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Bulletin

November 2007

Members Meeting: Thursday 8 November, 8pm

CSIRO Discovery, Clunies Ross St, Black Mountain

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Australian Native Plants Society, Canberra Region Inc., will be held at 8pm on Thursday 8 November, 2007 and will precede the general members' meeting at Optus Theatre, CSIRO Discovery Centre.

Speaker: Lori Gould

Lori has been involved with natural resource management for the past 14 years, 8 of which have been coordinating (mostly river) projects with Greening Australia Capital Region – one of which was the Picaree Hill Project. She has a Bachelor of Environmental Science and a post graduate Certificate in River Restoration and Management.

Topic: Picaree Hill Conservation Project

Greening Australia manages a number of environmental programs in the ACT and surrounding region, one of which was Picaree Hill Conservation Project. Picaree Hill is an 800ha privately owned patch of remnant vegetation near Murrumbateman that is managed for conservation. Plant surveys undertaken by ANPS were used in the development of the Picaree Hill management plan, which will be the focus of Lori's talk.

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 November, 10.30am

Visits to Gardens and a Wetland

We will gather at Tim and Shane Woodburn's 'new' garden at 22 Mulga Street, O'Connor, after which we will go to the O'Connor Wetland. We'll have a look around there, Jean will tell us a bit about the history, and we can have lunch (bring your own!). Merren Sloane's delightfully small garden is close by in Turner, and we'll go there after lunch, perhaps in groups, depending on the number of people attending.

Please contact Els Wynen on els.wynen@elspl.com.au or ☎ 6258 3561, for more information or booking (essential)

Membership Renewal

ANPS member subscriptions are now due. A renewal form will be sent out with the November and December Bulletins. You can also renew using the society's website, <http://nativeplants-canberra.asn.au/>. If you intend to renew your membership, please do so soon.

ANPS Plant Sale a Great Success

Yet another highly successful ANPS Sale was held on the 20 October. By the end of the first hour after the 8.30 am opening about 1/2 to 2/3 of the plants were already taken, and many had already cleared the payment lines, and were on their way to be planted. By noon, there were only about 300 plants left, roughly 3% of the total set out on Friday for the sale. But a few stalwart buyers still turned up after 2 pm, and bought some of the remaining 100 plus plants. And it all went so smoothly. When asked to what he attributed the smooth running of the sale, the Sale Co-ordinator laughed, and claimed it was the quality of the previous Sale Co-ordinators' recipes he'd been handed, and the volunteers. When asked to be more specific, he declined, on the basis that he might as well just hand over the list of everyone who had helped on both Friday and Saturday. But he did agree to share one story to illustrate the quality of the volunteers. It appears that one of our members had offered to help on Friday or Saturday afternoon, so was quite happy to come on Saturday, when told there were plenty of people coming on Friday. Not unusual, many people would do that. However, ANPS members aren't just obliging, they also use their initiative, in highly appropriate ways. When this person dropped into the sale mid-Saturday morning, and noticed how few plants were left, he approached the Sale Co-ordinator and asked if he should come in early to start clean up. And so he did, and worked like a Trojan.

So well done all you unsung heroes.

Michael Robbins

(October 07 Plant Sale Co-ordinator).



Sale Aftermath – Jan Washed Our Vests!

Photo: Jan Robbins

Roster Reminder for November Meeting

Supper – J. Lindner

Raffle – R. Vallak

Raffle Prize – J. Carter

Contact: Julie Lindner **email**

juliel@smartchat.net.au.

Australian Plants Articles Needed

We need more articles for the December edition of *Australian Plants*. Please consider writing an article on the general theme of south-eastern Australia. Remember that this issue of *Australian Plants* is the responsibility of ANPS Canberra Region and should accurately reflect the enthusiasm and competence of our members.

Contact: Lesley Page ☎ 6238 1766 or **email** lespage@bigpond.com.

Field Trip, November 16-19 Croajingalong National Park

Together with the adjoining Nadgee Nature Reserve in NSW, Croajingalong NP is classified as a World Biosphere Reserve, one of only 12 in Australia. We will camp at Thurra River camping area. For those not wishing to camp, motel accomodation may be obtained at Cann River about 45 km from Thurra. Road suitable for 2 wheel drive.

Warwick Daniels ☎ 6231 0842 or **email** wda68126@bigpond.net.au.

FLORIADE 2007

Although the **Plant Me Instead** weeds display garden wasn't an official ANPS activity, over 25 members chose to volunteer explaining at the garden as a way of supporting native plants and countering invasive weeds. Over the 4 weeks of Floriade some 120 sessions were catered-for between 10am and 3pm. As you will have heard, visitor numbers increased. This was reflected in the number of visitors to the weeds display; it was a busy place even in the frequently gusty wind conditions. Volunteers would join me, I think, in noting that many, many people are well informed and concerned about weeds, their impact, the complex issues surrounding plant 'introductions' and climate change's effects on what should be planted in gardens. We handed out 1000 copies of the WEED SWAP brochure and illustrated weeds lists. Also at this year's event there was a static display, for 10 days, showing the Society's activities.

Thank you to all our volunteers for a great contribution to public awareness about weeds, the Society, our Spring sale and wise gardening. Particular mention to Cathy and Paul for copying endless quantities of ANPS brochures for this Floriade presence. Rosemary Blemings

Order Eucamulch Now

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. We need to have orders for 50 or more bales before a shipment is made to Canberra. Having just had a delivery, a new list has been started for a possible shipment early in the New

Year. To make an order contact Bridget ☎ 6249 8672 or **email** bridgetpeter@webone.com.au. (She is away October 2 – November 5 and will attend to orders after that).

