



Annual Report 2023

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, past, present and future. We aspire to learn from their knowledge and experience to conserve Australian native plants and their ecosystems now and into the future.

Front cover: Images clockwise from top left: Nowra Group propagation day by Kathy Beckenham, APS Illawarra group, Bass Point Marine Reserve by Michael Swire, Visitors to Joan Zande’s open garden, Kareela, by Bruce Simpson and Armidale Group excursion E. prava woodland

President's report



After the very successful national conference in Kiama in September 2022, the following year was conducted at a slower pace but still very successful. As in previous years we held three gatherings and one weekend get-together during the year. The first was held in March hosted by Sutherland District Group and in May the Central Coast hosted a gathering which also incorporated the AGM. In September the Illawarra Group, which had only been formed in the previous year, hosted a gathering, and in November the Southern Tablelands Group hosted a very successful weekend get-together in Goulburn.

Membership numbers are very healthy with 1,181 memberships and 1,479 members.

Our financial performance was considerably less than the previous year when we hosted the national conference. However it still produced a healthy profit and enabled us to continue to support scientific research into and awareness of native plants.

We have provided the secretariat for ANPSA, the national body to which all the state organisations subscribe, for the last year. It has not been particularly onerous, but we look forward to handing this over to Victoria at the national conference in Melbourne in September, and I look forward to as many of our members as possible attending this event. From the programme it looks very worthwhile.

District groups continue to function well and provide an extremely varied programme of activities. In 2023 the 19 district groups held a multitude of

activities comprising meetings with speakers on topical subjects, garden visits, bushwalks, plant propagation and nursery management, together with numerous types of conservation activities. Through the medium of the regular online newsletter groups can be informed of the activities of other groups and this provides a strong degree of cross fertilisation of ideas. In addition a number of district groups have formally arranged joint activities with adjoining groups.

In recognition of outstanding contributions over many years we welcomed two new life members, Jenny Simons and Tim Hayes. The annual conservation award was presented to Jane Lemann in recognition of a more than 30 year contribution to the protection and restoration of the Southern Highlands Mount Gibraltar.

There were a number of changes in the Board during the year. Peter Olde, Sue Fredrickson and Lisa Godden resigned from the Board and we thank them for their contributions. Rhett Morson from Newcastle group was appointed.

As a fully voluntary organisation with no employees and only a small number of specialist service providers we rely on a large number of our members contributing in various ways. A wide range of skills and expertise is required and I wish to thank all of our members and volunteers for their contributions during the year. Furthermore I would invite all members to consider how they may contribute.

John Desmond, President

2023 Highlights

Our 19 district groups are the backbone of our organisation, delivering on the ground, practical and relevant skills and insights about Australian native plants in their areas. The 2023 highlights and challenges for each district group are on our website at <http://www.austplants.com.au/> or

<https://resources.austplants.com.au/stories/district-group-2023-highlights-part-1/> and <https://resources.austplants.com.au/stories/district-group-2023-highlights-part-2/>

The table below gives an indication of the number and types of activities many of our District Groups are involved in. It is evident that district groups continue to function well and provide an extremely varied programme of activities for their members as well as promoting the Society and Australian native plants within their communities.

District Group	Talks	Bush walks	Garden visits	Trips away	Conservation submission	Bush regeneration	Propagation	Community events	% Events open to public	No. of volunteers involved in events	Other activities/events	No. days nursery open to public
Armidale	2	3	6	2			6	18	42	13	10	
Blue Mountains	2	5	1			16	52	3	90	32	2	150
Central Coast	10	9	1				5	3	100	15	1	
Coffs Harbour/ Northern Rivers	6	6/11	1						100	6	1	
Illawarra	3	12	2	1	1	3	30	2	100	25		
Macarthur	2	1	1				5					
Menai	10	7	4	1		2	many	6	40	20	2	many
Newcastle	10	20	1				50	1	60	20		
North Shore	31	28	1		2	23	23	51	100	58	19	
Northern Beaches	17	7	2		2			1	100	8		
Sutherland	9	3	6	1		24		1	100	20	2	
Tamworth	2		1					2		4	8	

2023 Life Memberships and Conservation Award

Congratulations to Jennifer Simons (Southern Highlands) and Tim Hayes (Southern Tablelands), who were made Life Members of APS NSW and to Jane Lemann (Southern Highlands), who was awarded the Society's Conservation Award.



Tim was founding member of Southern Tablelands Group and has been a stalwart of the Group ever since, holding many committee positions and writing the newsletter for many years. He has an extensive knowledge of the flora of the area and has produced plant lists for a number of specific areas. Tim's propagation skills have been invaluable in assisting a nursery, providing plants and advice at the Goulburn wetlands and providing large quantities of plants to Landcare. He is regarded as an expert on pea flowers and was responsible for identification of one new species and the provision of seeds for the National Arboretum, Canberra .

Tim Hayes being presented with his Life Membership by John Desmond, President APS NSW, with Jen Ashwell, President, APS Southern Tableland.



