

# Australian Native Plants Society Canberra Region Inc.

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### **Bulletin** September 2022

#### **Members Meeting**

Thursday, 8 September

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: TBA** 

Meeting Book Sales: as usual. See item

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#### **September Raffle prizes:**

The plants will be provided by: member growers Damian De Marco, Windbreak Trees and Annabelle and Anthony, Bilby Blooms.

**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.

Last chance to attend the Australian Native Plants Society, Australia (ANPSA) Conference -

## Australian Flora - Past, present, future

ANPSA 2022 Biennial Conference – Kiama, NSW

From 10 to16 September 2022.

Plus pre and post conference tours.

To register for the conference and tours, go to:

https://www.austplants.com.au/ANPSA-Biennial-Conference-2022)

Email organisers with any questions on Conf2022@spin.net.au Please continue to register to attend the members meeting – email secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au

#### Meeting Talk: 'Latham's Snipe project'

Latham's snipe (Gallinago hardwickii) is a medium-sized, long-billed migratory snipe of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway. The Latham's Snipe project began in south-west Victoria in 2014 with a series of local surveys aimed at understanding habitat use in urban areas. The program expanded in subsequent years to include other regions across eastern Australia, and the initiation of a capture-based program at Jerrabomberra Wetlands and in Japan. The capture-based program involved attaching satellite, geolocator and radio tracking devices to Snipe in order to obtain movement and migration information, as well as the identification of

important habitat. Currently, there are two key research objectives that guide the Latham's Snipe Project (1) to monitor changes in abundance and distribution in Australia, and (2) to improve our knowledge about movements patterns of Latham's Snipe at local and global scales. This information feeds into our understanding of migratory birds more broadly.



#### **Guest Speaker: Lori Gould**

Lori started a PhD on Migratory Bird Ecology in March 2021 **focussing on Latham's Snipe at Jerrabomberra Wetlands** after being involved with research on Snipe over the past 5 years.

Lori Gould has more than 25 years' experience in environmental management and runs an environmental consulting business – GrassRoots Environmental specialising in natural resource management, particularly riparian rehabilitation, landscape planning and community engagement. Lori holds a Master's Degree in Integrated Water Management, a Post Graduate Certificate in River Restoration and Management, an Environmental Science Degree and Associate Diploma in Animal Science. Lori is also a Fellow of the Peter Cullen Trust.

#### ANPSC Council needs more members

Council has had four vacant positions since our AGM last November. Consequently, we did not meet the quorum of 6 for the last two months as two members were unable to attend.

We are asking members to consider joining Council which alleviates the unfortunate necessity to cancel important meetings. Remaining Council members did actually meet to discuss a couple of important issues and any actions later supported by those unable to attend. This is not an ideal way to run the Society and we desperately need members support for Council to operate at full capacity.

Please consider joining Council by contacting the Secretary, Christine Kendrick at <a href="mailto:secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au">secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au</a></a>

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

Please send items/articles to Gail Ritchie Knight, our Journal Editor, at <a href="mailto:journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au">journal@nativeplantscbr.com.au</a>

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

### 'Fired Earth: Inspired by Nature' 1 September to 2 October

Presented by Claybodies, an independent collective of artists based in Canberra, who share a passion for ceramics

An exhibition exploring the connection between the earth, the Australian flora, and humanity. The works focus on the diversity of ecosystems, native plants and aspects of the earth such as boulders, stones and other strata.



'We aim to challenge preconceptions about 'ceramics' and to showcase and

celebrate our love of the material itself.' As artists whose raw material is the earth, they feel a strong connection to the Australian land and its manifestations.

Connections between the earth and the Australian flora, and in turn humanity, are explored. Various ceramic techniques and materials have been employed. Some are wheel thrown pieces and decorated with hand carving, colours and glazes; others were hand built with a variety of surface treatments.

#### Friends of Black Mountain Walks

#### Black Mountain Spring Wildflower Rambles. 8 October, 9.30am till about 12 noon Meet at Belconnen Way

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

Bookings are essential. Please register by email at <a href="mailto:friendsofblackmountain@gmail.com">friendsofblackmountain@gmail.com</a> or mob 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.

#### Wattle Walk

#### 10 September, 9.30am till about 12 noon Meet at Frith Rd, Acton near the Electricity sub-station.

Bookings are essential. Please register by email at <a href="mailto:friendsofblackmountain@gmail.com">friendsofblackmountain@gmail.com</a> or mob 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.

