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**Bulletin**

**February 2008**

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

**Speaker: Dr. Philip Gibbons**

Dr Philip Gibbons is a senior fellow at The Fenner School of Environment and Society at the Australian National University. He left a burgeoning career in an abattoir to undertake research and develop policy on logging and land clearing which he has done for the past 20 years under the employ of a number of state and commonwealth government agencies.

**Topic: Land clearing and offsets: no net loss or the tail wagging the dog?**

Australia is among the top 10 land clearing nations. While there has been recent legislative change to reduce the loss of native vegetation in Australia, underlying demand for land clearing—such as population growth, holiday houses, better roads—continues unabated. Significant land clearing is still permitted in Australia provided the impacts can be offset by improving or establishing native vegetation elsewhere. Does this policy lead to “no net loss” or is it just a case of the tail wagging the dog?

**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.

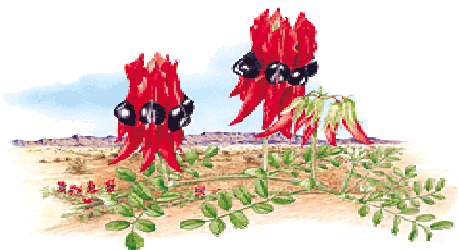
**Plant Sale:** There may be plants for sale this month.

**Daytime Meeting: Tuesday 12 February, 10.30am**  
**Geoff and Gwyn Clarke, 26 Henry St., Cook**

Come along and help us to plan for 2008. Bring your ideas to help out with those we already have. Later we'll show places you'll see on the North Coast trip later this year. This is a great social occasion, an opportunity to buy plants and share your ideas. All welcome.

Bring your lunch and the Clarkes will provide drinks

**Contact:** [Info@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au](mailto:Info@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au)



## Life Membership for the Dixes



Photo by Jean Geue

Warwick and Glenis Dix were presented with Life Memberships by Gwyn Clarke on 13 December 2007 in recognition of their varied services to the Society over many years.

### Council Officers

Council received with regret the resignation for personal reasons by Lesley Page from the position of President and as Member of Council. At the January Council meeting Roger Farrow was re-elected President of the Society for 2008 and Jan Robbins Vice-President. Paul Carmen was elected to Council.

### 2008 Autumn Plant Sale

The Autumn Plant Sale will be held at the ANBG on **Saturday 29 March from 8.30am – 2.30pm**. We need volunteers to help on both Friday 28 and Saturday 29 to ensure that the sale is a success. A few hours on either day will be a considerable help to your Society.

**Contact:** Roger Farrow email [president@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au](mailto:president@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au).

### Position of Plant Sale Coordinator

Council is searching for someone to fill the position of Plant Sale Coordinator (PSC). The duties of this position have been well documented by previous PSCs and the coordinator can rely on excellent support from our team of well trained volunteers. The position involves communication with Member Growers and ANPS Shadehouse Minders, organisation of volunteers for delivery, sorting, setout and sale, sale advertising, ensuring smooth running of the sale, and post sale review. Please consider volunteering for this position. **Contact :** Roger Farrow e-mail [president@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au](mailto:president@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au).

## Seed Bank

Council has appointed a sub-committee to review the future of our Seed Bank. Members are Jan Robbins, Linda Johnson and Ben Walcott. If you have any suggestions or comments about the disposition of the Seed Bank, please talk to one of these sub-committee members.

**Contact:** Linda Johnson ☎ 6294 3390 or email [cjglmj@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cjglmj@bigpond.net.au).

## ANPS Telephone Contact

Gwyn Clarke has answered questions about our Society from the general public for many years. Thanks, Gwyn! She is now seeking to hand this responsibility over to a new telephone contact. Is any member of the Society willing to field questions that come to our telephone number? It is important for the public to be able to contact us by phone as many do not have web connections. Please contact Roger Farrow ☎ 6236 3105 or email [president@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au](mailto:president@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au).

## Field Trips 2008

The trips for 2008 are being finalised and the program will be placed on the web site shortly and in the March *Bulletin*. For the February field trip an intrepid band of pioneers is spending the first two weeks of the month in northern Tasmania at Ben Lomond, Cradle Mountain and Arthur River and are being joined by members of the local ANPS groups. The March field trip will be to Big Badja in the Tallaganda range on Sunday 16, almost a two hour drive but an easy walk along a firetrail, with lots of wet forest and montane late flowers. The April trip will be to Green Cape in Ben Boyd NP (Eden) from Friday 11 to Sunday 13, Banksias galore. Details to follow.

## Storage of Society Materials

Council is compiling an asset list for our Society and need to know if members are storing materials of any kind which belong to the Society. Please look in your garages and cupboards and contact Benjamin Walcott e-mail [membership@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au](mailto:membership@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au).

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

☺ Jill More

## MOTH

MOTH ((Mindors of Tuggeranong Homestead) is a volunteer group who look after the heritage listed property of Tuggeranong Homestead, and work hard in the grounds as well as caring for the native woodland and vegetation. They are currently embarking on an ambitious program to clear out the weed-infested gully of the old Tuggeranong creek, and replant suitable native vegetation. They have recently been awarded \$7000 to help re-establish the grounds of the

Homestead. They are keen to have new members join their group but also anyone who would like to be involved in their planting/landcare program over the next year. **Contact** MOTH chair, Jenny Horsfield ☎6231 4535.