Jenny Simons (front) and Jane Lemann

Jenny joined the Southern Highlands Group at its inception and is a past president. Her interest in native plants and gardens precedes her move to that area. Jenny's wide ranging activities have included working with garden clubs, opening her garden to visitors, plant identification with her collection now housed at Wollongong University, Landcare and bush regeneration, especially on Mt Gibraltar and establishing the Southern Highlands Botanic Garden.

In addition, the Conservation Award was presented to Jane Lemann OAM of the Southern Highlands Group. More than 35 years ago Jane initiated a bushcare group to save and regenerate the highly significant Mt Gibraltar area near Bowral. The resultant group is still active and meets weekly to undertake weeding and regeneration activities. Jane's initiatives also led to the local council establishing a committee related to the environment and conservation and to the introduction of an environment levy to fund local projects. She is now working to add a surrounding area to the reserve. Council officers and other groups value her knowledge and seek her assistance.

2023 Outcomes

During 2023, most of our efforts at the state level were focused on membership and conservation. We are also increasing our attention on health and safety. As a fully volunteer organisation, we are not covered by WHS legislation. We do, however, have a duty of care for members and visitors, and as such, we need a robust WH system that was implemented by Heather Miles during her time as president of APS New South Wales.

Strategy 2023 - 2027



Membership report – Merle Thompson OAM

Both the growth of membership and the provision of member services are primary areas of focus for the Board. In relation to administrative issues, every attempt is made to provide member-friendly services and to facilitate co-operation with District Groups and their membership officers and treasurers.

This year has been a particularly sad one for the loss of life members. Four life members died during the year and we learnt of the death of one other. Edna Devlin, Ron Davies, Jenifer Lewis and Audrey Taggart died during 2023 and tributes to them were included in the eNewsletters. We were also advised of the death of Kath Wray during 2022.

In addition, we were deeply saddened at the death of Margaret Olde, wife of life member, Peter. Margaret was well known for her activities with Menai group as well

as her work with Peter in the Grevillea Study Group and on their gardens in the Menai area and at The Oaks.

As can be seen in the tables below, membership at the end of 2023 was slightly higher than at the end of 2022. Membership has been growing over a five year period except for a dip in 2022 but from 2020 it has been a relatively low rate of growth.

The number of new members was higher than in 2022 but lower than in 2020 and 2021. Retention of new members is an on-going problem. The rate of renewal is rather disappointing.

There has also been loss among longer standing members, some because of age or illness but others just say, for example, unfortunately I cannot renew this year.

Membership Type	No. of	No. of	No. of	No. of
	memberships	individuals	memberships	individuals
	2023	2023	2022	2022
Ordinary	480	480	462	462
Joint Ordinary	160	320	170	340
Concession	323	323	314	314
Joint Concession	129	258	127	254
Student	60	60	49	49
Overseas	1	1	0	0
Life memberships	19	19	21	21
Life memberships/J	9	18	10	20
Total	1181	1479	1153	1460
Due October		27	24	29
Due November		24	20	25
		1530	1197	1514

New members

Membership Type	No. of	No. of	No. of	No. of
	memberships	individuals	memberships	individuals
	2023	2023	2022	2022
Ordinary	108	108	104	104
Joint Ordinary	16	39	25 + 2	54
Concession	39	39	32	32
Joint Concession	8	17	2+1	5
Student	31	31	24	24
Overseas	1	1	0	0
Total	203	235	160	219

Treasurer's report – Harry Loots

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for APS NSW for the 2023 financial year based on the Accounting for Good Financial Statement attached. According to figures that the APS NSW accountants have supplied APS NSW made a net profit of \$ 24,238 in 2023. The APS NSW Office, which includes the APS NSW administration and Bequest Fund, made a net profit of \$13,449.

As a result of a pleasing net profit after expenditure items the APS NSW Office equity increased from \$794,023 to \$809,013 in 2023. This places APS NSW Office in a very secure financial position. The APS NSW Board has decided that the Bequest Funds should be used and will be used in future for the employment of a web master to maintain the APS NSW web site.

The promotion of APS events and the maintenance of a plant data base take up most of the web master's time. This expenditure fulfils the Bequest Fund's purpose which is the promotion of Australian Plants and the society. This extra impost can be maintained well into the future without affecting the financial well-being of the society.

When speaking to District Group treasurers I am reminded that many treasurers do not realise that APS NSW pays GST on their plant sales and other income. This explains the difference between the figures that groups submit to Accounting for Good and the figures that appear in the APS NSW financial statement.

Conservation report – Dan Clarke Conservation Officer

Some of the issues and activities covered on the Conservation front for APS NSW included the following:

- Submission and letter sent to all members of the Hills Shire Council regarding proposed re-development of Fred Caterson Reserve. Modifications to existing sports fields here will impact on remnant trees as well as local bushland.
- Submission to NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services on amendments to feral horse management in Kosciuszko National Park. APS remains deeply concerned about the impacts of feral animals in this and other parks
- Submission sent to Shoalhaven City Council regarding changes to tree protection laws which would enable an increased removal of trees on private property under self-assessment rules. APS remains focused on protecting remnant native trees in urban environments.

