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## **Bulletin**

## **November 2009**

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**Members Meeting: Thursday 12 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 12 November, 2009 and will precede the general members' meeting.

### **Members' Night**

This month we will have short presentations from several of our members:

**Alan Ford** - Lake Eyre and surrounds.

**Shirley Pipitone, Reet Vallak and Roger Hnatiuk** will talk to us about the recent ANPSA Conference in Geelong, which they attended as delegates on behalf of ANPS Canberra. They will provide a brief summary of the biennial ANPSA meeting, and an overview of the Conference sessions and day bus trips, as well as sharing with us some of the highlights of the pre- and post-conference tours to the Grampians and Goldfields.

**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 10 November, 10am**  
**Parraweena Wildlife Refuge**

### **Jo Walker**

You are invited to Jo Walker's place at 159 Poppet Road Wamboin.

Parraweena is 20 acres of regenerating bush, plus some plantings. We will look at plantings near the house (note this is not a landscaped display garden), then walk down to the dam and onto the top of the hill to see what will grow on shallow rocky soil. Wear sturdy shoes, bring a sandwich and stay to lunch.

**Directions:** Go via Sutton Road, turn right onto Norton Road then 3rd right onto Poppet Road.

**Contact:** Jo Walker ☎ 6238 3415

### **Membership Renewal**

ANPS member subscriptions for 2009/2010 are due November 1. A final renewal form will be sent out with this Bulletin. You can also renew using the society's website and a credit card (click PayPal) at <http://nativeplants-canberra.asn.au/>. If you intend to renew your membership, please do so now to avoid unnecessary paperwork..

## Plant Sale – Another Great Success

After some much needed rain at the beginning of the month, the weather was perfect for the ANPS Spring Sale on Saturday 17 October. A very large crowd had lined up outside the ANBG gates by the 8.30am opening time, and by the end of the sale fewer than 200 of the nearly 8800 plants remained! A very big thank you to all those members who worked so hard on the Friday and Saturday, and in the lead up to the sale. It was great to have so many new members come along to help – we hope you found it a rewarding experience. The Society relies on the proceeds of the sale, and the event simply couldn't happen without the willing and enthusiastic help and support of our members. Thank you everyone for another tremendous effort and a great result. Paul, John and Ben

## Call for Nominations

Nominations are called for positions on Council. Elections will be held at our General Meeting this month. A nomination form will be included with this *Bulletin*. You can nominate yourself or others. We need volunteers to stand for general positions on Council and we also need specifically members willing to serve as President and Secretary. Please consider serving your Society by standing for election and send your nominations to John Carter ☎ 6277 4306 or [email john.carter.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:john.carter.reps@aph.gov.au).

## Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to Cathy Hook and Paul Carmen who are stepping down as organizers of speakers at our monthly meetings. They have done a sterling job of finding stimulating speakers on a wide variety of relevant topics. If you have an idea for speakers at our meetings in the future please contact Ros or Ben Walcott ☎ 6161 2742 or [email rwalcott@netspeed.com.au](mailto:rwalcott@netspeed.com.au).

## November Field Trip Budderoo National Park (Robertson) November 20-23 (2 Days 3 Nights optional)

The highlight is a visit to the diverse heathland flora of the Illawarra escarpment in the Budderoo National Park near Robertson. Day 1 will be a longish, undulating walk across the heathland to Gerringong Falls and we expect to find an interesting array of plants in flower. Day 2 will be a number of short walks around Carrington Falls and other places of interest to be decided on the day. We will be joined by Helen Tranter from the Southern Highlands Branch of the ANPS who will be able to give us expert advice on the flora and

places to visit. 1:25000 Maps Robertson & Kangaroo Valley. Those that wish to camp will be staying at the Carrington Falls NPWS Campground. Those preferring sheer luxury should check in at a Robertson Motel or a local B&B (see the Internet). For those that can leave early on the Friday meet at the Paragon Café in Goulburn at 2.30 pm and proceed in convoy to Carrington Falls Campground or other accommodation. For those leaving on the Saturday please be at the entrance to Budderoo NP by 9am approx 2 hrs from Canberra. Optional return time Sunday evening or Monday morning. If you wish to participate please contact Roger Farrow ☎ 6236 3105 or [email r.farrow@iimetro.com.au](mailto:r.farrow@iimetro.com.au) or Warwick Daniels ☎ 62310852 or [email wda68126@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wda68126@bigpond.net.au).

## Advance Notice - Field Trip

The **December field trip** will be held early on December 11-14 and we will visit Boggy Plain and Nungar Plain in Kosciusko NP near Kiandra. These frost hollow plains have an interesting array of sub-alpine flowers including some endemics. Boggy Plain is new for us. Camping at Wares Campground; Motelling at Adaminaby. 4 WD only

## Daytime Meeting, Tuesday December 8, 10.30am

## National Library of Australia

Our last meeting of the year will be held in the National Library. Barrie Hadlow has generously offered to show us a selection of the Library's Ellis Rowan paintings which are not in the public display area. We will **meet in the foyer** of the National Library at **10.15am**. **RSVP is essential as numbers will be limited**. If there are more than about 15 we will consider splitting the party into two groups - one group having coffee etc while the other group are shown the collection. The tour will take about 1 hour. **Contact : Christine Kendrick ☎ 6236 3105 or email [r.farrow@iimetro.com.au](mailto:r.farrow@iimetro.com.au)**

## Advance Notice – Added Sale

There will be a sale of ANPS plants to **members only** at 3 Considine Close, Queanbeyan on Saturday morning, December 12, 9.00-11.30am. If you could help with setting-up on Thursday and Friday or at the sale on Saturday please contact Merren Sloane ☎ 6262 7673 or [email sloane.merren@ozemail.com.au](mailto:sloane.merren@ozemail.com.au).