## Becoming a Member Grower

Have you been growing some Australian native plants for yourself and are now interested in growing plants for the ANPS Sale? If your answer is yes, please contact Merren Sloane for detailed information, then volunteer to help out at the upcoming Autumn Sale so that you can learn how things work and get a feel for what you will need to do as a grower.

Contact: Merren Sloane **email**  
[sloane.merren@ozemail.com.au](mailto:sloane.merren@ozemail.com.au).

## Propagation

### Cutting Bee

**4pm – 7pm Monday 18 February**

Geoff and Gwyn Clarke, 26 Henry St, Cook  
Please bring your small sharp cutting tools, some cuttings and something to share for dinner. Cuttings that do well at this time of year include *Brachyscome*, *Chrysocephalum*, *Olearia*, *Micromyrtus*, *Correa* spp, *Myoporum* spp, and *Scaevola* spp.

Geoff will demonstrate making cutting mix.

**All welcome.**

**Contact:** [info@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au](mailto:info@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au)

### Potting Up

**11am – 2pm Saturday 23 February**

Tom Jordan and Lyndal Thorburn  
Queanbeyan Shadehouse  
3 Considine Place, Queanbeyan

**Contact:** [info@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au](mailto:info@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au)

### Home for a Mist Bed

Later this year the Mist Bed at Clarke's will be looking for a new home. As this is the only North Side facility we would like to find it a home in the north. If you are interested and would like to know how to look after it and what you would have to do, please contact Gwyn.

**Contact:** [info@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au](mailto:info@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au)

## Order Eucamulch Now

We received a delivery of 63 bales of Eucamulch over the Australia Day weekend. Get your order in now for the next delivery, possibly in late autumn. We need to have orders for 50 or more bales before a new shipment is made to Canberra. Eucamulch does wonders for the garden being a byproduct of Eucalyptus Stills located in the Mallee in Victoria. It comes in a cubic metre bale of tightly packed material, costing \$52, and will

cover 10 square metres to a depth of 10 cm. To make an order contact Bridget email

[bridgetpeter@webone.com.au](mailto:bridgetpeter@webone.com.au).

## Conservation

Owing to the resignation of those who have been active in the Conservation Group, there will not be a Conservation Group meeting this month. If there are members who wish to raise conservation issues, these issues should be referred to the Council.

## Meeting Support Required

ANPS needs members to volunteer for the Supper, the Raffle and the Raffle Prize of the monthly meeting. Your support to make our meetings a happy social evening is important.

Please contact Bill Willis to join the roster **email**  
[bwillis@cuumbean.com](mailto:bwillis@cuumbean.com) .

## Roster Reminder for February Meeting

Supper – B. Willis

Raffle – C. Royston

**Contact:** Bill Willis **email** [bwillis@cuumbean.com](mailto:bwillis@cuumbean.com).

## Garden Design Study Group

The next meeting of the Study Group will be on **Sunday 24 February, 10am – 12.30pm** at Els Wynen's, 3 Ramage Place, Flynn. Els's garden is a very unusual shape and has developed gradually over a long period. She has recently set up a watering system which distributes rainwater from the roof and that will interest many members.

The March meeting, **Friday 28 to Sunday 30 March**, will be a combined NSW/Canberra groups trip to see several native gardens in the Blayney/Orange district of NSW, including our member Fiona Johnson's garden (barely started) which Shirely Pipitone designed last year.

**Contact:** Shirley Pipitone **email**

[pipitone@netspeed.com.au](mailto:pipitone@netspeed.com.au).

## Quote of the Month

"Tree ferns superficially resemble palms, yet they represent a group of true ferns of ancient ancestry, with some members dating back at least to the Jurassic period. Today these plants are usually grouped into two families, Cyatheaceae and Dicksoniaceae, and include more than 500 known species. They have become sought after for their striking appearance and are cultivated in public and private gardens. p. 11, Mark F. Large and John E. Braggins, *Tree Ferns*, CSIRO Publishing, 2004.

## What's On – January 2008

### Australian National Botanic Gardens

#### Climate Change: Update from Bali

Janette Lindesay

Thursday 7 February, 12.30pm

#### Bill Bachman

Travels in the Other Australia

Thursday 14 February, 12.30pm

#### Paul Perkins

Water Adaptation: Sustaining the Nation,  
Industries and Institutions

Thursday 21 February, 12.30pm

#### Roger Farrow

The Land of the Red Hot Poker

Thursday 28 February, 12.30pm

**All talks at ANBG Theatrette, except when  
otherwise specified**

**Contact:** Visitor Information Centre

☎ 6250 9540



Plant Sale October 2007

Photo by Lucinda Royston

#### Next Council Meeting:

12:30-2pm, Monday 18 February. Sponsorship  
Board Room, CSIRO Discovery, Black Mountain.

**Next Collation:** 7pm, Tuesday 4 March. Collation  
is from 7pm at Pauline Adams, 4 Beeby Street,  
Ainslie. Please come along and help.

**Bulletin Editor:** Rosalind Walcott email:  
[bulletin@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au](mailto:bulletin@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au). **Note:**  
Please ensure material for the March Bulletin  
reaches me by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

### Calendar of Events

12 February	Daytime Meeting
14 February	Members Meeting
18 February	ANPS Council
18 February	Cutting Bee
23 February	Potting Up
24 February	Garden Design SG
27 February	March <i>Bulletin</i> Items Due
4 March	ANPS Collation
16 March	Field Trip to Big Badja
29 March	Autumn Plant Sale

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