In addition, APS Sutherland members, John Aitken, Dan Clarke and Rhonda Daniels, along with Eddy Wajon, conservation officer for ANPSA, arranged and attended a meeting with NSW

Department of Planning regarding concerns about impacts to native biodiversity from proposed large-scale solar-power projects. We are encouraging of the installation of renewable energy facilities but not at the cost of vegetation removal.

A project of note and which deserves coverage, is the highly-controversial Lizard Rock development at Belrose. This project is a complicated one for APS as it is a proposal by a Local Aboriginal Council, in conjunction with the NSW Department of Planning, to develop a completely intact area of high-quality sandstone bushland for residential purposes. Conservation Officer Dan Clarke, was engaged to search extensively for any threatened flora on the land over several years and multiple sessions. Dan has decided to no longer work on this project.

Submissions for the project were open in November 2023. There will likely be another round in 2024. APS is strongly opposed to this project which will involve the clearing of completely-intact sandstone vegetation in the inner Sydney-area and is monitoring the next stage.

Report on the Annual Conference of the Nature Conservation Council of NSW– Margery Street

This year's Annual Conference was held in person and by zoom, via which I attended. The NCC is the state's umbrella conservation group, representing more than 180 environmental groups. Despite the State having a sorry record of conservation in NSW the NCC continues to fight for expansion of the national parks system, preservation of our unique native plants and animals, protection of landscapes and wilderness areas, improved bushfire management, better control of pollution and deforestation, and protection of air and water.

Australian Plants Society NSW sent three people; at least five attendees were APS members. One delegate suggested that APS approach the new Secretary and an Executive member, both APS people, to see whether they could "promote APS aims and objectives at the NCC".

The new Chair of NCC is Carolyn Loton, succeeding Don White who chaired for many years and remains on the Executive. Jacqui Mumford was formally appointed CEO. The new Secretary is Susheela Peres da Costa. Eighteen new member groups were admitted, each of which has a compelling environmental issue. For example, The Natural Turf Alliance is concerned about artificial plastic grass being increasingly installed on playing fields.

The list of new NCC member groups can be found as "MOTION 2023/A1 - Admission of New Member Societies" here:

https://assets.nationbuilder.com/natureorg/pages/3920/attachments/original/1699334578/2023_Business_Papers_No_REPS_-_Updated.pdf?1699334578

Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Environment, Heritage, Energy, and Climate Change said that NSW stopped logging in 106 'hubs' on the mid-north coast and promised \$80m for the Great Koala National Park. The Minister acknowledged all 58 recommendations of Ken Henry's August review of the

Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 which can be found here:

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/tp/files/186428/Independent%20Review%20of%20the%20Biodiversity%20Conservation%20Act%202016-Final.pdf>

As of 1 January 2024, the Department of Planning and Environment was split into two departments: Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water; and Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. The Minister also referred to the Restoring Our Rivers Act 2023 which aims to repeal the statutory 1,500 GL cap on Commonwealth water purchases, reduce reliance on buybacks and deliver 605 GLs to communities and the environment.

Jacqui Mumford spoke of public money still going to logging, NCC's fight for the "Yes" vote, relaunching the Environment Awards (you can attend or watch via zoom on Wednesday 27 March 2024 at 5:30pm) and the fact that offsets should be a last resort for developers, rather than standard practice.

There were nine Motions put to the Conference by member groups, two of which were concerned with native forest and urban tree protection. Unfortunately there were no motions from the Natural Turf Alliance nor against persecution of protesters.

The afternoon was as engaging as ever. A panel discussion on ending native forest logging; a workshop "landing wins for rivers and wetlands"; a Plenary panel discussion on winning for climate: coal and gas; and a wrap-up before attendees had refreshments.

It is good to see two fellow APS NSW members, Tony Maxwell and Harry Loots, attending the conference. In future, APS could submit one or more motions, including persuasive background notes, with a chosen champion to speak to them. The Business Papers are publicly available on NCC's website.

Life members

We pay tribute to our Life Members, who have contributed their passion, skills and deep experience to APS NSW over the last 60 years.

