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Bulletin

December 2011

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

Speaker: Dr. Judy West

Judy has been the Executive Director of the Gardens since late 2009 and has played a major role in the strategic development of the management plan. Judy is also Assistant Secretary, Parks and Biodiversity Science in Parks Australia. Her position in Parks Australia involves overseeing the science and natural resource management activities in Commonwealth National Parks. She has an Adjunct Professor appointment at Australian National University and she was awarded an Order of Australia in 2003 for her contributions to Australian plant systematics .

Topic: ANBG's New Management Plan

The draft of the new Management Plan for ANBG was released on Wednesday 23 November for public comment. The new Plan covers the period from 2011 to 2021 and contains many exciting ideas for the future of the Gardens. This will be the defining document for development of the Gardens over the next 10 years so come to hear about it and have the chance to ask questions.

The document is available on the ANBG website

<http://www.anbg.gov.au/gardens/about/management/manplan/index.html>.

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 prizes this month will be plants from Masumi and John Robertson and Bill Willis. Our Raffle Coordinator is Jenny Campbell. Please contact her with any raffle suggestions – ☎ 6248 8948, mobile 0417696617 or **email** geoffcampbell@bigpond.com .

Daytime Activity, Tuesday 13 December, 10am **Visit to National Library of Australia**

Our last meeting of the year will be held in the National Library. We are planning to have a viewing of a selection of Raper paintings of plants and animals. Numbers will be limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. Following the viewing we are planning to have lunch at the Library to celebrate our last activity for the year and Christmas.

Please RSVP to Christine.

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

ANPS Canberra Region Officers for 2011/12

Congratulations to all ANPS members elected to office for 2011/12.

Ben Walcott President

John Arundel Vice President and Speakers
Coordinator

Jodie Durrant Secretary

John Carter Treasurer and Membership
Secretary

Rosalind Walcott Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

General Members of Council

Shirley Daniels

Warwick Daniels

Shirley Pipitone

Masumi Robertson

John Robertson

Ben Wallace



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 2011 and celebrate with other ANPS members.

President's Message

As we start a new fiscal year after the AGM, I would like to thank all those on last year's Council for all their hard work and dedication to the Society. In particular, I would like to thank Jenny Campbell for all her work and thoughtful input into our deliberations. I would also like to welcome the new Council members, Shirley Pipitone and Ben Wallace, who were elected for this year. There are many different activities that the Society encompasses and Council needs to support them all: from propagation to walks, field trips, daytime activities, the new edition of the book and to the monthly meetings. In addition, we should continue to press our aim of promoting native plants for use in gardens throughout Australia but in particular Canberra. As part of this process, we should support the Australian National Botanic Gardens and STEP in their efforts to show the beauty and importance of native plants and their programs to educate the public. The ANBG is in the process of preparing a Plan of Management for the next 10 years. The draft plan has been released and Dr. Judy West will present an outline of the plan at our next meeting. It is very important that we all look at that plan and make

suggestions for improvements before the close of the comment period at the end of January. Council will be discussing a response at our meeting in December and would welcome any comments that members would like to make that could be included in our submission. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and wish you a very happy new year.

Field Trip - Early Mountain Flowers in the Snowy Mountains December 9-12

Day 1 Saturday 10 December

A medium loop walk from Charlotte Pass to Mt. Stillwell and back. 5 km with 400m climb along a rough track and some off track - plenty of flowers to see.

Day 2 Sunday 11 December

A long strenuous walk along the Main Range Track via the Blue Lake lookout to the main ridge below Mt. Carruthers to see the unique feldmark vegetation. 13 km return, 300m climb, all on a good track. Participants can turn around safely along the track at any time. There is a crossing of the Snowy River where the stepping stones may be covered by melt water so bring rubber shoes and a towel for wading the river. Both walks are weather dependent and may be curtailed or abandoned at any stage. Accommodation at Kosciuszko Mountain Retreat at Sawpit Creek. A range of comfortable cabins and campsites have been checked out - see www.kositreat.com.au or ☎ 6456 2224. Bring all food as the nearest eateries are at Jindabyne. It is suggested that participants arrive Friday night and depart on Sunday evening or Monday. The Retreat is about 2.5 hrs from Canberra. There is a daily Parks entry fee.

Field Trip - Victorian High Country Alpine Flowers January 20 -25

Based at Omeo with accommodation at Omeo Caravan Park and in town. A delightful and roomy park with cabins and camping under shady grassy areas. See www.omeocaravanpark.com.au or ☎ (03) 5159 1351. Could be busy in the holidays. From there we will visit the nearby Hotham and the Bogong High plains to see the alpine flora over 4 days (Jan 21-24) a mixture of short and long walks and car crawls. Omeo is a day's drive from Canberra and can be approached from several directions from the north. Leave on 20 January and return on 25 January. Map Hema 'High Country Victoria'.