Propagation

Grafting Workshop

Cancelled due to circumstances beyond my control. I am sorry that I will not be able to run this workshop. Gwyn Clarke.

Midweek Propagation

10am, Tuesday 6 November

1065 Tallagandra Lane, Gundaroo

Sue McColl

Bring lunch to share, hat, cuttings will come mainly from Celia Lawrie's, but others welcome. Rides and equipment provided. Most directly approached by taking Gundaroo Road, now called Mulligan's Flat Road, through Gungahlin. Take the western turn to Tallagandra Lane and go 10.65 km down the road. Their house access road goes up a thickly treed exclusion once meant for a road. The end is in McColl's yard. Can be reached by taking Namima Rd from Barton Highway and turn north (right) at T junction with Murrumbateman - Gundaroo Road. Go until Tallagandra Lane shows up on east (right). It is 2.6km from that end, still to the south.

Contact: Jan Simpson ☎ 6281 6118

Potting Bee

10am-1pm, Saturday 24 November

Queanbeyan Shadehouse

3 Considine Close, Queanbeyan

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE

In view of the water shortage problem we are trying to consolidate our plants into the smallest space possible. This means that not all shadehouses will be operating. We do have a number of plants to be potted and as we do not plan to have a January potting session this year we hope to have a good roll up, as the next session will not be until February. Please bring old secateurs or scissors for root trimming. Lyndal and Tom will provide a drink so don't forget your lunch. All welcome.

Contact: Ian Tranter ☎ 6284 3547

29/30 August to 7 September. Camping would be on Morrie and Fiona Duggan's property 15km south of Grafton or Geoff and Gwyn Clarke's bush block at Kungala 35km south of Grafton. Motel and cabin accommodation is available at Grafton. Morrie will demonstrate harvesting and extraction of ti-tree oil and his very large dam attracts many waterbirds. The Clarke property is 40ha of natural bushland on sandstone ridges with lots of plants and birds. We also plan to have walks in nearby coastal and inland national parks with varied and interesting birds and flora. This does not overlap with NSW Conference tours. If you think you might be interested in such a trip please ring Geoff and Gwyn Clarke ☎ 6251 1043. We need expressions of interest from a few more people to know if numbers warrant further planning. **An expression of interest is not a definite commitment.**

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

☺ Gus Stanier and Jane O'Hara

☺ Rosey and Robin Stanier

Parry's New Native Plant Nursery

Read all about *Floralands*, 100 years of native plants, and the 4 generations of Parrys in the new SGAP history book. It is entwined with SGAP Canberra history too - Lyn Parry sold truck loads of plants at SGAP Canberra's first early Flower Shows, before we began large scale propagation. The new nursery, run by Nola Parry, is alive and well. **The Wildflower Place, 453 The Entrance Road @ cnr. Puddleduck Lane, Erina Heights 2260.** ☎ (02) 4365 5510, fax 4365 5514. Entry is from Puddleduck Lane.

Conservation Group

Join this group to address native plant issues in the region. The group usually meets on 3rd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 20 November at 6 Gidabal Street, Aranda. For more information contact Jean Geue ☎ 6251 1601.

Garden Design Study Group

November Meeting: 10 am - 12.30pm Monday 19 November in Linda Johnson's garden, 13 Chevally Loop, Gordon. The meeting will be mostly social, with some discussion about our plans for next year and we may have some suggestions for Linda's garden.

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

Future Field Trip, September 2008

Planning is underway for a week long field trip to the NSW North Coast in 2008. Tentative dates

What's On – November 2007

Australian National Botanic Gardens

ANBG Orchid Collection

Tim Mulcahy and Barbara Corsini
Meet at Display Greenhouse
Bookings Essential

Thursday 8 November, 12.30pm

Experiences with the Open Garden Scheme

Genevieve Jacobs

Thursday 15 November, 12.30pm

NSW Native Vegetation Act

Adam Muyt

Thursday 22 November, 12.30pm

Australian Bells

Gwyn Clarke

Thursday 29 November, 12.30pm

Grazing in the Gardens

Friday 30 November, 6pm

All talks at ANBG Theatre, except when otherwise specified

Contact: Visitor Information Centre

☎ 6250 9540

Next Council Meeting:

12:30-2pm, Thursday 15 November. Sponsorship Board Room, CSIRO Discovery, Black Mountain.

Next Collation: 7pm, Tuesday 4 December.

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

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Please ensure material for the December Bulletin reaches me by Wednesday 28th November.

Quote of the Month

'When is a Mallee not a Mallee?

A: *When Life is a Bed of Roses*

"Generally a single-trunked species will provide a larger shade tree, with less room taken up at ground level. When a more shrubby size is required, choose a mallee, and this can always be coppiced if it gets too large. Remember though, that it is generally unwise to chop off a eucalypt at ground level unless you are pretty sure a lignotuber has been formed. ... It is good that the great majority of smaller decorative eucalypts that we are likely to want for our gardens do have a lignotuber".
Elsbeth Jacobs, pp. 2,8, *Kunzea* October 2007.

Calendar of Events

6 November Midweek Propagation

8 November Members Meeting

13 November Daytime Meeting

15 November ANPS Council

19 November Garden Design SG

20 November Conservation Group

24 November Potting Bee

28 November Dec. Bulletin Items Due

4 December ANPS Collation

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