Year	Name
1957	Thistle Harris AM*
1967	John Wrigley AM*
1972	William H. Payne*
1974	H Max Hewett*
	Pearce Parry OAM*
	Olive Parry OAM*
	Joyce Ward*
1978	Susan Heins*
1981	Don L McNair*
1982	Joan Doney OAM*
1984	Errol Thurston*
	Ruth Overton*
1986	Frank Hatfield*
	Jean Hatfield*
1987	Ray Page*
1990	Les Taylor*
	Tess Taylor*
1991	Betty Rymer*
1992	Dr Patrick Verney Lightfoot OAM
1993	Geoff Blyton*
	Marjory Blyton*
1993	Brother Pat Stanley*
1994	Irene Vale Lane*
	Hugh Stacy*
1995	Alec Hansen
	Maria Hitchcock OAM
1996	Gordon Brooks*
	Norm Kemble*
	Shirley Kemble*
1997	Eric Packer*
	Brian Walters
1998	Peter Olde OAM
1999	Ross Doig*
2001	Mary Hancock*
	Royal Pullen*

Year	Name
2002	Jim Webb*
2003	Edna Devlin*
2004	Harry Brian*
	Laurel Kathleen Wray*
2005	Jennifer Lewis*
	Barbara Burke
2006	Maureen McGuire
2007	Audrey Taggart*
	Barry Kemp
2008	Carolyn Gillard
	Bill Hicks*
2009	Kyrill Taylor*
2010	Jean Mott*
	Bill Hardin*, Sonya Hardin
2011	John Nevin
	Merle Thompson OAM
2013	Graeme Ingall
2015	Robin Davies*, Ron Davies*
	Pat Pike*
2016	Alexander Floyd*
2017	Mark Abell
	Dick Turner
2018	Gloria Sheather, Warren Sheather*
	Angela Speering
2019	Barry Lees
	Lloyd Hedges
2020	Ian Cox
	Leigh Cousins, Chris Cousins
2021	Leonie Hogue
	Kris Gow
2022	John Aitken
	Dr Robert Failes
2023	Timothy Hayes
	Jenny Simons

*deceased

Directors' report

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Company for the period 1 January 2022 - 31 December 2023 have been promoting interest in the growing, conservation and use of Australian native plants. The financial summary of operations for the financial years are summarised below.

	2023	2022
State Office	\$13,449	\$58,848
District groups	\$19,785	\$14,844
Bequest Fund	(\$8996)	\$5,810
Total APS NSW net surplus/loss	\$24,238	\$67,882
Total equity	\$1,192,087	\$1,167,849

Directors' benefit and insurance

In accordance with Subdivision 60-C of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, no director has received any benefit by way of dividend, bonus or other such advantage other than expenses due to carrying out of their duties. During 2023, we paid a premium of \$3,315 for insurance against Directors' liability for legal costs. This also included liability for the presidents, secretaries and treasurers of district groups.

Directors' qualifications and experience

John Aitken, Vice President

BSc (Hons) Microbiology, Grad Dip Education, Dip Law (SAB/BAB)
John has had a passion for Australian native plants for over 40 years. He has held positions as a science teacher, virologist and barrister. He is former president of APS NSW and Sutherland Group, a director of APS NSW since February 2007, a Life Member, and President of Australian Native Plants Society (Australia) since the ANPSA conference in September 2022.

John Desmond, President and delegate for Southern Highlands

BCom, BA, GradDip, MEnvLaw, FCPA
John has a keen interest in native plants as a key element of a functioning biodiverse environment. As well as gardening with native plants his interests include bushwalking and birdwatching. His career encompassed the public

sector, finance industry, and consulting to a range of entities at various levels of government. He joined the board on 6 December 2022.

Sue Fredrickson, delegate for North Shore

Sue is retired and formerly worked for the NSW government in the field of analytical chemistry. She has been a member of APS NSW for around 20 years and for most of that time has been the main organiser of North Shore Group's monthly walks and trips away. She loves the Australian bush and enjoys plant propagating with the group. Sue resigned from the Board on 19 March 2023.

Lisa Godden, delegate for Sutherland

Lisa developed a keen interest in learning about native plants both in the wild and in

her own garden since moving near the Royal National Park 4 years ago which led her to join APS. She works in financial advice and currently does a number of volunteer roles across different community services organisations. Lisa resigned from the Board on 19 March 2023.

Andrew Knop, non-titled director

Andrew is an APS member on Wiradjuri country in central western NSW. He and wife Jennifer are committed to the conservation of native flora, fauna and ecosystems and the restoration of sustainable, resilient landscapes with two registered conservation properties protecting a variety of threatened species and woodland communities. Andrew has 30 years experience in seed collection, propagation and revegetation. He joined the board on 16 August 2022.

Harry Loots, Treasurer, delegate for Northern Beaches

Harry has been a member of APS NSW since 1991 when he joined Harbourside Group where he held positions as president and newsletter editor. Since 2011, he has been a board member and delegate for Northern Beaches Group and has held roles of vice president and is currently Treasurer on the Bequest Fund committee. Harry has been an Australian plant grower for over 30 years with an award-winning endemic plant garden in North Sydney. Harry was formerly a high school teacher.

Tony Maxwell, delegate for Parramatta and Hills

Tony is a retired paint chemist and a member of Parramatta and Hills Group since 2006, holding roles as vice president and president. He became Parramatta and Hills Group delegate to the board in 2011. Tony's interest is the distribution of native plants in southeast Australia.