For more details email/phone Roger Farrow r.farrow@iimetro.com.au or ☎ 6236 3105

Propagation Christmas Twilight Cutting/Seed Bee

**4-7pm, Monday 12 December
4 Beeby Street, Ainslie**

The last propagation group meeting for 2011 will be a cutting bee followed by dinner with Christmas goodies. It's a great social way to finish the propagation year.

Many species grow well from cuttings in summer including daisies, Thomasias, Grevilleas, Westringias and Correas. If you can, bring named cutting material, or seed, and something to share for dinner. Tea and coffee will be provided and Pauline will be making punch.

Contact: Pauline Adams ☎ 6247 4643

Advance Notice Propagation January 2012 Annual Propagation Meeting/Potting Up 10am-1pm, Saturday, 28 January 3 Considine Close, Queanbeyan

Join us in January to plan the year's propagation schedule and discuss propagation matters.

We'll start with a working bee potting the many rooted cuttings ready and then have lunch together.

Bring lunch, sunscreen, hat.

Contact: Lyndal Thorburn and Tom Jordan
☎ 6297 2437

Volunteers Needed

The Australian National University Sustainability Office ANUgreen is preparing for their seasonal bird surveys for 2012-13, and they are hoping for as many volunteers as possible. These surveys will be an important step in monitoring and protecting native birds in the ACT region. Experience is not essential, and training will be provided. Their first planned survey will take place on **Saturday 21 January 2012**. Please get in contact with them if you are interested.

Contact: Tim ☎ 6125 2158 or email
anugreen@anu.edu.au

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

☺ Rosey Stanier

Gardens in Focus Competition

Explore a botanic garden, whether in a capital city or a country town in any special place in the world, and discover the unique and ever changing features of the garden. Winning photos will be those that show what makes your botanic garden special to you, not necessarily

technically brilliant photos. This special competition offers **\$10,000** in cash prizes and is open to **everyone who visits or works in a botanic garden** anywhere in the world.

Closing date is 10th December 2011.

They are also looking to find 'Australia's most treasured botanic garden'. The garden that receives the most entries will receive recognition from Gardens in Focus as the Most Treasured botanic garden in Australia. This garden will receive a handsome certificate from Gardens in Focus and acclaim on the Gardens in Focus website. A vote is automatically registered each time a photograph is uploaded to the competition and the winning garden will be notified during January 2012.

Full information is on the website

www.gardensinfocus.com.au.

Quote of the Month

'The Australian National Botanic Garden has been growing, studying and promoting Australian plants and related flora for over 40 years. As a botanic garden and national institution managed by the Australian Government, the ANBG has a mandate to serve the nation; to conserve its living natural heritage; to encourage and support the cultivation, use and conservation of Australian plants and to be a custodian of the national story of Australia's unique flora.

The vision for the ANBG is that *Australians value, conserve and appreciate our rich plant heritage*. To achieve this vision the ANBG's mission is *To inspire, inform and connect people to the Australian flora.*' p. iv, *Australian National Botanic Gardens Draft Management Plan 2011-2021*, 2011.



**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL
BOTANIC GARDENS**

Photo of the Month



***Ranunculus anemoneus* at Charlotte Pass**

Photo by Roger Farrow

The Alpine Buttercup is a rare endemic of the Snowy Mountains which was almost wiped out when cattle grazing occurred but is now well on the road to recovery

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Judy West

ANBG Management Plan

12.30 pm, Thursday 1 December

ANBG Theatre

Contact: Visitor Information Centre

☎ 6250 9540

What's On – December 2011

Next Council Meeting:

12:30-2pm, Monday 12 December, Sponsorship Board Room, CSIRO Discovery, Black Mt.

Next Collation: 7pm, Tuesday 31 January.

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

Bulletin Editor: Rosalind Walcott ☎ 6161 2742 or email bulletin@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au.

Note: Please ensure material for the February *Bulletin* reaches me by Wednesday 25 January.

Calendar of Events

- 8 Dec. **Members Meeting**
- 12 Dec. **ANPS Council**
- 12 Dec. **Cutting/Seed Bee**
- 25 Jan. **Feb. *Bulletin* Items Due**
- 28 Jan. **Annual Propagation Meeting**
- 31 Jan. **ANPS Collation**

*** Autumn Sale March 17 ***

*** Weed Swap
March 31 - April 1 ***

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