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Bulletin

December 2007

Members Meeting: Thursday 13 December, 8pm

CSIRO Discovery, Clunies Ross St, Black Mountain

Speakers: Roger Farrow and Barbara Daly

Topics: Roger will talk about the giant Lobelias and Groundsels of Kenya and Ethiopia (and other tales), while Barbara will recount her adventures in Mongolia. Our outgoing President has arranged these travelogues especially for our Christmas meeting. Thanks, Roger.

Photographic Display and Competition:

Could members submitting photos **please be at the Discovery Centre by 7pm** to move display boards and arrange their exhibits.



Christmas Meeting Supper: Don't forget it will be our Christmas meeting this month. To celebrate the festive season everyone is encouraged to bring a plate of food to share over a cup of tea or coffee after the meeting. Come along and enjoy our last meeting for 2007 and celebrate with other ANPS members.

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 Christmas Meeting: Tuesday 11 December, 10.30am – 2pm

Roger and Christine's, 'Tilembeya', 777 Urila Road, Urila, Queanbeyan

This is a social occasion so please bring along Christmas goodies to share for lunch. I know Roger enjoys showing us around his garden and it is always great at this time of year at the higher elevation. Help us celebrate another successful year of Daytime Meetings. If you haven't been to 'Tilembeya' before please contact Roger for his excellent map.

For enquiries call Roger or Christine ☎ (02) 6236 3105 or email r.farrow@iimetro.com.au.

****Final Reminder for Membership Renewals****

If you have not already renewed your ANPS membership for 2007-8, please do so now. A final renewal form will be sent out with the December *Bulletin*. You can also renew using the society's website, <http://nativeplants-canberra.asn.au/>. To ensure that you receive the February *Bulletin*, membership renewals must be received by 15 January 2008.



Photo by Jean Geue

Celebrating 50 Years

Joan Duffel, our longest serving member, receives a citation and bouquet from Geoff Clarke on the occasion of our society's 50th birthday.

Field Trip, Nungar Plain December 7-9

This is a combined field trip with FOG to visit the Nungar Plain, north of Adaminaby in Kosciusko NP. The Nungar plain is a rarely visited treeless subalpine frost hollow accessed from the Tantangara Road. It has an extensive and interesting flora documented by Keith McDougal in *Cunninghamia* 7 (3) 601-610. As documented in my email of 11 November the plan is to spend the whole of Saturday 8 December in the Park with an early start from Adaminaby. So I suggest leaving late Friday and get to the pub in time for a meal and stay at the Motel or Camp/Cabin in the Caravan Park. Return either Saturday night or spend a second night there and return after a well-earned rest on Sunday. We don't have many takers from ANPS at the moment so please tell Roger if you are coming. If staying at a motel or caravan park its advisable to book ahead. Adaminaby Country Inn 64542380 Alpine Tourist Park 64542438 (also has a good website). Numerous other cabins and cottages in the vicinity see NRMA Guide.

Field Trips and Daytime Meetings for 2008

A planning meeting will be held on Tuesday January 15 chez Daniels 41 Gaunston Cres Wanniasa (☎ 6231 0852) (battle axe, park on road). All members welcome, for those that can't attend but have some ideas for trips please email Warwick (wda68126@bigpond) or Roger (r.farrow@iimetro.com.au).

Journal Contributions

Contributions for the next quarterly *Journal* close at the end of January. Whether you are travelling or at home during the summer, please take photos if you see an interesting plant, vegetation, community or garden; we now have a full colour *Journal* and photos are more than welcome. If you use a digital camera, remember to set it to take high quality pictures. Send in a few words with the photo, telling us who took it, where it was taken and why it was taken. Do you have a favourite plant? If so, you are invited to write a few paragraphs about it and include one or two photos for our new 'favourite plant' page. The hardest part will be choosing your favourite out of the many you like so much. Short or longer articles on any subject of interest to members are encouraged. The more contributors we have, the better our *Journal* will be. Contributions can be e-mailed to Robyn Diamond at the address below, or posted to PO Box 788, Yass NSW 2582. Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you would like your photos returned. I hope you like the new-look *Journal* and look forward to seeing your contributions for the next issue. Robyn Diamond ☎ 02 6226 6338 (ah) or email r_diamond@bigpond.com.

Post GDE Black Mountain Access

How we will be able to get to the Caswell Drive side of Black Mountain after the Gungahlin Drive Evil settles down? We have lost the Wangara Street carpark, arguably the most popular entry to Black Mountain. Access will be possible by parking in Noala Street, Aranda (off Wangara Street) where it runs parallel to the Caswell Drive buffer. From there will be a footbridge attached to the car overpass and short uphill walks in both directions to the Wangara Street concrete path and firetrail. The square carpark off Caswell Drive between Wangara Street and Rani Road will still be available - but only left in and left out. This is a useful access, but only accommodates about eight cars and may be difficult to enter and leave in heavy traffic. A new largish carpark is being constructed at the Rani Road entry which is currently used as the works depot. This provides access to walks starting in Black Mountain grassland and proceeding up the southern and western slopes. Rani Road is the remains of a road that used to go through to ANU before the construction of Parkes Way and Glenloch Interchange. Aranda Snow Gums reserve parking for the Frost Hollow to Forest Walk will still be possible at the stile at the southern end of Caswell Drive with any overflow using the Rani Road carpark. The recent good news is that the name Caswell Drive is being maintained and has appeared on giant green road signs in the last few weeks. Jean Geue ☎ 6251-1601