Heather Miles, President, Secretary and delegate for Hunter Valley

BSc, MBA, Dip Landscape Design, Dip Photoimaging, GAICD
Heather is a member of the Hunter Valley and North Shore Groups. She is president and secretary of APS NSW and manages various projects including the successful 2022 ANPSA Conference. Heather has extensive experience as a director, executive and consultant across multiple

industry sectors. Heather did not stand for re-election to the Board at the 2022 Annual General meeting.

Rhett Morson, delegate for Newcastle

Rhett has been a volunteer with environmental groups for many years. His background is business, with experience in finance and manufacturing. He has just built a passive house and planted a new native garden to complement its ecological ethos. He also has experience on ecological and renewable energy boards. A strong advocate for developing sustainable urban areas.

Peter Olde OAM, delegate for Menai

BA (Languages) and Graduate Dip. Ed

Peter has held many positions in the Society since 1979, including president of Sutherland Group and president and vice president of APS NSW. He was awarded the Australian Plants medal in 2015 and the OAM in 2020 and is a Life Member of APS NSW. He has considerable experience as a company director and business owner. Peter is currently an honorary research scientist with the National Herbarium of New South Wales where he concentrates on the taxonomy of Grevillea. Peter resigned from the Board on 22 March 2023.

Merle K Thompson OAM, Membership officer

BA, Grad Dip Psych (Counselling)
Merle has held numerous roles at local, state and national level for over 40 years including federal secretary and treasurer, membership officer for APS NSW, secretary, president and newsletter editor of Blue Mountains Group, NSW delegate to ANPSA conferences and the ANPSA council, membership of conference planning committees and tour manager for the 2007 and 2022 conferences. She is a Life Member of APS NSW. Her professional career involved roles in counselling, administration and policy within the NSW public sector. In 2019 she was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for "services to the community through a range of organisations", principally APS, Polio NSW and the Australian Federation of Graduate Women.

Directors' attendance – Board meetings

Each director attended the following board meetings during 2022 while a member of the board*.

Director	Role	Meetings held while in office	Meetings attended
John Aitken	Vice President	7	4
John Desmond	Southern Highlands delegate, joined December 2022	7	7
Sue Fredrickson	North Shore delegate, resigned 19 March 2023	2	1
Lisa Godden	Sutherland delegate, resigned 19 March 2023	2	1
Andrew Knop	Non titled director	7	4
Harry Loots	Treasurer, Northern Beaches delegate	7	7
Tony Maxwell	Parramatta and Hills delegate	7	7
Heather Miles	President, Secretary, Hunter Valley delegate, resigned	3	3
Rhett Morson	Newcastle delegate, joined 21 March 2023	4	2
Peter Olde	Menai delegate, resigned 22 March 2023	2	0
Merle Thompson	Membership officer	7	7

A special thanks to Jan Williamson who attends the board meetings and takes the minutes.

Signed in accordance with the Directors' resolution on 15 April 2024

John Desmond, President

Harry Loots, Treasurer

Financial Statements

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD

ABN 87 002 680 408

For the year ended 31 December 2023

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Consolidated Income and Expenditure Statement

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD

For the year ended 31 December 2023

31 DEC 2023

31 DEC 2022

Income

Advertising	75	25
Book sales	262	122
Conference and Tours	32	217,679
Donations Received	14,575	3,385
Events/Meetings	10,718	6,755
Fundraising Income	3,665	3,211
Government Grants	-	22,000
Interest Income	22,434	3,030
Membership Income	58,844	54,268
Plant Sales	139,542	119,456
Publishing Sales - Journal	10,162	12,014
Royalties	6,294	6,905
Subscriptions	9,011	4,833
Sundry Income	1,544	(40)
Total Income	277,157	453,643

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Cost of Sales

Purchases	67,561	57,490
Total Cost of Sales	67,561	57,490

Gross Profit	209,596	396,152
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Operating Expenses

Administration

Administration Costs	-	408
Advertising and Marketing	2,455	300
ANPSA Levy	2,344	-
Bank Fees	3,409	2,434
Website & Digital Manager's Fees	10,997	3,700
Depreciation	-	387
Donations	3,650	3,850
Equipment	2,864	-
Finance Costs	29,118	27,690
Library	908	434
Office Expenses	13,375	10,260
Postage	1,066	1,217
Repairs and Replacements	1,818	1,028
Subscriptions Paid	1,626	1,921
Transport & Travel	64	644

