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Bulletin

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Members Meeting: Thursday 10 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 10 November, 2011 and will precede the general members' meeting.

Members' Night

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

Speaker: Benjamin Walcott

Ben will talk on Kangaroo Island, specifically Stokes Bay Bush Gardens, and then on aspects of the ANPSA conference in Adelaide

Speaker: Lucinda Royston

Lucinda travelled back from Perth along the coast from Walpole to Esperance in June and July this year. There were lots of plants in flower and she will show you photos of a selection of them.

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 prizes this month will be plants from Bilby Blooms – thank you Anthony. Our new Raffle Coordinator is Jenny Campbell. Please contact her with any raffle suggestions –

☎ 62488948, mobile 0417696617 or **email** geoffcampbell@bigpond.com .

Membership Renewal

ANPS member subscriptions for 2011/2012 are due November 1. A renewal form will be sent out with the November 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..

Spring Plant Sale Report

Thank you to the many ANPS members who helped with the organization, setting up and running of this year's spring plant sale on Saturday October 22. We had great weather for a change. The plants arrived and were all checked for Myrtle Rust but fortunately none was found. Thanks to the number of helpers, the plants all were placed and checked in record time. For a variety of reasons, we had only about 8,000 plants at the sale and most were gone by 11am after the usual rush.

Thanks again John, Paul and Ben

Propagation

Twilight Cutting Seed Bee

4 – 7pm, Thursday 17 November

8 Bussell Crescent, Cook

Please come along to enjoy some propagation activity with like minded members of the society and help propagate plants to sell at the ANPS sales next year.. Bring along plant cuttings from your garden which grow well in Canberra. Some of the species which are known to root well in November are Calytrix, Correa, Grevillea, Jasminum, Kunzea, Melaleuca, Micromyrtus, Prostanthera, Scaevola, Templetonia, Tetratheca, Thomasia, Westringia and Zieria. New growth which has hardened off a bit is usually suitable. You can also bring plant species which are difficult to strike. Collect plant material in the morning when the air is still cool into a bucket of water and keep it in shade until the cutting bee. The wider the range of plants we grow the better.

Secateurs and gloves are available or bring your own. After the bee, we usually have dinner, so bring something to share. Tea and coffee will be provided. **Don't forget the mosquito repellent** – Barbara's mosquitos are enormous!

Contact: Babara Daly ☎ 6251 2358

Potting Up

10am – 1pm, Sunday 27 November

Weetangera Shadehouse

Off the park on Abernethy St. Weetangera Anne and Nola will supply tea and coffee. Please bring a snack or some food to share. All welcome.

Contact: Nola McKeon ☎ 6278 6619 or email nola_mckeon@hotmail.com.

☺ A very warm welcome to our new members ☺

- ☺ Sally Stephens
- ☺ Adam Toseland
- ☺ Barrie and Catriona Pennefather
- ☺ Jan Conoplia

Death in the Gardens

7.15pm, Thursday 10 and Friday 11 November (Gardens gates locked after 7.40pm) Crosbie Morrison Building

The Friends of the ANBG are holding a different and light hearted social event next month, on the evenings of Thursday 10 and Friday 11 November at the ANBG. This will take the form of a murder mystery evening: 'Death in the Gardens'. The evening is a fundraiser for the Friends, and the mystery has been written by the brother of one of the Friends' members. He has written several other such mysteries, but this one has been developed specially for us, and is set in the ANBG. Guests will be presented with an unfolding story (told in a very humorous way!), and will have to work out 'who done it' (as well as how).

We want to invite members of ANPS Canberra Region (and their families and friends) to this function, and to form a table or two and compete with other groups to see who can unravel the most of the mystery and be in the running for a fabulous (?) prize – not to mention the bragging rights!!! Individuals and families are also welcome, and will be seated with other groups if they don't have 6 or 7 people to make up their own table. We are inviting the various Friends' groups (Guides, Growing Friends etc), as well as ANBG staff to get up a table or two, so there should be some spirited competition.

We hope you will be able to come and enjoy the fun.

Cost: The cost (\$25 for Friends of the ANBG members and ANBG staff; \$30 for others) includes entertainment, cheese platter, dessert and tea/coffee; drinks will be available for sale.

Phone Bookings and Enquiries: Barbara Podger ☎ 62477188; Tricia Morton ☎ 62816813; or **email** enquiries to: bookings@friendsanbg.org.au. Please book early as space is limited.

Feral Damage

Here is a new reporting scheme to help map feral animal sightings in your area in response to the \$720 million annual damage caused by feral animals in Australia. Members might be interested in signing up to map sightings, damage and control activities in our local area. Website www.feralscan.org.au has details.

Quote of the Month

Grevillea Projects

Project 1 – Digital Photos

' I would like to obtain a digital photo bank of all species, subspecies and forms for uploading onto a Grevillea Study Group webpage together with a list of all species and subspecies accepted by the Group. I have already compiled a list of references of *Grevilleas* for inclusion and would then hope to write a short treatment of each taxon together with horticultural notes. This is a large project but a worthwhile one.

Whenever I am researching on the internet and type in a species name I am inevitably met with photos of wrongly identified plants. I have received donations that can be used for this purpose from a number of members... I will complete a list of species that are missing in the next few months. Photos for the net do not have to be of high resolution. Maximum size is projected at c. 50kb and even that might prove too big for the web page. ...

Project 2 – DNA Research

The aim here is to collect and store specimens of all species of *Grevillea* for future DNA research. The process is quite simple but must be followed rigorously to have any scientific value. DNA is best preserved by fast drying. Leaves are collected and dried with silica gel. A specimen must also be collected with the sample and both labelled with the same number (the collector's number). Leaves from the same plant must be placed in a clip lock plastic bag and silica gel placed in to dry. The clip lock bag should be attached to the specimens that are then sent to me. It will be stored at the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney together with the reference specimen. Large leaves need to be torn into small pieces. Small leaves can be dried intact. Always collect DNA with clean hands. Do not use secateurs that may contaminate the material with another species' DNA.'

Contact Peter Olde for more information at

peter.olde@exemail.com.au.

Peter Olde, p. 2-3, ANPSA *Grevillea Study Group Newsletter*, #90, October 2011.



Stokes Bay Bush Gardens, Kangaroo Island



Anigozanthos manglesii, Stokes Bay Bush Gardens



Qualup Bells Photo Lucinda Royston

Photo of the Month



Your hardworking delegates at the Adelaide ANPSA Council Meeting – Ben Walcott, Jan Simpson, Ros Walcott and Shirley Pipitone

Calendar of Events

- 10 Nov. Members Meeting
- 17 Nov. Cutting/Seed Bee
- 21 Nov. ANPS Council
- 23 Nov. Dec. *Bulletin* Items Due
- 27 Nov. Potting Up
- 29 Nov. ANPS Collation
- * Autumn Sale March 17 *
- * Weed Swap November 5-6 *

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Ian Fraser

A Bush Capital Year – Beneath the Covers

12.30 pm, Thursday 3 November

Heino Lepp

Fungi and Humans Over Time

12.30 pm, Thursday 10 November

Phil Trickett

Grafting WA Banksias

12.30 pm, Thursday 17 November

Pat Wright

Who's the Smartest – Plants or Animals?

12.30pm, Thursday 24 November

Contact: Visitor Information Centre

☎ 6250 9540

What's On – November 2011

Next Council Meeting:

12:30-2pm, Monday 21 November, Sponsorship Board Room, CSIRO Discovery, Black Mt.

Next Collation: 7pm, Tuesday 29 November.

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

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