☺ A very warm welcome to our new members ☺

☺ Adrian Piani ☺ Maree Kerr
☺ Paulette Lieby ☺ Sharon Rankin
☺ Sam Nelson ☺ Gay Barclay
☺ Madeleine Tranter ☺ Shane Johnson
☺ Caroline Nuttall ☺ Alan Munns

Propagation

****Please note the change of date and venue****

Christmas Cutting Bee and Dinner

4.00pm – 7.00 pm Friday 14 December
Geoff and Gwyn Clarke, 26 Henry St, Cook
As Glenis and Warwick cannot host our end of year activity it will be held at the Clarkes. Please bring your small sharp cuttings tools, some cuttings and something to share for dinner. Cuttings that do well at this time of year include *Brachyscome*, *Chrysocephalum*, *Olearia*, *Micromyrtus*, *Correa* spp, *Myoporum* spp, *Scaevola* spp, *Pomaderris elliptica*, *Grevillea lanigera* forms.
Geoff will make his Christmas Punch guaranteed to allow for safe driving home.
All welcome.

Contact: Gwyn Clarke ☎ 6251 1043

Annual Propagation Meeting and Cutting Bee

10am – 1pm Sunday 27 January
Barbara Daly, 8 Bussell Cres., Cook
☎ 6251 2358

This is a very important meeting as the propagation group will be looking to the future. A new coordinator for the group must be found as this will be Gwyn Clarke's last meeting as coordinator. If you are interested at all in learning to propagate plants you should be there. All hot bed minders and shadehouse minders should also attend. Don't forget your cutting tools, some cuttings and your lunch. Cuttings that do well at this time of year include *Eremophila* spp, *Philotheca* spp, Daisies, *Prostanthera* spp. We look forward to seeing you there.

Contact: Gwyn Clarke ☎ 6251 1043

WEED SWAP November 2007

Sometimes "thank-yous" for regular events can sound insincere and six-monthly WEED SWAPS seem to occur much more regularly than that! The WEED SWAPS bring strong messages about native plants and thoughtful gardening to members of the public, gardeners and reluctant gardeners. Your ANPS is very fortunate that there is a small but dedicated group of volunteer-members who donate time to spreading those messages during WEED SWAP events.

Thank you for giving your time to ANPS and the fight against environmental weeds (second only to land-clearing as a threat to biodiversity).

As I write *Pyracantha* and *Cotoneaster* are flowering prolifically...more berries, more work for us in the Autumn! Rosemary Blemings

Order Eucamulch Now

In leaps and bounds we already have over 40 bales on order, so another 10 should secure a delivery early in the New Year. 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.

To make an order contact Bridget ☎ 6249 8672 or email bridgetpeter@webone.com.au.

Roster Reminder for December Meeting

Supper – A. Ford

Raffle – B. Daly

Raffle Prize – P. Carmen

Contact: Julie Lindner email juliel@smartchat.net.au.

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 18 December at 6 Gidabal Street, Aranda. There will also be a meeting on Tuesday 15 January at 2.30pm, also in Aranda. For more information contact Andy Russell ☎ 6251 8949.

Quote of the Month

"Native grasses will transform your garden. They contribute an elegance and subtle flamboyance unequalled by any other type of plant. Their distinctive foliage and form, combined with intricate flowers and seed heads, will enrich every garden. p. 9, Nola Parry and Jocelyn Jones, Native Grasses for Australian Gardens, Reed New Holland, 2007.

What's On – January 2008

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Summer Sounds 2008

Saturdays 12 and 19 January
6pm – 7.30pm
Eucalypt Lawn

Sundays 13 and 20 January
6pm – 7.30pm
Café Lawn

Note: Saturday concerts on the Eucalypt Lawn will be cancelled on days of total fire ban or severe weather conditions.

Contact: Visitor Information Centre
☎ 6250 9540



Joan Cuts the Cake Photo by Jean Geue

Next Council Meeting:

12:30-2pm, Monday 14 January. Sponsorship Board Room, CSIRO Discovery, Black Mountain.

Next Collation: 7pm, Tuesday 5 February. Collation is from 7pm at Pauline Adams, 4 Beeby Street, Ainslie. Please come along and help.

Bulletin Editor: Rosalind Walcott ☎ 6161 2742 or email: rwalcott@netspeed.com.au. **Note:** Please ensure material for the February Bulletin reaches me by Wednesday 30th January.

Calendar of Events

9 December	Field Trip
11 December	Daytime Meeting
13 December	Members Meeting
14 December	Xmas Cutting Bee
18 December	Conservation Group
14 January	ANPS Council
15 January	Conservation Group
27 January	Propagation Meeting
30 January	Feb. Bulletin Items Due
5 February	ANPS Collation

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