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Bulletin

April 2011

Members Meeting: Thursday 14 April, 8pm
CSIRO Discovery, Clunies Ross St, Black Mountain

Speaker: Adam Burgess

Adam Burgess is the Curator of the National Arboretum Canberra. Adam started his apprenticeship in horticulture in 1990 at Willow Park Nursery. After 7 years of working in the garden centre he then started his own garden maintenance business, working in a number of very large gardens, including a 100 year old homestead in Jugiong, NSW. Adam's father, Michael Burgess, the owner of one of Canberra's largest landscaping companies, won the contract to restore Old Parliament House Rose Gardens. Adam joined his father's team to be involved in this project. Over the next 10 years Adam trained to become a project manager for his father's company, Urban Contractors, then secured the opportunity to start the National Arboretum. Adam not only planted the first forest within the Arboretum but very proudly planted the first tree, *Eucalyptus benthamii*.

Topic: National Arboretum Canberra

Adam will be presenting a 45 minute talk and PowerPoint presentation on the development of the National Arboretum Canberra, hoping to answer many questions on tree selection, preparation, success stories and failures.

Show and Tell: Please bring along whatever you think we would like to see (limit 3 items per member). Please label your plants, with both the plant's name and your name, and be prepared to say a few brief words about your contributions.

Plant Sale: There may be plants for sale this month.

Raffle Prize: Anthony and Annabel of Bilby Blooms have provided the plants for this month's raffle prizes. To donate future raffle prizes **please contact** Paul Carmen or Cathy Hook ☎ 6288 4208 or **email** info@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au

Daytime Activity, Tuesday 19 April, 10am

We will be visiting Alan Ford's garden at 11 Derwent Street, Lyons. Using largely local species, Alan has created a sustainable garden - no mowing, no poisons.

Afterwards, for those who wish, we will visit a local cafe for morning tea.

Contact: Shirley Daniels ☎ 6231 0852 or **email** wda68126@bigpond.net.au.



National Arboretum Canberra sculpture titled *wide brown land*, by artist team Marcus Tatton, Futago and Chris Viney.

Plant Sale Thank You

Paul, John and Ben would like to thank all the ANPS members who helped make the Autumn plant sale a great success! A **special thank you** to the half dozen who off-loaded the last few thousand plants in the darkness after 7pm on Friday night and returned at 7am to sort them!! The Sale went well with a large percentage of plants sold and with this good planting weather many of these plants should have the best chance of becoming established in their new homes.



Almost 8.30am, Autumn Sale



Choosing plants Photos Lucinda Royston

Field Trip

15-18 April, Little Forest Plateau (above Milton) and Bingie Bingie Dreamtime Walk (Eurobodalla NP)

Easy flat walks 6-12km on sandstone and coastal heathland with some swampy areas. Accommodation at Milton Caravan Park - Cabins & Camping ☎ 4455 2028. Maps Tianjara Milton Moruya. Further Information NPWS fliers.

Contacts: Phil and Catriona Trickett
catrionaandphil@gmail.com.

Book Reviewer Needed

CSIRO PUBLISHING is looking for reviewers for the title below. The review will be published in our *Journal* as well as in other publications.

Mistletoes of Southern Australia

By David M Watson

This book represents the first thorough treatment of mistletoes in Australia. It summarises their evolutionary origin and global distribution, highlighting diversity patterns in Australasia, and describes the ecology and life history of mistletoes, detailing the variety of animals that depend on them for food and shelter.

Published February 2011 - Paperback - 200 page - ISBN: 9780643095939 - AU \$ 49.95

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If you would like to review one of these titles for our *Journal*, please **email** Melinda Chandler at CSIRO PUBLISHING, with your name and mailing address, and the title of the book you wish to review : melinda.chandler@csiro.au.

Garden Design Study Group

10am-12 noon, Wednesday 27 April

ANBG Visitors Information Centre

Garden Design Ideas for the Future at ANBG
David Taylor, Kaiya Browning and Anthony Haraldson

Come to discuss ideas for future garden design at the ANBG with David Taylor, Curator of Living Collections, Kaiya Browning, (Designer / Project Manager- Development Unit), Anthony Haraldson, (Acting Horticultural Department Supervisor). Bring your walking shoes as we will be both talking about the Gardens and walking around them, weather permitting. All are very welcome. You do **not** have to be a member of GDSG to attend.

Contact: Ros Walcott ☎ 6161 2742 or **email** rwalcott@netspeed.com.au.

☺ **A very warm welcome to our new members** ☺

- ☺ Keith Beuman
- ☺ John Baxendale
- ☺ Pamela Rooney
- ☺ Jennifer Goodwin
- ☺ David McDonald

Growing Friends ANBG

Autumn Plant Sale

Saturday 9 April, 8.30-11am

Prices \$3 and \$5 In the small car park behind the Crosbie Morrison Centre. There are some unusual things. Bring a box or bag to carry your purchases. *Help the Friends help the Gardens!*

Propagation Potting Up/Division Bee

10am-1pm Sunday 17 April

3 Considine Place, Queanbeyan

Please bring cutting material (in water), secateurs, gloves if you need them, and your lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. There is cover if it is wet. Genera which appear to do best when cut in Autumn include Alyogyne, Anigozanthos, Asterolasia, Astroloma, Baeckea, Bauera, Callistemon, Calotis, Calytrix, Chrysocephalum, Darwinia, Derwentia, Dichopogon, Dietes, Gastrolobium, Goodenia, Homoranthus, Hypocalymma, Kennedia, Kunzea, Lomandra, Micromyrtus, Prostanthera, Pultenaea, Rhodanthe, Templetonia, Thomasia, Veronica, Westringia
New members welcome, all tuition provided. Free plant for each attendee!!

