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Bulletin

May 2008

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

Speaker: Peter Olde

Peter will be well known to many as the (long time) leader of the Grevillea Study Group (GSG), and co-author of *The Grevillea Book* (3 vols). Peter is also an honorary research scientist at the Herbarium of NSW, co-author of several taxonomic papers on *Grevillea* and one on *Banksia*, organiser of the GSG's annual Autumn plant sale, a former President of NSW APS and the Sutherland APS Group, and an historian (he is currently writing up the life of the botanical collector, George Maxwell). Now retired from business as the proprietor of a piano removal company, Peter also sings in and conducts a 4 part choir. *Grevillea oldei* is named after him.

Topic: Grevillea Hybrids

A new book by Peter, and co-author Neil Marriott, on *Grevillea* hybrids is currently in press. Peter will talk to us about the history of the *Grevillea* hybrids, some new plants for the garden, and share some of the discoveries he made while writing up this interesting group of plants.

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 13 May, 10.30am **Garden Visits, Aranda**

We will be visiting two gardens, #12 and #13 Juwin Street, Aranda.
Meet at #13, Jean Geue's garden, then on to # 12, Kath Arthur's garden. Park in the street.
For those who wish, we will continue on to the Jamison Centre for lunch.

Contact: Shirley Daniels **email** wda68126@bigpond.net.au

Life Membership

Call for Nominations

Please consider nominating one of our Society members for Life Membership. A member who has given outstanding and meritorious service in furthering the objectives of the Society may be awarded Life Membership. Nominations for Life Membership must be in writing and signed by two financial members and forwarded to the Secretary by 30 July 2008.

Contact John Carter **email**
john.carter.reps@ph.gov.au.

Standards Subcommittee

Gwyn Clarke has resigned from the Standards Subcommittee after many years of service – thanks Gwyn. Council is calling for nominations for this important position. Criteria for the position can be obtained from the Secretary. Please send your nominations to John Carter **email**
john.carter.reps@aph.gov.au.

Field Trip for May

Phil Trickett and Catriona Bate will lead a walk up Mt. Ainslie on Sunday May 18. The walk will start from Phil and Catriona's home at 10A Ebdon Street, Ainslie at 10am and return in time for a BBQ lunch. To book for the walk, contact Phil or Catriona by email
catrionaandphil@grapevine.com.au.

New Members Afternoon

Saturday 17th May, 2.00 – 4.30pm

This is a social afternoon for all members, both 'new' and 'old', and will be held at Ben and Ros Walcott's place at 10 Wickham Crescent, Red Hill. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet and get to know each other, and have a tour around the Walcott's extensive garden, which has been in the Open Garden Scheme. Tea, coffee, and juices will be available, and everyone is encouraged to bring something to share for afternoon tea.

Please contact Ben and Ros if you are coming along (so they have some idea of what numbers to expect) **email** rwalcott@netspeed.com.au.

August Field Trip - North Coast

Monday 18 August to Thursday 21 August

(Arrive Sunday pm leave Friday am)

This field trip was proposed last year. If you were interested then, or are interested now, please let Geoff and Gwyn Clarke know. The trip includes visits to see plants in a variety of habitats, garden plants, tree manufacture and bird watching.

A detailed program including proposed trips, mud maps to the camp sites, and contact details for places to stay if you do not want to camp, is available when you contact the Clarkes.

Contact Gwyn and Geoff Clarke

Photos for the New Book

ANPS is revising and updating the Society's book, *Australian Native Plants for Canberra Gardens*

and *Other Cool Climate Areas*, and has set up a working group to do this big task. We hope to have the revised book available in spring 2010. The new book will have substantially more photos than the current book, with up to a quarter of the book being photos. There may also be an accompanying DVD which would include photos of all the plants referred to in the book. This gives you all the opportunity to have your photos published in our book. All photos published will be credited to the photographer.

