ Michelle Hyde

Conservation

About Reclaim Kosci

Reclaim Kosci is a broad consortium of organisations seeking to protect Kosciuszko National Park from feral horse impacts and repair the damage.

To register or lend your support see reclaimkosci.org.au for more info.

Vacancy

ANPSC needs a new Accountant/bookkeeper

We have been extraordinarily fortunate to have had a member volunteer to be our account/bookkeeper, supporting our Treasurer position, for many years. She has been the quiet, behind the scenes, achiever and intends to stay that way. She has though decided the end of September is the time to retire.

We are therefore looking for someone to take over this important role.

Called the Accountant/bookkeeper, this person will work with the Society's Treasurer. Regular tasks are the input of transactions to accounting software, maintaining paper or digital records of transactions and preparing bank reconciliations. End of the financial year tasks include assisting with the completion of pre and post-audit documentation from the auditors, completing year-end adjustments such as preparing the depreciation schedule, entering the components of the trading accounts, ascertaining income in advance, interest accrued, payables etc and liaising with the auditors to complete the audit to the pre-arranged timetable.

QuickBooks is the software currently being used but alternative software would be considered. Experience with the audit process and year-end adjustments is essential.

If this role interests you, please contact Lucinda Royston, President, president@nativeplantscbr.com.au

**Next ANPSC Plant Sale is scheduled for
16 October 2021 at ANBG**

**Dependent on Covid-19 restrictions
applying in the ACT and NSW
at the time**

ANPSC Plant Sale

Our Plant Sale Coordinator is Linda Tabe
Contact: plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au

Spring Plant Sale

**'We have the ANBG carpark booked for
Saturday 16 October for the Spring Plant Sale.**

Go-ahead dependent on the Covid-19 situation

This will obviously depend on the evolving Covid-19 situation in the ACT and NSW. Council will send out an email to all members closer to the event with a final decision regarding the Sale.

Ticketed entry

We hope that we will be able to go ahead with the Sale using the protocol we established in autumn. I have learnt more about how to use Eventbrite ticketing, and with email reminders to ticket holders, and a wait list for tickets that are cancelled, I think we can attract higher numbers of customers than we did in autumn, but still control crowd density.

Other options

If it is not possible to run a large event in just over 6 weeks' time, it may be possible for the Propagation Group and any interested member growers to sell plants via a plant list on the ANPSC web site, as we did in 2020.'

Linda Tabe

Vacancy

Webmasters wanted

We are looking for someone to join our Webmaster team. Please consider volunteering.

Our Webmasters' main activity is updating our website such as adding Council Minutes, Activity Notices, Plant Sale lists.

Only minimal IT skills are required and there is an instruction manual available if needed.

Contact Gail Ritchie Knight for more information
whirlwind1@argonite.com.au.

Wattle Time from Roger Farrow

‘Although the Early Wattle, *Acacia genistifolia* has been flowering for a couple of months, the last two weeks have seen a plethora of species coming into bloom. Unfortunately, the dominant species seen around the City and elsewhere are feral Cootamundra Wattles, *A. baileyana*, and Snowy River Wattles, *A. boormanii*. Here are pictures of the local native wattles that are coming into bloom.’ Roger.



Prickly Moses - *Acacia brownie* at Mulloon



Early Wattle – *Acacia genistifolia* at Jerrabomberra



Golden Wattle - *Acacia pycnantha* at Jerrabomberra



Hairy Wattle - *Acacia lanigera* at Bruce Ridge



Sunshine Wattle - *Acacia terminalis* at Oallen

More photos from Roger



Red Stem Wattle - *Acacia rubida* at Googong NR



Ploughshare Wattle - *Acacia gunnii* at Bruce Ridge



Prickly Moses - *Acacia ulicifolia* at Bradleys Loop

Results of Zoom survey

At the end of July, we emailed members seeking comment about the possibility of Zoom broadcasting Members Meetings.