31 DEC 2023 31 DEC 2022

Website Costs	7,156	6,219
Total Administration	80,848	60,492
Events and Meetings Expenses		
Event Costs	8,057	9,460
Fundraising Expenses	1,114	755
Hire of Halls	2,791	1,859
Meeting Catering - Council	907	64
Meeting Expenses	2,156	3,291
Nursery Expenses	30,206	18,439
Projects Committee	9,000	6,000
Scholarship Expense	2,961	3,182
Speakers Expenses	1,917	1,565
Total Events and Meetings Expenses	59,108	44,616
Membership and Subscription Costs		
Editorial Costs	500	1,000
Freight and Postage	8,793	6,707
Inserting & Dispatch	2,946	2,418
Printing - Journal	18,575	10,868
Publication Costs - Others	270	426
Total Membership and Subscription Costs	31,085	21,419
Conference and Tour		
Booking Fees	-	7,704
Conference - Event Costs	738	73,735
Conference - Marketing and Advertising	-	9,230
Excursions Catering	-	9,261
Excursions Bus Hire	-	12,682
Excursions Miscellaneous	-	300
Formal Cocktails	-	20
Formal Dinner	888	-
Merchandise Costs	90	-
Tour Expenses	-	74,912
Total Conference and Tour	1,717	187,843
Total Operating Expenses	172,758	314,371
Operating Profit/(Deficit)	36,838	81,782
Non-Operating Expenses		
Glenbrook Reserve Expenses	12,600	13,900
Total Non-Operating Expenses	12,600	13,900
Net Profit/(Deficit)	24,238	67,882

Balance Sheet

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD As at 31 December 2023

31 DEC 2023

31 DEC 2022

Assets

Bank Accounts

APS NSW Funds

APS NSW - ANZ TD	182,251	179,227
APS NSW - ANZ Working Account	7,596	24,508
APS NSW - CBA Administration	12,593	7,795
APS NSW - Paypal	-	2,988
Treasurer Debit Card	1,000	-
State Office - Petty Cash	30	30
Total APS NSW Funds	203,470	214,548

Bequest Funds

ANZ Bequest Account	45,138	43,546
Bequest Funds - CBA Term Deposit #7663	55,028	55,028
CBA Term Deposit #8046	200,000	200,000
CBA Term Deposit #8054	200,000	200,000
CBA Term Deposit #8062	78,195	78,195
CBA Term Deposit #8257	23,140	12,706
Total Bequest Funds	601,501	589,475

District Group Funds

District Group Cash	171,119	175,593
District Group Investments	174,775	150,733
District Group Petty Cash	2,366	2,017
Total District Group Funds	348,260	328,342

Total Bank Accounts

1,153,231	1,132,365
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Current Assets

Trade Debtors	1,490	2,105
Total Current Assets	1,490	2,105

Fixed Assets

District Group Assets	23,596	23,596
Total Fixed Assets	23,596	23,596

Non-Current Assets

Stock on hand	14,210	12,700
Total Non-Current Assets	14,210	12,700

Total Assets

1,192,527	1,170,765
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Liabilities

Current Liabilities

GST	288	2,916
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	31 DEC 2023	31 DEC 2022
Trade Creditors	152	-
Total Current Liabilities	440	2,916
Total Liabilities	440	2,916
Net Assets	1,192,087	1,167,849
Equity		
Retained Earnings	1,192,087	1,167,849
Total Equity	1,192,087	1,167,849

Changes in Equity

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. State Office

	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Opening balance	\$ 276,950	\$ 218,102
Net Total Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	\$ 13,449	\$ 58,848
Closing Balance	\$ 290,399	\$ 276,950

2. Bequest Fund

	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Opening balance	\$ 527,610	\$ 533,420
Net Total Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	\$ (8,996)	\$ (5,810)
Closing Balance	\$ 518,614	\$ 527,610

3. District Groups

	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Opening balance	\$ 363,289	\$ 348,445
Net Total Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	\$ 19,785	\$ 14,844
Closing Balance	\$ 383,074	\$ 363,289

TOTAL EQUITY	\$ 1,192,087	\$ 1,167,849
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Income and Expenditure Statement - State Office

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD

For the year ended 31 December 2023

31 DEC 2023

31 DEC 2022

Income

Advertising	75	25
Book sales	262	122
Conference and Tours	32	217,679
Donations Received	11,712	3,145
Events/ Meetings	5,297	5,117
Government Grants	-	22,000
Interest Income	19,454	2,033
Membership Income	47,504	43,078
Plant Sales	715	1,071
Publishing Sales - Journal	10,162	12,014
Royalties	6,294	6,905
Subscriptions	9,011	4,833
Sundry Income	107	(365)
Total Income	110,623	317,657

Total Income	110,623	317,657
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Gross Profit	110,623	317,657
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Operating Expenses

Administration

ANPSA Levy	2,344	-
Bank Fees	1,689	1,221
Website & Digital Manager's Fees	10,997	3,700
Equipment	112	-
Finance Costs	29,118	27,690
Office Expenses	6,488	5,591
Postage	142	57
Subscriptions Paid	591	705
Website Costs	7,156	5,867
Total Administration	58,636	44,830

Event and Meeting Expenses

Event Costs	4,979	4,851
Hire of Halls	695	84
Meeting Catering - Council	724	-
Meeting Expenses	22	1,009
Speakers Expenses	386	-
Total Event and Meeting Expenses	6,807	5,944