#### **Item from Bill Willis**

#### Eucalypts are icons of the Australian landscape, but their family tree is shrouded in mystery

ABC Science. By Genelle Weule. 31 Jul 2022 <a href="https://www.abc.net.au/news/science/2022-07-31/eucalyptus-native-trees-evolution-dominate-australia-">https://www.abc.net.au/news/science/2022-07-31/eucalyptus-native-trees-evolution-dominate-australia-</a>

landscape/101229092?utm\_campaign=abc\_news\_web\_ &utm\_content=mail&utm\_medium=content\_shared&utm\_source=abc\_news\_web\_

### 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

1 September	'The last Ice Age in Canberra and at Lake Mungo' - Dr Tim Barrows.
8 September	'The rise of mega forest fires under climate change and what to do about it' - Dr Pep Canadell.
15 September	'How Did Australian Birds Get English Names?' - Ian Fraser.
22 September	'Orchids of Norfolk Island' - Dr Heidi Zimmer.
29 September	'What you never knew about poo!' - Professor Simon Haberle.
6 October	'Little Eagle' - Stuart Rae.

#### **Plant Sales**

#### Australian Native Plant Market Next Market Day - Saturday 3 September, 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.

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

#### Canberra Orchid Show

Saturday 17 September 10 am- 5 pm and Sunday 18 September 10 am-3 pm Ainslie Football Club, Wakefield Ave, Ainslie.

Featuring both exotic and Australian native orchids and orchid-related art. Flowering and seedling orchids, and materials for growing orchids will be on sale. Expert advice on growing orchids available. Entry: adults \$5, children free. More information at: www.canberraorchids.org/shownext.html

# Where to buy Native Plants in the Canberra Region Brochure

For latest version go to

https://nativeplantscbr.com.au/wpcontent/uploads/Where-to-buy-Native-Plants-in-the-Canberra-Region.pdf

#### **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 5 September at 12.30pm, Celia Rosser Room, Banks Building, ANBG.

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

**Next Bulletin: October 2022:** If you have any items you think would be of interest to our members including photos, please send them by Wednesday 28 September to bulletin@nativeplantscbr.com.au

#### **Updating your email Preferences**

To change your Mailchimp preferences/details ie

- Email Address, First Name, Last Name

Meeting

 Members Groups activity preferences: Field Trips, Propagation Group, Wednesday Walks, Daytime Activities

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#### **ANPSC Notices**

#### **New Members**

No new members this month

#### **Members Meeting Speakers**

Send speaker suggestions to our speaker organiser, Lena Saboisky, at <a href="mailto:lenasaboisky@gmail.com">lenasaboisky@gmail.com</a>

#### **ANPSC** vacancies

#### \*Pre Spring Plant Sale help needed\*

We have many members who volunteer to work with Set-up and on the day of the Plant Sale.

Our Plant Sales Coordinator, Tom Jordan is seeking assistance with other Pre Sale organising activities. They are not onerous but they are necessary. If you are able to help with organising the Sale it would be greatly appreciated.

Contact our Secretary, Christine Kendrick, at <a href="mailto:secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au">secretary@nativeplantscbr.com.au</a>

# 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

#### **Members Activities**

#### **ANPSC Plant Sales**

Our Plant Sale Coordinator is Tom Jordan Contact: <a href="mailto:plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au">plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au</a>

October Spring Plant Sale 15 October 2022 at ANBG

#### Spring Plant Sale – Set up and 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).

To volunteer, please email <u>plantsales@nativeplantscbr.com.au</u>. Volunteers may buy up to 10 plants before the Sale opens.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au">propagation@nativeplantscbr.com.au</a>

#### September Potting Bee Sunday 24 September, from 10am to 1pm CIT Bruce, off Eade St

Our propagation area is under cover.

Some of the time will be devoted to preparing plants for ANPSC's Spring Plant Sale in October.

Please bring gloves, secateurs if you have them, suitable clothing, a mug and a bite for morning tea. Tea and coffee provided.

Please email Nola know if you plan to come and contact her if you need further details

nola mckeon@hotmail.com \$\mathbb{\textit{a}}0447 522 735.

#### Field Trips

#### **Our Field Trip Coordinator is Jeanette Jefferv**

Contact: 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.

#### **September Field Trip**

#### Monday 19 to Thursday 22 September Chilton - Mt Pilot National Park/Beechworth

Day 1, Monday: Arrival. Drinks meetup 5pm.

**Day 2, Tuesday:** White Box Walk in Chiltern-Mt Pilot NP. Starts at Honeyeater Picnic Area. Undulating, loop walk, formed track, fairly easy, 8.5km. Distance from Beechworth 26km.

#### Day 3, Wednesday:

**am:** Barandula Bushland Reserve. 36km then short, rough- sealed drive in to flattish area. Formed track (possibly firetrail). Possibility to wander off track if desired. No set route.