We asked -

1. What is your preference?
 - Attend meetings in person
 - Follow meetings via Zoom
2. If you are unable to attend our Monthly Meetings, would you follow them via Zoom?
3. Would you be interested in operating the Zoom platform during Monthly meetings?

The Survey results are:

49 members responded.

Of these -

31 members said they prefer attending meetings.

24 members said No to Zoom

plus

9 members said yes to Zoom (reasons incl health, distance)

plus

9 members said yes to Zoom for others (but didn't say Yes or No for themselves) OR said they'd use Zoom when away.

plus

7 members didn't answer Yes or No, but provided comments instead, such as: have meeting on another day, record the meeting instead, attends rarely, prefer meetings

Total 49 responses

In response to providing technical support for Zoom, no one offered to operate the Zoom platform. One member offered to help when they can attend a meeting and another offered to help but said their knowledge was limited.



Acacia buxifolia - Tuggeranong Hill, Theodore.
Lucinda Royston photo

Due to current Covid-19 health emergency – all ANPSC activities are suspended until further notice.

Propagation

Propagation group queries to
propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au

There is a COVID-19 Plan for this activity group covering both CIT and Queanbeyan locations and activities are subject to any COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.

Newcomers are always very welcome to join the propagation group activities.

Field Trips

Our Field Trip Coordinator is Jeanette Jeffery
Contact: fieldtrip@nativeplantscbr.com.au

There is a COVID-19 Plan for this activity group and activities are subject to any COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.

Day Activity Group* & Garden Design Study Group

Coordinating Committee: Dave Bishop, Digby Gascoine and Bill Willis.

Contact: dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au
☎0407 268 797.

* DAGs

There is a COVID-19 Plan for this activity group and activities are subject to any COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.

Wednesday Walkers (WWs)

There is a COVID-19 Plan for this activity group and activities are subject to any COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.

Details of the next Wednesday walk and how to register for it, will be sent out via the MailChimp system, usually on the Thursday before.

If you have registered your interest in WWs in your membership record in the members area on our website you will receive these MailChimp emails.

If you are having difficulties receiving these WW emails please contact Christine at secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au

ANPSC Trailer

ANPSC's 7' x 5' trailer, used for propagation activities for many years, has reached the end of its useful life. It was well-worn with some rust in the base and the mudguards as well as having some other road worthiness issues. It has been disposed of (unregistered) before its ACT registration expires in December 2021 to be used on-farm in exchange for a \$50 monetary donation to the Society.

A new trailer has been ordered, with a cover and will use the metal frame from the old trailer.

Photos from Gail Ritchie Knight

'The first two are growing wild on my property, *Acacia gunnii* (Ploughshare Wattle) and *Melichrus urceolatus* (Urn Heath).

The third is *Grevillea* Nancy Olzen and is one I planted.' Gail



**Show and Tell –
- In flower in the Walcott's garden in August.
Text by Ros Walcott, photos by Ben Walcott**



Grevillea 'Woolly Bear Hero' is a selection of *G. lanigera*, a low plant about 1m wide, with attractive grey-green foliage and dark pink flowers over a long period. We have planted five of them over a five-year period, 2010-15, in various parts of the garden and they perform well.



Grevillea speciosa or Red Spider Flower, was planted in October 2009, and it has grown to a large bush, 1.5m high and 2m wide, with bright red flowers, not all year as advertised, but for a long period from late winter through summer. This plant comes from the greater Sydney area and has slightly prickly leaves which form a bushy haven for small birds. We also grow *Grevillea speciosa* x *oldei* which we planted in 2015. This small spreading shrub grows to 1m high and 1.5m across with many dark pink flowers over a long period.



Grevillea oleoides is a robust plant that grows and blooms well. We planted two in March 2006 and both grew to about 2.5m and bloomed reliably each year with clusters of red flowers. These plants are native to a restricted area of New South Wales near Sydney, Blue Mountains and Wollongong. One plant eventually was removed in June 2016 and replaced.