Membership and Subscription Costs

Editorial Costs	500	1,000
Freight and Postage	8,793	6,707

	31 DEC 2023	31 DEC 2022
Inserting & Dispatch	2,946	2,418
Printing - Journal	17,776	10,007
Publication Costs - Others	-	59
Total Membership and Subscription Costs	30,015	20,191
Conference and Tour		
Booking Fees	-	7,704
Conference - Event Costs	738	73,735
Conference - Marketing and Advertising	-	9,230
Excursions Catering	-	9,261
Excursions Bus Hire	-	12,682
Excursions Miscellaneous	-	300
Formal Cocktails	-	20
Formal Dinner	888	-
Merchandise Costs	90	-
Tour Expenses	-	74,912
Total Conference and Tour	1,717	187,843
Total Operating Expenses	97,174	258,809
Operating Profit/(Deficit)	13,449	58,848
Net Profit/(Deficit)	13,449	58,848

Income and Expenditure Statement - Bequest Fund

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD For the year ended 31 December 2023

	31 DEC 2023	31 DEC 2022
Income		
Interest Income	4	220
Total Income	4	220
Total Income	4	220
Gross Profit	4	220
Operating Expenses		
Administration		
Subscriptions Paid	-	30
Total Administration	-	30
Events and Meetings Expenses		
Projects Committee	9,000	6,000
Total Events and Meetings Expenses	9,000	6,000
Total Operating Expenses	9,000	6,030
Operating Profit/(Deficit)	(8,996)	(5,810)
Net Profit/(Deficit)	(8,996)	(5,810)

Income and Expenditure Statement - District Groups

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD For the year ended 31 December 2023

	31 DEC 2023	31 DEC 2022
Income		
Donations Received	2,862	240
Events/Meetings	5,422	1,638
Fundraising Income	3,665	3,211
Interest Income	2,976	777
Membership Income	11,340	11,190
Plant Sales	138,828	118,385
Sundry Income	1,437	325
Total Income	166,530	135,766
Total Income	166,530	135,766
Cost of Sales		
Purchases	67,561	57,490
Total Cost of Sales	67,561	57,490
Gross Profit	98,969	78,276
Operating Expenses		
Administration		
Administration Costs	-	408
Advertising and Marketing	2,455	300
Bank Fees	1,720	1,213
Depreciation	-	387
Donations	3,650	3,850
Equipment	2,752	-
Library	908	434
Office Expenses	6,887	4,669
Postage	924	1,160
Repairs and Replacements	1,818	1,028
Subscriptions Paid	1,035	1,185
Transport & Travel	64	644
Website Costs	-	353
Total Administration	22,213	15,632
Events and Meetings Expenses		
Event Costs	3,078	4,609
Fundraising Expenses	1,114	755
Hire of Halls	2,096	1,776
Meeting Catering - Council	183	64
Meeting Expenses	2,134	2,282
Nursery Expenses	30,206	18,439

	31 DEC 2023	31 DEC 2022
Scholarship Expense	2,961	3,182
Speakers Expenses	1,531	1,565
Total Events and Meetings Expenses	43,302	32,672
Membership and Subscription Costs		
Printing - Journal	799	861
Publication Costs - Others	270	367
Total Membership and Subscription Costs	1,070	1,228
Total Operating Expenses	66,584	49,532
Operating Profit/(Deficit)	32,385	28,744
Non-Operating Expenses		
Glenbrook Reserve Expenses	12,600	13,900
Total Non-Operating Expenses	12,600	13,900
Net Profit/(Deficit)	19,785	14,844

District Group Profit & Loss Report - part 1

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	ARMIDALE	BLUE MOUNTAINS	CENTRAL COAST	COFFS HARBOUR	HARBOUR GEORGES RIVER (EAST HILLS)	HUNTER VALLEY	ILLAWARRA	MACARTHUR	MENAI	NEWCASTLE
Income										
Donations Received	-	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Events/Meetings	-	273	862	45	-	-	715	-	-	-
Fundraising Income	-	-	-	136	99	59	-	64	516	1,619
Interest Income	30	-	418	-	-	-	3	-	120	160
Membership Income	380	1,160	1,030	730	470	300	440	270	320	960
Plant Sales	4,816	99,857	2,498	-	165	-	151	-	5,204	14,131
Sundry Income	-	-	95	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,046
Total Income	5,226	101,290	4,903	1,911	734	359	1,308	334	6,160	17,916
Cost of Sales										
Purchases	3,506	59,335	501	-	-	-	91	-	1,356	-
Total Cost of Sales	3,506	59,335	501	-	-	-	91	-	1,356	-
Gross Profit	1,720	41,955	4,402	1,911	734	359	1,217	334	4,804	17,916
Operating Expenses										
Administration	1,388	7,413	1,496	2,000	941	144	-	136	1,319	1,030
Events and Meetings Expenses	384	12,879	1,063	272	377	-	250	491	3,002	15,415
Membership and Subscription Costs	461	118	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expense										