Requirements: To enable sorting and selection all photos submitted need to be: in electronic format; and jpeg photos which have been saved in best quality format (low compression). Photos of plants need to be named in the following format:

grevillea_alpina(john_smith)4.jpg (lower case font and no spaces)

positively identified from the label or by an experienced ANPS member. (In most cases it is not possible to positively identify the plant from the photo).

Photos for the introductory chapters need to include details of the section the photo is intended for and to be named in the following format: pests(john_smith)5.jpg (lower case font and no spaces)

Other information that would be useful (either included as metadata* or a note with the photos); where the photo was taken (there will be a preference to those taken locally or in a similar climatic zone); when it was taken; what the photo is of (flower, seed, habit, bark).

Please provide me with either CD or DVDs of photos or if you only have one or two you can email them.

*metadata is information stored about a file within the properties. (If you don't know what it is don't worry).

Please **email** me if you have any questions.

emu@fwi.net.au, Pamela Finger, Image Coordinator, ANPS New Book Working Group

Plant Sale Coordinator

Council is (still) searching for someone to fill the essential 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@nativeplantscanberra.asn.au.

Eremophilas

7th FJC Rogers Seminar, Horsham and Wimmera, Victoria

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 October 2008

The seminar is for enthusiasts of Australian plants, and for all gardeners who want to have an attractive garden with low water use. Early registration savings if you book by 1st June. Seminar bookings close by 1st September. Enquiries Sue Smith, WGAP, PO Box 553, Horsham, Vic. 3402. Warwick and Shirley Daniels will be attending this seminar so any further enquiries can go to Warwick Daniels email wda68126@bigpond.net.au

WEED SWAP

Weekend 12-13 April

A very sincere "thank you" to all who volunteered to facilitate the exchange of native plants for a range of environmental weed species. We gave away close to 1000 plants after conversations about weed problems with several hundred people at the green-waste sites. WEED SWAP is an almost behind-the-scenes ANPS activity, yet it reaches many members of the public who are keen to learn more about Australian plants.

Missing Bulletin

If you do not receive your *Bulletin* please contact Ben Walcott email bwalcott@netspeed.com.au.

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

- ☺ Sandra Hand
- ☺ Lynne McPherson
- ☺ Stella Conroy
- ☺ Susan Martin

Meeting Roster for May

Supper – Jan Simpson

Raffle – Jan Simpson/Bill Willis

Raffle Prize – Linda Johnston

Please contact Bill Willis to join the roster email bwillis@cumberland.com.

Molonglo Valley

To all who have an interest in conserving the Molonglo Valley there are two events coming up which provide access to the areas under threat from development plans.

There will be a ranger-guided walk into the lower valley on **Saturday May 10 from 10am**. Book to attend by contacting Angela at Greening Australia, ☎ 6235 3035

The Conservation Council is organising an Open Day in the Kama Woodlands on **Sunday June 1**.

These events will provide chances to visit inaccessible places and for organisers to show their gratitude to those who have sent in their protests about proposals which threaten endangered ecosystems and native species.

Rosemary Blemings

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.

Propagation

Cutting Bee

11am – 2pm, Saturday 31 May

13 Chevalley Loop, Gordon

Contact: Linda Johnston

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: Gwyn Clarke

Eucamulch

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 \$54, and will cover 10 square metres to a depth of 10 cm. We need to have orders for 50 or more bales before a shipment is made to Canberra. The list for the next delivery is already underway with 22 orders! To make an order contact Bridget : email bridgetpeter@webone.com.au.

What's in a Name: Brachyscome or Brachycome?

It all depends on whether you want to correct the bad Greek of the 19th century botanist who originally described the genus after Brachys = short and kome = hairs. Normally the s is dropped when these two words are combined, e.g. Brachychiton, but this author failed to do so in the original description and then tried to subsequently correct it.

Roger Farrow

Rhamnaceae Study Group

This ASGAP study group is led by local member Jo Walker. Please phone Jo for information about this group ☎ 6238 3415.

