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Bulletin

June 2011

Members Meeting: Thursday 9 June, 8pm

CSIRO Discovery, Clunies Ross St, Black Mountain

Speaker: David Taylor

David is Curator of the living collection at the Australian National Botanic Gardens. He started his obsession (and career) with a focus on Australian plants as a horticultural apprentice in the nursery industry over 25 years ago. Since then he has been involved in many diverse ways with Australian flora, working with the landscape industry, promoting threatened flora through the nursery industry with a focus on returning resources to conservation projects, establishing many gardens featuring Australian plant, and since starting at the ANBG has worked as a custodian of many sections and themes within the gardens, has had a landscape planning role and as curator has established a new approach to tackle the diverse values of the living collection and how to progress and engage people with it.

Topic: Landscape Design and the Innovative Use of Materials

David has been fortunate to work with many experienced, creative and talented people from the landscape architecture industry during his career, including Glen Wilson, Paul Thomson and Kaiya Browning. This influence and a personal obsession that runs through his veins for creating (or encouraging) the evolution of landscapes that engage challenge and celebrate the way we live with and enjoy our surroundings furnished with our unique and special flora and landscape is the focus for this talk. It extends to how we consider the non-plant aspects of our surroundings and some ideas on how we use and source materials.

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 this month will be gift vouchers from the Botanical Bookshop which have been donated by an ANPS member. To donate future raffle prizes **please contact** Paul Carmen or Cathy Hook ☎ 6288 4208 or **email** inf@nativeplants-canberra.asn.au

Daytime Activity: Tuesday 14 June, 10am

What's Flowering in Winter at the ANBG?

A specially guided tour at the ANBG. Numbers limited. **Bookings essential.** Donation of \$4 per person. Meet at Visitors' Centre. **Contact:** Shirley Daniels ☎ 6231 0852

Advance Notice for Daytime Activity: Tuesday 15 November

Behind the scenes tour of the plant fossil collection at the Australian Museum, Sydney.

The tour will be of about 1 1/2 hours duration followed by lunch at the museum cafe. Afternoon activities can be decided later. We will be staying overnight in Sydney but people will need to organise their own accommodation and transport. **Bookings are essential and strictly limited.**

Contact: Shirley Daniels ☎ 6231 0852

Field Trip June Beecroft Peninsula

June 24-27

A trip to the warmer climes of Jervis Bay and an exploration of coastal heathland.

Accommodation or camping in Currarong.

Leader: Warwick Daniels

Contact: Please email

wda68126@bigpond.net.au or ☎ 5231 0852

Propagation

Cutting/Seed Bee

11am-2pm Sunday 26 June

4 Beeby St., Ainslie

Please bring cutting material (in water), and your lunch. I will be making soup to keep everyone warm. We have cover if the weather is wet. Material which seems to do well at this time of the year include *Acacia covenyi*, *Banksia spinulosa*, *Bauera*, *Callistemon*, *Correa*, *Grevillea*, *Lasiopetalum*, *Olearia*, *Prostanthera*, *Rhodanthe*, *Thomasia*, *Westringia* and *Zieria*.

We will be commencing trials of *Callistemon*, *Persoonia chamepeuce* and *P. chamypites*.

The group is keen to determine which hormones produce the best results in which season

Contact: Pauline Adams ☎ 6247 4643

Aussie Natives Win Chelsea Gold Medal

The project designer of Melbourne's winning entry in the UK's Chelsea Flower show says the unusual native flora in the design made Australia stand out. The entry from Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens, the first Australian entry in the main avenue category, won a gold medal.

Landscape designer Jim Fogarty says it is a brilliant result. "It stands out amongst things; it's 100 per cent Australian native plants," he said. "There's plants they've never ever seen before; there's plants in flower that even I haven't seen before. We've got rare plants; we've got the colours of Australia, we've got the outback red sands in our garden - the rich earthy tones of Australia." Dr Philip Moors, the chief executive of the gardens says the winning design was inspired by the Cranbourne Botanic Gardens, in Melbourne's south-east. "One of the key judges, just in conversation, said to me that the garden is a triumph," he said.

ABC News website, Wednesday 25 May 2011

☺ A very warm welcome to our new members ☺

☺ David Dedenczuk

☺ Wayne Lynch

☺ Michel Starling

☺ Judy Corp

☺ Morris and Eva Teubal

☺ Norma Vernon

ACRA Request for Donations

Request from ACRA for ANPSA support in raising the funds required to complete the 'Checklist of Australian Plant Cultivars' Project by encouraging APS groups across Australia to donate.

For the first stage of this project ANPS groups Australia-wide donated a total of \$19,300, ACRA added \$10,000 from accumulated funds and Horticulture Australia Limited provided matching funding making a total of approximately \$50,000. This money was used up by December 2010.

The Final Report of this stage of the project (already circulated) shows about 4000 fully referenced names, one quarter with secondary references and approximately 1000 with protologues attached. The estimated tasks remaining are: approximately 3000 protologues to be scanned and linked with those names already entered, mainly from publications such as 'Australian Native Plants: cultivation, use in landscaping and propagation', 'Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants suitable for cultivation' and the 'Australian Plants' magazine. More publications to be searched for the names of unregistered cultivars, eg Pacific Horticulture, Australian Horticulture, plant name tags such as Norwood's, etc. It is estimated that the funds needed to complete the project would be about the same amount as for the first stage. ACRA would again use some of its funds, though less is available than at the time of the first stage, and HAL would be approached for matching funding as before.

