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Bulletin

December 2009

Members Meeting: Thursday 10 December, 8pm
CSIRO Discovery, Clunies Ross St, Black Mountain

Speaker: Ian Pulsford

Ian has had a long career with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) which is now a part of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water. His experience includes 10 years in park management and research in the Australian Alps and 15 years in senior management roles. As an NPWS negotiator for the Eden and Southern Regional Forest Agreements he had a key role in the establishment of a comprehensive, representative and inter-connected reserve system from the Victorian Border to Macquarie Pass in NSW. With extensive experience in natural resources management and conservation on private land, he is now leading establishment of the NSW section of the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative in partnership with several respected non-government conservation organisations.

Topic: The Great Eastern Ranges Initiative – climate change and linking landscapes for our plants and animals

A continental scale conservation corridor from the Australian Alps to Atherton (A2A) was proposed by the New South Wales (NSW) Minister for the Environment, the Honourable Mr Bob Debus MP at the Environment Protection and Heritage Council of Australia and New Zealand meeting in Nov 2006. It was proposed as a major (national) response to the impacts climate change and other threats on Australia's richest and largest assemblages of terrestrial biodiversity. The great eastern ranges are an "ark" for Australia's richest assemblage of biodiversity and provide 93% of eastern Australia's rapidly growing population with clean water. The initiative is driven by a vision to achieve connectivity conservation of natural habitats that extend for more than 2,800 km along Australia's the Great Dividing Range and Great Escarpment of Eastern Australia from southern Victoria to the Atherton Tablelands in Queensland, and potentially further north. While still in its early stage, creating an integrated conservation initiative for the ranges and associated land systems will bring multiple benefits for biodiversity conservation and the economic, social and spiritual well being of the community.

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: The raffle prize for this month is donated by the Botanical Bookshop, ANBG

Daytime Meeting: Tuesday 8 December, 10.30am
National Library of Australia

Our last meeting of the year will be held in the National Library. Barrie Hadlow has generously offered to show us a selection of the Library's Ellis Rowan paintings which are not in the public display area. We will **meet in the foyer of the National Library at 10.15am. RSVP is essential as numbers will be limited.** If there are more than about 15 we will consider splitting the party into two groups - one group having coffee etc. while the other group are shown the collection. The tour will take about 1 hour.

Contact : Christine Kendrick ☎ 6236 3105 or **email** r.farrow@iimetro.com.au



Christmas Meeting

Supper: Don't forget it will be our Christmas meeting this month. To celebrate the festive season everyone is encouraged to bring a plate of food to share over a cup of tea or coffee after the meeting. Come along and enjoy our last meeting for 2009 and celebrate with other ANPS members.

December Field Trip

The **December field trip** will be held December 11-14 and will visit Boggy Plain and Nungar Plain in Kosciusko NP near Kiandra. These frost hollow plains have an interesting array of sub-alpine flowers including some endemics. Boggy Plain is new for us. Camping at Wares Campground; motelling at Adaminaby. 4 WD only. If you wish to participate please contact Roger Farrow ☎ 6236 3105 or **email** r.farrow@iimetro.com.au or Warwick Daniels ☎ 62310852 or **email** wda68126@bigpond.net.au.

December Members' Sale

There will be a sale of ANPS plants to **members only** at 3 Considine Close, Queanbeyan on Saturday, December 12, 9-11.30am. These plants are mainly those too small to be taken to the October Sale but which have been powering along since the warmer weather arrived. There are also small numbers of special species which rarely reach the ANBG sales, and some larger trees suitable for country properties. Prices \$4 for 70mm pot; \$6 for 90mm pot; \$7 for large pots. Approximately 700 plants of 90 different species - see plant list attached. BYO bags and boxes.

Contact: Merren Sloane ☎ 6262 7673 or **email** sloane.merren@ozemail.com.au.

Donation of Raffle Prizes for Meetings

Would you be willing to donate a raffle prize for one of the monthly evening Members' Meetings? Raffle prizes at meetings are generously donated either by ANPS members or by the Society. We are currently organising a raffle prize roster for 2010, and would like to hear from any members who may be interested in donating a prize. Plant donations from member growers would be most welcome, but we are also interested in other ideas/offers – cards, books, art/craftwork etc. All donors will be acknowledged in the *Bulletin*.

Please contact Paul Carmen or Cathy Hook ☎ 6288 4208 to put your name down on the raffle prize roster or to find out more.

Second Forum – Australian National Botanic Gardens: Looking to the Future

A second forum on the Australian National Botanic Gardens will be held **Wednesday 9 December at the John Curtin School, ANU at 5.30-7.30pm**. It will be sponsored by Senator Kate Lundy and the Friends of the ANBG. There will be two sessions with three speakers in each session. Please RSVP to Annika Hutchins by **Friday 4 December** ☎ 6230 0411 or **email** annika.hutchins@aph.gov.au.

Raffle Prize

The money collected for the raffle at our monthly meetings is donated to various worthy causes when sufficient funds are raised. Last time we donated to Burrendong Arboretum, who were most grateful. Council would be pleased to hear any suggestions for recipients for future raffle donations. Please send your ideas to our Secretary John Carter ☎ 6277 4306 or **email** john.carter.reps@aph.gov.au.