Australian Plants as Bonsai

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

Garden Design Study Group

Contact: Shirley Pipitone email pipitone@netspeed.com.au.

Wednesday Walkers

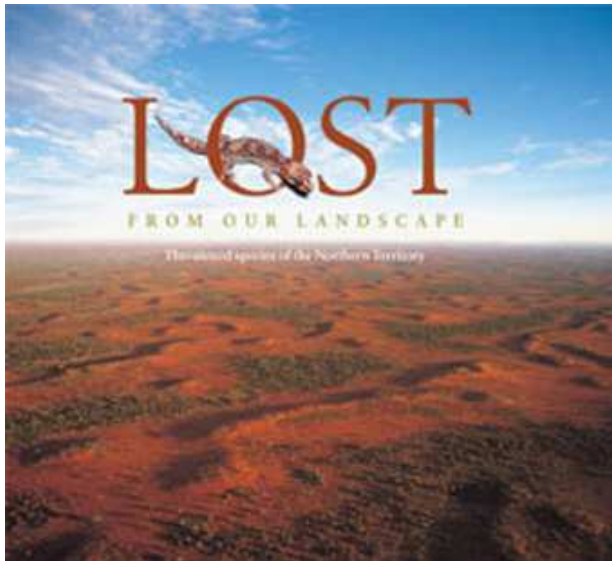
Walks are posted on the calendar on the ANPS website each week.

Grasses Group

This group practices grass identification at the ANBG every fortnight. For more information contact Merren Sloane [email sloane.merren@ozemail.com.au](mailto:sloane.merren@ozemail.com.au).

Quote of the Month

“For the first time Territorians and visitors can learn about all the threatened species of the Northern Territory in one book. Environment Minister Delia Lawrie ...launched *Lost From Our Landscape*, a publication sponsored by the Territory Government, which documents all 203 threatened species in the Territory. ‘The Northern Territory has some of the most spectacular wilderness in the world’ said Ms. Lawrie. ‘Significant areas of our environment are pristine; so many species which have disappeared in other parts of the world still survive in the Territory. To ensure our continued biodiversity it’s necessary to become aware of the unique plants and animals under threat so we can do our best to protect them and their habitats. This book offers Territorians and visitors the chance to learn about these species and the problems that they face.’ From *Gumnuts*, 4/15/08, p.1.



Rock ledge, Green Cape Photo: Roger Farrow



Green Cape Photo: Roger Farrow



Xerochrysum, Norries Head (Murwillumbah)
Photo: Roger Farrow

What's On – May/June 2008

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Why Change the Plant Names?

Brendan Lepschi
Thursday 8 May, 12.30pm

The NSW Vegetation Act

Adam Muyt
Thursday 15 May, 12.30pm

New Correa Cultivars

Peter Ollerenshaw
Thursday 22 May, 12.30pm

Communicating Science

Steve Speer
Thursday 29 May, 12.30pm

Murramarang Revisited

Philip Boot
Thursday 5 June, 12.30pm

All talks at ANBG Theatre, except when otherwise specified

Contact: Visitor Information Centre
☎ 6250 9540

Next Council Meeting:

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

Next Collation: 7pm, Tuesday 3 June. Collation is from 7pm at Pauline Adams, 4 Beeby Street, Ainslie. Please come along and help.

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

Note: Please ensure material for the June Bulletin reaches me by Wednesday 28th May.

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SE NSW Group of the Australian Plants Society

Stan Powell ☎ (02) 6495 6584

Wagga Wagga Group of the Australian Plants Society

Penny Munro ☎ (02) 6927 3391

Calendar of Events

8 May	Members Meeting
12 May	ANPS Council
13 May	Daytime Meeting
18 May	Field Trip Mt. Ainslie
28 May	June <i>Bulletin</i> Items Due
3 June	ANPS Collation

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