	ARMIDALE	BLUE MOUNTAINS	CENTRAL COAST	COFFS HARBOUR	HARBOUR GEORGES RIVER (EAST HILLS)	HUNTER VALLEY	ILLAWARRA	MACARTHUR	MENAI	NEWCASTLE
Event Catering	-	-	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expense	-	-	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	2,234	20,409	2,608	2,272	1,318	144	250	627	4,321	16,445
Operating Profit/(Deficit)	(514)	21,546	1,794	(361)	(585)	215	967	(294)	483	1,471
Non-Operating Expenses										
Glenbrook Reserve Expenses	-	12,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Non-Operating Expenses	-	12,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Profit/(Deficit)	(514)	8,946	1,794	(361)	(585)	215	967	(294)	483	1,471

District Group Profit & Loss Report - part 2

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD For the year ended 31 December 2023

	NORTH SHORE	NORTHERN BEACHES	NOWRA	PARRAMATTA	SOUTH EAST	SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS	SOUTHERN TABLELANDS	SUTHERLAND	TAMWORTH	TOTAL
Income										
Donations Received	532	-	-	-	-	1,450	-	(120)	-	2,862
Events/Meetings	-	1,063	-	-	-	1,474	888	103	-	5,422
Fundraising Income	-	-	307	70	-	168	-	627	-	3,665
Interest Income	894	-	295	151	-	15	-	890	-	2,976
Membership Income	1,250	430	410	500	600	740	360	770	220	11,340
Plant Sales	4,702	1,005	665	200	151	1,152	2,853	1,264	14	138,828
Sundry Income	87	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	9	1,437
Total Income	7,466	2,499	1,677	921	751	4,999	4,301	3,534	242	166,530
Cost of Sales										
Purchases	1,301	177	64	-	128	240	444	417	-	67,561
Total Cost of Sales	1,301	177	64	-	128	240	444	417	-	67,561
Gross Profit	6,165	2,322	1,613	921	623	4,759	3,856	3,116	242	98,969
Operating Expenses										
Administration	1,292	31	30	-	510	465	54	3,758	207	22,213
Events and Meetings Expenses	3,159	379	755	655	81	2,213	1,273	603	-	43,252
Membership and Subscription Costs	-	-	-	99	-	121	-	270	-	1,070
Event Catering	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
Total Operating Expenses	4,451	410	785	754	591	2,799	1,327	4,631	207	66,584
Operating Profit/(Deficit)	1,714	1,911	827	167	31	1,960	2,530	(1,515)	36	32,385
Non-Operating Expenses										

	NORTH SHORE	NORTHERN BEACHES	NOWRA	PARRAMATTA	SOUTH EAST	SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS	SOUTHERN TABLELANDS	SUTHERLAND	TAMWORTH	TOTAL
Glenbrook Reserve Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,600
Total Non-Operating Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,600
Net Profit/(Deficit)	1,714	1,911	827	167	31	1,960	2,530	(1,515)	36	19,785

Statement of Cash Flows

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD For the year ended 31 December 2023

Note: Cash balance includes APS NSW - ANZ Working Account, APS NSW - CBA Administration, State Office - Petty Cash, APS NSW - Paypal, ANZ Bequest Account, District Group Cash, and District Group Petty Cash.

	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers		
- State and Bequest Funds	\$ 100,286	\$ 347,186
- District Groups	\$ 179,909	\$ 148,488
Payments to suppliers and employees		
- State and Bequest Funds	\$ (116,792)	\$ (291,323)
- District Groups	\$ (161,419)	\$ (133,015)
Interest received	\$ 22,434	\$ 3,030
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	\$ 24,418	\$ 74,367
Investing Activities		
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant & equipment	\$ -	\$ -
Payments for financial assets	\$ (37,499)	\$ 2,845
Payment for property, plant & equipment	\$ -	\$ -
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	\$ (37,499)	\$ 2,845
Financing Activities		
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	\$ -	\$ -
Net Cash Flows	\$ (13,081)	\$ 77,212
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	\$ 256,476	\$ 201,366
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	\$ 238,843	\$ 256,476
NET CHANGE IN CASH FOR THE PERIOD	\$ (17,633)	\$ 55,109

Notes to the Financial Statements

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD For the year ended 31 December 2023

The financial statements cover the business of Australian Plants Society NSW Ltd and have been prepared to meet the needs of stakeholders.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years unless otherwise stated.

1. Basis of Preparation

The Company is non-reporting since there are unlikely to be any users who would rely on the general purpose financial statements.

The special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies described below and do not comply with any Australian Accounting Standards unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis starting from 2018 versus an accrual basis prior to 2018.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, demand deposits and short term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is recognised when the business receives it. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Interest Revenue

Interest is recognised using the effective interest method.

Other Income

Other income is recognised on a cash basis when the Company receives it.

Membership rebates between State Office and Districts

The treatment of rebates of the consolidated Income Statement has changed in 2018 versus 2017 and previous years, where it was treated as income and expenses. It is now accounted for as inter-entity transfers. This change has no impact on the company's overall surplus/(deficit).

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing

and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is classified as operating cash flows.