## Second Forum – A Bold New Future

A second forum on the Australian National Botanic Gardens will be held **Wednesday 9 December at the John Curtin School, ANU at 5.30-7.30pm**. It will be sponsored by Senator

Kate Lundy and the Friends of the ANBG. There will be two sessions with three speakers in each session

## Open Gardens (Native) November

All gardens open 10am-4.30pm, \$6

**14-15 November:** Bonterlily, 75 Ellendon St. Bungendore (mixed native and exotic)

**21-22 November:** Walcott garden, 10 Wickham Crescent, Red Hill

**21-22 November:** Mackenzie/Manning garden, 13 Lincoln Close, Chapman

**28-29 November:** Jonette's garden, 77 Somerset St., Duffy

**28-29 November:** Lisadeen, Bombay Road, Bombay (near Braidwood, directions in AOGS Guidebook) (mixed native and exotic)

## Selecting Gardens for the Open Garden Scheme

I cannot believe no one knows any interesting native plant gardens. Somebody must know one or two! Please let Shirley know by mid-November and remember, they do not have to be superb - just interesting. Tell her the address and whatever contact details you have and she will do the rest.

Contact: [pipitone@grapevine.com.au](mailto:pipitone@grapevine.com.au)

## Propagation

### Twilight Propagation

### Cutting Bee

4pm-7pm, Thursday 19 November  
8 Bussell Crescent, Cook

Come to see my jungle and enjoy preparing cuttings for a future sale of plants for your society. You can supply cuttings from your garden or select some from my garden. Best cuttings at this time include *Acacia covenyi*, *Alyogyne huegelii*, Correas, Daisies, Grevilleas, Micromyrtis, Westringias. Bring secateurs, hat, sunscreen, mosquito repellent, and something to share for supper. Hot drinks are provided.

Contact: Barbara Daly ☎ 6251 2358

### Potting Up/Seed Planting

10am-1pm, Saturday November 28  
Weetangera Shadehouse, 43 Mayo St.  
Weetangera (enter from the park off Abernethy St. and Kilby Crescent)

There will be rooted cuttings to pot and also a collection of seeds to plant so they will be ready for our next sale. Bring gloves, hat, sunscreen, drink and snacks.

Contact: Maki Koyama,  
[mkoyamajp@aol.com](mailto:mkoyamajp@aol.com).

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

☺ Ian Pollard

## Meeting of the Sydney Garden Design Study Group

November 21-22 Foxground/Gerrigong South Coast.

Another weekend garden extravaganza awaits. On the beautiful south coast we will visit two gardens at Foxground Saturday 21 and one at Gerrigong, a delightful seaside village just across the road from Foxground, on the morning of Sunday 22.

### Saturday morning:

Bruce Mackenzie's (see article Conversation with - a wonderful opportunity and not to be missed).

### Saturday afternoon:

Just up the road to Bolwarra where we will have our BYO picnic lunch and spend the rest of the afternoon there: please come prepared for leeches - just in case.

### Sunday morning:

The garden of **Glennis and Warwick Dix**

Please contact Shirley Pipetone

[pipitone@grapevine.com.au](mailto:pipitone@grapevine.com.au) or Jo Hambrett  
[tudortalisman@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tudortalisman@optusnet.com.au) ☎ 02 9651 1827 if you are interested in attending this trip.

## Quote of the Month

'Of the fourteen houses that were designed and built in the harbourside suburb (of Castlecrag) by Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony, only a few have escaped major renovations. While the news would certainly disappoint the late American architect, Griffin would no doubt be pleased to know that the largest and grandest that was built - the Fishwick House - is one of them, and is still surrounded by native vegetation, albeit most of it newly planted.

..When it was completed in 1929 the natural bush grew right up to and around the house.

Today many of these trees are gone...

Landscape and bush regenerator Pamela Batters, who only works in Castlecrag, agreed to help with the garden and the adjacent native reserve. Fast forward another eight years and both the garden and the reserve have benefited enormously from Pamela's care...The reserve and the lower reaches of the Fishwick House's garden have been replanted with species indigenous to the suburb. Closer to the house other native species have been planted.

p. 50, Jenna Reed Burns, *Australian Gardens for a Changing Climate*, Lantern, 2008.

## Picture of the Month



Dance Floor Cave on the Kanangra Walls field trip  
Photo by Christine Kendrick

## What's On – November 2009

### Next Council Meeting:

12:30-2pm, Monday 16 November. Sponsorship Board Room, CSIRO Discovery, Black Mountain.

### Next Collation: 7pm, Tuesday 1 December.

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

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**Note:** Please ensure material for the December Bulletin reaches me by Wednesday 25 November.

## Australian National Botanic Gardens

### Birds

**Dick Schodde**

Thursday 5 November, 12.30pm

**The Canberra Arboretum – 2013 and Beyond**

**John Mackay**

Thursday 12 November, 12.30pm

**Charles Darwin – Botanist Extraordinaire**

**Rosemary Purdie**

Thursday 19 November, 12.30pm

**Fungal Illustration – 699 Odd Years**

**Heino Lepp**

Thursday 26 November, 12.30pm

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

**Contact:** Visitor Information Centre

☎ 6250 9540

## Calendar of Events

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 10 Nov.                        | Daytime Meeting                |
| 12 Nov.                        | Members Meeting                |
| 16 Nov.                        | ANPS Council                   |
| 19 Nov.                        | Cutting Bee                    |
| 20-23 Nov.                     | Field Trip (Budderoo)          |
| 25 Nov.                        | Dec. <i>Bulletin</i> Items Due |
| 28 Nov.                        | Potting Up                     |
| 1 Dec.                         | ANPS Collation                 |
| <b>* March 20 Autumn Sale*</b> |                                |

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