**pm:** Road side stops – Old Coach Rd and then to Mt Pilot.

**Day 4, Thursday:** return home, 430km, Hume Hwy, 5hrs.

**Suggested base/accommodation:** We've stayed there several times.

Beechworth Holiday Park ph 03 5728 1597 https://www.beechworthholidaypark.com.au

#### 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'.

# Day Activity Group\* & Garden Design Study Group

Contact: <u>dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au</u>

**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 September South Coast visit 6 to 8 September

Please **RSVP** to <u>dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au</u> if you plan to attend and you will be sent more detailed information.

#### Day 1, Tuesday 6 September.

**Morning** - drive from Canberra, lunch at Bateman's Bav.

Afternoon - visit Burrewarra Point Reserve, Guerilla Bay. (Approximately 1.5 -2 hours walk for able bodied). Guerilla Bay is an isolated coastal hamlet surrounded by native forest on rural land and by reserve registered on the National Estate - on account of the diversity of vegetation types present and the diversity of wildlife this vegetation supports, as well as the aesthetic scenic values of the area.

#### Day 2, Wednesday 7 September.

Gardens, hosted by Di Clark and/or Dylan Morrissey, followed by lunch at ERBG cafe. Plant shop on site.

Afternoon – visit Broulee Bangalay Sand Forest.

Bangalay Sand Forest is a threatened ecological community associated with coastal sand plains found in the Sydney Basin and South East Corner bioregions.

The most common tree species are Eucalyptus botryoides (bangalay) and Banksia integrifolia (coast banksia). The understorey is characterised by a mix of sclerophyll and mesophyll species.

Morning - visit to Eurobadalla Regional Botanic

#### Day 3, Thursday 8 September.

Morning - visit to Horse Island, the beautiful garden home of Christina Kennedy and her late husband Trevor, located on Tuross Lake near Bodalla. This garden is a showcase of native Australian plants used in a formal and informal setting. Horse Island is an 80 hectare private island surrounded by the Tuross Estuary, located on the south coast of NSW near Bodalla.

**Afternoon** - lunch nearby in Bodalla, then drive home, perhaps via the Mountain View Nursery outside Moruya.

Cancellation policy: Should we have to cancel or postpone the activity at very short notice, an email will be sent to confirmed attendees the day before the activity.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au">dagsleader@nativeplantscbr.com.au</a> and a committee member will contact you.

#### Report of the DAGs August garden visit

'The Day Activity Group visited the garden of Digby Gascoine and Peggy Douglass on 16 August.

Their garden has around 500 different native plant species, as well as a large collection of tall bearded iris, some hellebores and a very nice espaliered lemon tree. (Native plant purists among the DAG members were encouraged to avert their eyes from the exotics.) Only a few things were in flower (see photos), and a night of 7degrees of frost had trimmed the ardour of plants like native hibiscus and several eremophilas. However, those who wish to see how things are in the garden in the full flush of spring can visit it as an Open Garden on 22 or 23 October (46 Vasey Crescent, Campbell, from 10 until 4 on those days.)

DAGs were challenged to identify several plants in the garden that dated from before Digby and Peggy purchased the property. No-one named any of the mysterious acacias, but Ben and Ros Walcott spotted Grevillea manglesii spp ornithopoda, the Bird's Foot Grevillea, flowering vigorously.'





Some lovely things in flower in Digby's and Peggy's garden. Photos by Paul Goggin.









### Show and Tell – Winter flowering at ANBG in August. Text by Ros Walcott, photos by Ben Walcott.



**Grevillea baueri subsp. asperula**, is a low bush with shiny green foliage and small red flowers. This plant is endemic to the coastal ranges of southeastern New South Wales.



**Pimelea physodes, or Qualup Bell,** has grey-green foliage close to reddish stems with pendant green bracts enclosing the small flowers and dark red outer bracts. This plant is native to southwestern Western Australia and is considered the most beautiful of the genus.



**Grevillea corrugata**, is a shrub with deeply lobed leaves endemic to southwestern Western Australia. This bush has prominent white buds which open to white flowers August to September.



Epacris purpurascens var. purpurascens, is a sparse bush with prickly reddish leaves and mauve-white flowers with red centres. This plant is native to coastal areas from Sydney to Wollongong and is listed as vulnerable in the wild.



Grevillea vestita, is a large open bush with many starbursts of white flowers. This shrub is endemic to the southwestern Western Australia. year period, 2010-15, in various parts of the garden and they perform well.

**Acacia cardiophylla, or West Wyalong Wattle,** has ferny light green bipinnate foliage and masses of yellow balls of flowers. This plant is native to central and southern New South Wales.