Contacts: Lyndal Thorburn and Tom Jordan ☎ 6297 2437

Plants Wanted for Propagation

ANPS is searching for members who grow these varieties, so we may once again propagate them. If you have them, please contact Jan Simpson ☎ 6281 6118 or Merren Sloane ☎ 6262 7673.

Phymatocarpa porphyrocephala (reddish-purplish puff-ball flowers like Melaleuca);
Correa reflexa var speciosa Green Cape form;
Correa reflexa Bemm River form; *Correa* 'Marlo Magic'; *Correa* 'Pink Perfection'; *Correa* 'Ivory Dancer'; *Grevillea* 'Carpet Queen'; *Grevillea* 'Granya Glory'.

Open Garden Scheme

Pillans Garden, Jerrabomberra

Taking full advantage of its elevated position and backdrop of native bush, this young garden showcases Australian plants and attracts a wide range of wildlife. Well-placed leptospermums, banksias, grevilleas, telopeas, melaleucas, hakeas, dianellas, wahlenbergias, orthrosanthus and billy buttons, some in mass plantings. 0.4ha (1 ac). See photo [Guidebook](#) p. 35.

Address: 30 Aspen Rise, Jerrabomberra.

Directions: Canberra UBD 30:D13

Open: 16-17 April
10am-4.30pm. \$6.

Council Vacancy

Ray Knight is unable to continue as Council Member due to changes in his work schedule. Council asks for nominations for this position to be sent to Secretary Jodie Durrant ☎ 0408 251 312 or email twodogs@homeemail.com.au.

ANBG New Lichen Website

A new website devoted to lichens was launched on Thursday 10 March. The site's development was funded by a grant from the ANBG Friends Public Fund and developed by Heino Lepp. Lichens, while not always well known, are a vital component of flora. This website complements the sites already developed on fungi and bryophytes and needs no previous knowledge of lichens to be used - www.anbg.gov.au/lichen/.

FOG Outing, Nunnock Swamp

Wednesday 6 April

The Nunnock grasslands have been identified as an Endangered Ecological Community and unfortunately we have discovered the presence of fireweed *Senecio madagascariensis*. We also have the native fireweed *Senecio pinnatifolius*. Friends of Grasslands has been invited to help DECCW/NPWS with a search for fireweed in the Nunnock Swamp area on Wednesday 6 April. Essentially it is an opportunity to spend a day there bagging the weed if it is found, but also taking the opportunity to enjoy a lovely area. NPWS has offered to provide accommodation either side of the day and lunch on the day. All welcome.

Contact: Margaret Ning

☎ 0427 788 304 or 6241 4065(h) or email margaretning@iprimus.com.au

Quote of the Month

Difference of Opinion

'We need to be cautious about too much focus moving to conservation at the cost of our special charter. The name SGAP was not chosen lightly – our founding fathers (sic) chose it after lengthy debate, because it spells out exactly what our charter is, without any ambiguity. It is a shame that the name was changed in some localities to the ambiguous APS by persons with no interest in or knowledge of the significance of the original decision'. David Hockings, p.14, SGAP Queensland Region [Bulletin](#) v.49(4) March 2011.

ANPS Canberra Region Constitution states:

2.3. To promote the conservation of Australian plants and their habitats.

Flower of the Month



Styphelia triflora in flower this month around Canberra . Photo by Roger Farrow

Calendar of Events

- 9 April **Growing Friends Sale ANBG**
14 April **Members Meeting**
15-18 April **Field Trip Milton**
18 April **ANPS Council**
19 April **Daytime Activity Lyons**
27 April **GDSG, ANBG**
27 April **May *Bulletin* Items Due**
3 May **ANPS Collation**
* **Weed Swap April 2-3 ***
* **Spring Sale October 15 ***

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Trevor Evans

Recovery of the Mountain Pygmy Possum

12.30pm, Thursday 7 April

Peter Ollerenshaw

Developing Australian Plants for Australian Gardens

12.30 pm, Thursday 14 April

Rusty Worsman

Whimsy, Wild Plants and Wollemi Pines

12.30 pm, Thursday 21 April

Richard Arculus

Submarine Volcanoes of the SW Pacific

12.30 pm, Thursday 28 April

Contact: Visitor Information Centre

☎ 6250 9540

What's On – April 2011

Next Council Meeting:

12:30-2pm, Tuesday 18 April, Sponsorship Board Room, CSIRO Discovery, Black Mt.

Next Collation: 7pm, Tuesday 3 May.

Collation is from 7pm at Pauline Adams, 4 Beeby Street, Ainslie. Please come along to help.

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