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## Bulletin

## September 2011

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**Members Meeting: Thursday 8 September, 8pm**

**CSIRO Discovery, Clunies Ross St, Black Mountain**

**Speaker: Jason Cummings**

Jason has been CEO of Greening Australia Capital Region since May 2010. Jason has a PhD in ecosystem restoration and has plied his trade in rainforest restoration and woodland restoration from north Queensland to southern NSW, through academic, on-ground and community engagement pursuits. Since joining Greening Australia he has seen the return of *Microlaena*, Chocolate Lilies, Button Wrinklewort and *Indigofera adesmiifolia* to his backyard in Cook.

**Topic: Greening the Capital Region**

Greening Australia is fast approaching its 30<sup>th</sup> year of activity in the region. Jason will highlight some the existing programs that GA delivers with its partners and volunteers in southern NSW and the ACT. The focus of the presentation will be the achievements of landholders and volunteers in their pursuit to return native plants to the Australian landscape, with consideration of how far we have come as a restoration community in 30 years.

**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 Kama Nursery – thanks, Cathy and Paul.

## No Daytime Activity for September

## Membership Renewal

ANPS member subscriptions for 2011/2012 are due November 1. A renewal form will be sent out with the September, October and November Bulletins. 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 soon to avoid unnecessary paperwork..



## No Field Trip in September Flinders Ranges Field Trip 9 - 23 October

A last minute request to members wishing to attend this field trip to contact myself after 23 September if you have not heard from me at this stage. This is a camping trip with mostly campground or other accommodation available. Participants will need their own transport and an ability to cope with rough terrain, eg stony creeks etc.

**Contact:** Leader Warwick Daniels  
☎ 6231 0852 or **email**  
[wda68126@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wda68126@bigpond.net.au)

### Propagation Cutting/Seed Bee

**11am – 2pm Saturday 24 September  
6 Considine Close, Queanbeyan**

The Ray family - Andrew, Chris and Nigel – are the new minders of the hot bed that has kindly been looked after for several years by Linda Johnston. The Rays live on the other side of the road to Lyndal and Tom who host both a Society hot bed and shade house. We will be holding our cutting bee at the new location, but due to the changes that have been taking place, it would be great if everyone could bring the makings of tea and coffee to share. (The Rays are unsure of their commitments at this stage).

Please bring cutting material (in water), and your lunch. Material which seems to do well at this time of the year include Baeckea, Correa, Crowea, Dampiera, Grevillea, Hibbertia, Leptospermum, Melaleuca, Myoporum, Persoonia and Westringia.

**Contact:** Pauline Adams ☎ 6247 4643

## Weeds Display Garden Floriade Volunteers Please

Several ANPS members have taken the opportunity to promote Australian plants over the years at the Weeds Display Garden. If you enjoy meeting people, talking gardening and offering information on local problem plants please consider volunteering for 3-hour sessions at Floriade. The weeds and suitable replacement plants are clearly labelled and there's a wealth of material to hand out. This year there's also going to be a focus on Indigenous use of native plants as 'bush-tucker' with expert explainers on hand. Volunteers explain the weeds menace from 10am to 1pm and noon to 3pm daily so there are many opportunities to turn your visit to

Floriade to good use! Parks and Conservation Service personnel have organised the garden and the weeds are being mollycoddled for 17 September to 16 October. It's so good seeing people in relaxed mode and enjoying themselves!

**Please phone or email** if you are willing to add your name to the roster or if you need more details. Thank you, Rosemary. Please **email** [rosemary@blemings.org](mailto:rosemary@blemings.org) or ☎ 6258 4724

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

☺ Garth Chamberlain  
☺ Vincent Ginnane

## Becoming a Member Grower

Have you been growing some Australian native plants for yourself and are now interested in growing plants for the ANPS Sale? If your answer is yes, please contact Merren Sloane for detailed information, then volunteer to help out at the upcoming Spring or Autumn Sale so that you can learn how things work and get a feel for what you will need to do as a grower.

**Contact:** Merren Sloane ☎ 6262 7673 or **email**  
[sloane.merren@ozemail.com.au](mailto:sloane.merren@ozemail.com.au).

## Photographs Needed

ANPS Book Group is looking for photographs of selected plants for the new edition of the *Australian Native Plants for Canberra Gardens*.

Have a look at the images that have already been donated on our website [www.phyla.com.au](http://www.phyla.com.au) and the images flyer sent out with this bulletin for more information. Thank you.

Masumi Robertson

## Raffle Coordinator

Council needs a volunteer to coordinate our raffle each month. This job is not onerous, but involves creating a roster of our member growers who will be responsible for donating plants for our raffle each month (except winter). The coordinator would need to remind the volunteer grower each month to make sure that we have raffle plants on hand. Please consider volunteering as coordinator as our raffle supports some very worthy organisations, (e.g. Eurobodalla Gardens this year).

## Walcott Garden Open

**10 Wickham Crescent, Red Hill**

**10am – 4.30pm, Sunday September 18**

Expansive young native garden with over 4,000 plants and more than 700 different species. Heritage pines, wildflower meadow and three large ponds with waterlilies and aquatic ferns. ANBG guides will be on hand to help identify plants. Tea, coffee and scones will be available on the terrace. John Carter of Plant People will be selling plants on site.

Entry \$6, children free. Charity supported is Friends of the ANBG.