Fred Rogers Seminar 2010

Bairnsdale and District Group of the East Gippsland Region of Victoria are the organizers of the next Fred Rogers Seminar to be held Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 August 2010. The theme chosen is Grevillea hybrids, cultivars and new species. Both Peter Olde and Neil Marriott will be guest speakers on Saturday. There are five gardens to visit, plants for sale, and the possibility of an escorted trip before or after the seminar to the forest north of Bairnsdale. There is an excellent variety of accommodation in Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance, Paynesville and Metung.

Contact: Dawn Barr ☎ 03 5156 4674

☺ A very warm welcome to all our new members ☺

- ☺ Ian Pollard
- ☺ William Egan
- ☺ Pauline Lynga
- ☺ TJ Hemmings
- ☺ Helen Parsons
- ☺ Mal Heath
- ☺ Thomas Sutton
- ☺ Michelle Mousdale
- ☺ Di Mortimer
- ☺ Hollie Bakerboljkovac
- ☺ James Kelly
- ☺ Angela Sole

Propagation

Twilight Cutting/Seed Bee

4pm–7pm, Monday 14 December

4 Beeby Street, Ainslie

Come and help out at the last propagation event for the year. Cuttings known to do well at this time of the year include Correa, Daisies, Crowea, Micromyrtus, Derwentia, Prostantheras, Westringia and Thomasia. Bring any cutting material you may have, secateurs and something to share for dinner afterwards. I will endeavour to replicate Geoff Clarke's famous Christmas punch! It's bound to be a lovely evening.

Contact: Pauline Adams ☎ 6247 4643

Annual Propagation Meeting and Cutting Bee

10am-1pm, Saturday 30 January

13 Chevalley Loop, Gordon

Contact: Linda Johnson ☎ 6294 3390

Come to help us plan the propagation year and add cuttings to Linda's hot-bed. Bring cuttings from your favourite Prostanthera, Philotheca, Westringia, Micromyrtus, daisies, Thomasia, etc. Bring lunch, sunscreen, hat.

Quote of the Month

'Dave Gordon is well known for the hybrid grevilleas 'Robyn Gordon', 'Sandra Gordon' and 'Merinda Gordon', all named for his daughters.

He received many awards recognising his contributions to botany, horticulture and conservation, including Member of the Order of Australia, ASGAP's Australian Plants Award and Life Membership of SGAP. Born in 1899, he died in 2001 at the age of 102, having the rare distinction of living in three centuries! ...

Myall Park Botanical Garden (Glenmorgan, Qld.) was originally established by David Gordon in 1941. To ensure its future, in 1988 at his wish, it became a community garden and is now run by Myall Park Botanic Garden Ltd., a non profit company of volunteers... On 90 hectares, the all-Australian garden has concentrated on plants from arid, semi-arid and dry sub-tropical plants and rare and threatened species, and has received national and international recognition for its role in preserving native flora. 'Noel Kerrison, *Eucryphia*, v.18(7) October 2009, p. 1.



Myall Park Botanic Garden

Photo by M. Firns

Australian Plants as Bonsai

This ASGAP study group is led by local member Roger Hnatiuk. Please contact Roger ☎ 6251 2228 or email rjhniuk@yahoo.com.au.

Further information from

<http://asgap.org.au/bonsai.html> and images at <http://www.anbg.gov.au/bonsai/>.

Wednesday Walkers

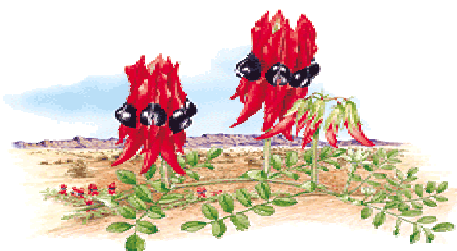
Walks are posted on the calendar on the ANPS website each week. To find out more please phone either Jo Walker ☎ 6238 3415 or Ros Cornish ☎ 6238 2490.

Grasses Group

This group practices grass identification at the ANBG every fortnight. For more information contact Merren Sloane ☎ 6262 7673 or email sloane.merren@ozemail.com.au.

Garden Design Study Group

For more information contact Shirley Pipitone ☎ 6259 3139 or email pipitone@netspeed.com.au.



Picture of the Month



Grevillea 'Sandra Gordon'
Photo from Grevilleas.com.au

Calendar of Events

- 8 Dec. Daytime Meeting**
- 10 Dec. Members Meeting**
- 11-14 Dec. Field Trip**
- 12 Dec. Members' Sale**
- 14 Dec. ANPS Council**
- 14 Dec. Cutting/Seed Bee**
- 27 Jan. Feb. *Bulletin* Items Due**
- 30 Jan. Propagation Meeting**
- 2 Feb. ANPS Collation**

*** March 20 Autumn Sale***

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Replant: a new generation of botanical art
See flora of the NT through the eyes of seven artists
Daily until January 31, 2010

Carols in the Gardens
4.30pm, Saturday 5 December
ANU Choral Society
Organic BBQ
Bring picnic rugs or camp chairs for your comfort
Admission free

Contact: Visitor Information Centre
☎ 6250 9540

What's On – December 2009

Next Council Meeting:
12:30-2pm, Monday 14 December. Sponsorship Board Room, CSIRO Discovery, Black Mt.
Next Collation: 7pm, Tuesday 2 February 2010. Collation is from 7pm at Pauline Adams, 4 Beeby Street, Ainslie. Please come along and help.

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