ACRA asks that the ANPSA committee support this proposal by passing the request for donations to all State Regions, District Groups, Branches and Study Groups. It is ACRA's hope that about \$20,000 can be raised in this way towards the cost of the final stage of this worthwhile project.

Donations could be sent to:

Paul Carmen, Registrar

Australian Cultivar Registration Authority

Australian National Botanic Gardens

GPO Box 1777

Canberra ACT 2601

May 2011

World Wide Wattle

www.worldwidewattle.com

This is a terrific site for wattle identification and images.

WorldWideWattle is a collaborative project involving the Western Australian [Shire of Dalwallinu](#), the Western Australian [Department of Conservation and Land Management](#) and the Canberra-based [Australian Tree Seed Centre](#) (part of CSIRO Forestry and Forest Products). The impetus for this site originated from an [Acacia symposium](#) that was conducted in Dalwallinu in 2001. Its further development will, in part at least, be linked to the proposed Dalwallinu Environmental Interpretive Centre project which is a major initiative being undertaken by the Dalwallinu community. The aim of WorldWideWattle is to deliver authoritative information relating to Australian species of *Acacia* in order to inform, educate and promote the conservation, utilisation and enjoyment of this important group of plants. The information presented here is intended for use by a wide range of users, both professional and amateur, including taxonomists, ecologists, foresters, etc. to school children and others who simply want to learn more about this fascinating genus. *Acacia* is the largest group of woody plants in Australia, with around 1 000 species currently recognized (these are generally known by the common name of **Wattle**). Many of these species are grown, not only within Australia but also **world wide**, for economic, environmental and social reasons. These are the reasons for naming the site WorldWideWattle. Within Australia Wattles dominate large areas of the continent and are especially common and conspicuous in arid, semi-arid and dry sub-tropical areas. *Acacia* species exhibit an amazing range of variation in morphological, ecological, geographic, biological, biochemical, genetic and other attributes. Understanding these species with respect to their names, variation and relationships is the essential starting point for effectively using this vast genetic resource. It is this sort of information that WorldWideWattle delivers, along with a range of other topics of general and specific interest concerning Australian Acacias. WorldWideWattle also hosts the International Group for the Study of Mimosoideae site. This specialist group is concerned with the dissemination of information concerning the Legume subfamily Mimosoideae, of which *Acacia* is the largest genus.

David Lindenmayer Lecture

Tuesday 7 June, 5.30pm Shine Dome

'New Perspectives on Ecologically Sustainable Forest Management'

Free entry and free parking

Quotes of the Month

Some Society Activities

Armadale

'The warmer days in December are the time we collect our seed in Bungendore Park for the long-term rehabilitataion programme within the park. We collected on two days, (mainly pea family) and our early morning sessions are always followed by a cuppa and cakes in the wonderful bushland.' p.24, WSWA Newsletter February 2009.

Kimba and Districts

'Our propagating group has been busy and has finished planting up the five centre areas on Schaefer Ave and a new area on the corner of Martin Tce and Eyre Highway with hardy small natives and groundcovers. Members have been allocated to water each section. We were pleased to have a letter of acknowledgement from our District Council.' p. 526, APS Journal SA Region , v.20(6), May 2009.

COOTS (Conservation of our Threatened Species) Report

'Pine Point had around 800 seedlings planted, complete with stakes and tree guards. We planted mainly in the paddock close to the camp-site, and it is our intention to fill that area in completely this year; and hopefully it will be a matter of filling in the gaps over coming years. p.120, APS Journal SA Region, November 2010.



Propagation Group, Annual Propagation Meeting
Photo by Lyndal Thorburn

Photo of the Month



Banksia ericifolia, Brooks Plateau
Photo by Roger Farrow

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Brett Odgers

What Were Walter and Marion Up to in 1911?

12.30pm, Thursday 2 June

Pat Wright

Beautiful Flowers of NZ South Island

12.30pm, Thursday 9 June

David Young

Christchurch Botanic Garden

12.30 pm, Thursday 16 June

Lucy Sutherland

The Australian Seed Bank Partnership

12.30 pm, Thursday 23 June

Ping Block

Ikebana With Australian Plants

12.30 pm, Thursday 30 June

Contact: Visitor Information Centre

☎ 6250 9540

What's On – June 2011

Next Council Meeting:

12:30-2pm, Monday 20 June, Sponsorship Board Room, CSIRO Discovery, Black Mt.

Next Collation: 7pm, Tuesday 5 July.

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

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Note: Please ensure material for the July *Bulletin* reaches me by Wednesday 29 June.

Calendar of Events

- 9 June** **Members Meeting**
14 June **Daytime Activity/ANBG**
20 June **ANPS Council**
24-27 June **Field Trip Beecroft Plateau**
29 June **July *Bulletin* Items Due**
5 July **ANPS Collation**
*** Spring Sale October 22 ***
*** Weed Swap November 5-6 ***

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