The Walcott Garden has been chosen as host for the launch of the Open Gardens Australia season this year for ACT, southeastern and northwestern NSW. We are happy to welcome garden owners from many areas to our garden for the launch and are pleased to have a native garden on show.

Ros and Ben Walcott

## **Advance Notice**

### **Black Mountain Wildflower Ramble**

**9.30am sharp to 12 noon (or later)**

**Saturday 15 October**

Belconnen Way entry, just before Caswell Drive turnoff (look for the balloons)

Join wildflower lovers to enjoy the spring diversity on Black Mountain and celebrate the 40th annual Burbidge/Chippendale wildflower ramble. Black Mountain is the jewel in the crown of Canberra Nature Park and has a rich flora. This will be an easy guided walk with leaders Laurie Adams, Isobel Crawford, Peter Ormay and Jean Geue. It's a great way to celebrate the spring and find out how to look for our sometimes cryptic wildflowers. Bring your friends especially those who are new to plant identification. You need not book. BYO morning tea, hat, sunblock, water and stout shoes.

**Contact:** Jean Geue ☎ 6251 1601

## **Book Reviewers Needed**

CSIRO PUBLISHING is looking for reviewers for the two titles below. The review will be published in our *Journal* as well as in other publications.

### ***Planting for Wildlife***

#### ***A Practical Guide to Restoring Native Woodlands***

By Nicola Munro & David Lindenmayer  
*Planting for Wildlife* provides the latest information on restoring woodlands, with particular emphasis on plantings as habitat for wildlife. Key topics include why it is important to revegetate, where to plant, how to prepare a site, how to maintain and manage plantings, and how they change over time.

Published August 2011 - Paperback - 96 pages  
- ISBN: 9780643103122 - AU \$ 39.95

### ***Wetland Weeds***

#### ***Causes, Cures and Compromises***

By Nick Romanowski

#### **Due to be published early September**

This comprehensive guide to wetland weeds covers both native and introduced species, ranging from minor or localised environmental problems to those that should not be tolerated in any situation. More than 130 species of

established weeds are included with information on their origins, nutrient responses, environmental effects, habitat values, prospects for containment or eradication, and even culinary uses.

Published September 2011 - Paperback - 184 pages - ISBN: 9780643103955 - AU \$ 49.95

**\*Please note\***, only one review copy per title is available for the reviewer to keep. A review copy will be sent to the **first person** to contact Melinda at CSIRO PUBLISHING.

If you would like to review one of these titles for our *Journal*, please **email** Melinda Chandler at CSIRO PUBLISHING, with your name and mailing address, and the title of the book you wish to review : [melinda.chandler@csiro.au](mailto:melinda.chandler@csiro.au).

## **Photographs of Plants Needed**

Are you a photographer of plants? I'm looking for some plant photos to use for some Greening Australia work, so I'm looking for someone who is happy to share their plant photos for the good of educating the public.

**Contact:** Nicki Taws **email**

[ntaws@bigpond.com](mailto:ntaws@bigpond.com) or ☎ 02 6251 0303 or 0408 210 736

## **Quote of the Month**

'In 1997 we commenced John Hunt's approach of 'mounding and channelling' a piece of ..land approx. 30x40 metres... The area we chose was notorious for being sodden throughout the winter months. The initial work that we undertook had some short-comings in that we made mounded and channelled sections too narrow and too straight... After three or four years I undertook a major restructuring of the garden by widening them and making the channel/paths more meandering and therefore more interesting. . . .We did not use a material such as rubble or rocks in the channels relying on the sand as the base of the paths. We obtained leaf litter from another older garden and used it for mulching the mounds. With the passing of the years, the shrubs on the mounds produced their own leaf litter thus providing a natural form of mulch for the mounds. Every time we spent time at the cottage, one of my first tasks became the raking of the leaf litter from the paths and relocating it to the mounds, deepening the thickness of the mulch. It was an amazingly successful venture... We would highly recommend this garden preparation to anyone who has a sodden garden or a very dry garden due to its ability to maintain a reasonable moisture content in the moundings. Ross Flint, pp. 14-15, *Eucryphia*, *Newsletter of the APS Tasmania*, v. 19 (6), July 2011.

## Photo of the Month



Farewell Alison. Alison McKenzie 1928-2011  
Photo by Jean Geue

### Calendar of Events

- 8 Sept. Members Meeting
- 12 Sept. ANPS Council
- 28 Sept. Oct. *Bulletin* Items Due
- 4 Oct. ANPS Collation
- \* **Spring Sale October 22 \***
- \* **Weed Swap November 5-6 \***

## Australian National Botanic Gardens

**Terry Fewtrell**

**Part of the Australian Story**

12.30 pm, Thursday 1 September, Wattle Day

**Brian Furnass**

**The Anthropocene and its Discontents**

12.30 pm, Thursday 8 September

**Toby Golson**

**The Rainforest Gully**

12.30pm, Thursday 15 September

**Matthew Higgins**

**Life at the Top**

12.30pm, Thursday 22 September

**Attila Kapitany**

**Brachychitons**

12.30 pm, Thursday 29 September

**Contact:** Visitor Information Centre

☎ 6250 9540

## **What's On – September 2011**

### **Next Council Meeting:**

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

**Next Collation:** 7pm, Tuesday 4 October.

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

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