Hakea francisciana 'Pomonal Pink' is a grafted, tall woody shrub with narrow grey leaves and spectacular long pink brush flowers in winter and spring. This plant can eventually grow to 5m high and wide, but so far the one we planted in our garden, in September 2013, is 3m high and 2m wide, with an attractive oval shape. This plant first flowered for us in October 2014 and has continued to flower each year with more and more flowers. Our plant was such a success we bought another grafted specimen in November 2017, but this plant has turned to have green leaves, and so far, no flowers. It remains to be seen whether this plant will bloom with the same showy flowers.



Hakea multilineata, or Grass-leaf Hakea, is an outstanding shrub to 3-4m high and 2m wide with narrow stiff green leaves and spikes of pink flowers. This plant is native to southwestern WA. We planted one in March 2010, which flowered for the first time, sparsely, in September 2013. Just as this plant was budding up to flower more freely, it blew over in a windstorm in March 2015. The problem was rotting out at the base. Our garden is a bit too wet for this species, so the next one we planted, in October 2015, we incorporated plenty of sand in the hole. This plant has grown and flowered well over the last few years.



Grevillea 'Lady O' is Ben's favourite plant in our garden because it always looks healthy and never stops flowering. This plant is a hybrid between a *Grevillea victoriae* hybrid and *Grevillea rhyolitica* and has light green foliage and prolific red flowers. 'Lady O' was bred at the Bywong Nursery and named after Peter Ollerenshaw's mother. This bushy plant grows to 2m high and wide. We planted our first 'Lady O' in April 2004 and have planted 13 since then over five years to 2009. This plant is a fabulous performer in our garden.



This is a request to help us plan the next Australian Native Plants Society Australia (ANPSA) Biennial Conference, being held in September 2022 in Kiama.

<https://events.humanitix.com/conference-tours-and-excursions>

We are excited to share that despite Covid lockdowns, the conference is taking shape! Here is an update on details so far and a request to help with the planning for tours!

Dates: The dates of the conference are: **Monday 12 September to Friday 16 September 2022.** This includes both conferencing and field trips.

Theme: Australian flora - past present future. We aim to journey back 40,000 years ago to the landscape of the past, then come to the present with its successes and challenges and consider the future and what actions we can take to better grow and preserve our precious native flora.

Additional activities: We are hosting a complimentary tour of the Kiama region on the Saturday prior to the conference, 10 September. We are also planning a Market Day for the local community on the Sunday prior - this will be a combined plant sale and local farmers market, and we will be using it as an opportunity to promote native plants.

Accommodation: With the increase in regional travel in NSW, accommodation has become tighter. If you are considering attending the conference, we'd advise you to check out accommodation options and potentially book now. You may be required to pay a deposit, and please be sure to check cancellation policies. You can download a brochure on Kiama, plus a couple of lists of accommodation options from the website. Several locations have offered discounts for those attending the conference (reference Kiama Pavilion).

Pre- and post-tours: We are currently planning five excursions - Lord Howe Island, Warrumbungles and Pilliga, Blue Mountains, Sydney and South Coast. More details can be found on our website at **[Pre-and-post-tours](#)**.

To assist with estimating demand, please go to the website to indicate which tours you might be interested in. This is not a firm booking of course, but simply an indication of your interest.

Registration for the conference and tours: Our aim is to open bookings for the conference and tours in February 2022.

At that time, you can book for both pre and post tours, subject to space available on the tours and bookings will be taken on a first come / first served basis.

There will be an early-bird discount available for approximately 2 months. Only those booking conference tickets will be eligible for the tours as the numbers are strictly limited.

After the early-bird period, waitlist bookings for tours will be opened and by mid-year, those on the waitlist who have not booked conference tickets will be advised if there is to be room on the tours for them.

The tour to Lord Howe might open earlier than February, so keep watching our page for updates.

Queries: Please contact us via email with any questions on **Conf2022@spin.net.au**

Looking forward to hosting many of you next year in Kiama!