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Editorial

John Aitken, NSW Region

Many thanks to all those authors and photographers who have contributed to *Native Plants for NSW*. If your article did not appear in this issue, I can assure you that it will be included in a future one. I have been very encouraged by the support the journal has received and the standard of articles that have been submitted. Can I encourage each one of you to consider writing an article for *Native Plants for NSW* so that the journal can reflect the broad range of interests that our members have in Australian native plants.

Can I recommend that you read Anthony O'Halloran's article on plant surveys on pages 20-23 in which he offers APS members the opportunity of joining him in visiting two parks in the north-west of the state to conduct a survey of the flora in these areas. I believe this to be a unique opportunity for members to further their knowledge of the plants growing in these areas and to acquire skills in conducting plant surveys.

Welcome to two new advertisers; Birdswing Birding and Wildlife Tours and Fangorn Nursery Armidale whose advertisements feature on page 45.

Could all Groups check that their information in the Group directories on pages 23 and 26 is correct? If there are any changes, please notify the Office so that any errors can be rectified in the July issue.

Objects of APS NSW

- To foster and promote appreciation, study and participation in growing and propagating Australian native plants.
- To foster support and promote the preservation and conservation of Australian native plants.
- To encourage the use of Australian native plants in home gardens and public places.
- To improve Australian native plants as garden subjects.
- To interest nurserymen in propagating and supplying Australian native plants to the public.
- To increase and disseminate general knowledge of Australian native plants.

APS NSW region meeting 19 February

Summary of Karlo Taliana's talk

Thanks to Rhonda Daniels, Sutherland Group, for the following summary of Karlo's excellent and informative talk.

Growing WA flora in Sydney

Our February meeting guest speaker, Karlo Taliana from East Hills Group, fell "hook, line and sinker" for Australian native plants at the Kings Park WA Spring Festival in 2000. Since then, Karlo has been growing natives, mainly in his back garden at Georges Hall, and is an active member of the Banksia Study Group.

In 2007, Karlo decided to revamp his front garden, a steep grass hill, to provide ideal growing conditions for WA flora. The basic requirements for WA flora are perfect drainage, full sun, good air circulation and the right chemical and physical soil structure. The front slope was a small area of 78 m², but a good site for WA flora because it faces west, has good air flow with no fences and there was a 2 metre drop for good drainage.

It took Karlo 11 months, 1,000 concrete blocks, 13 tonnes of a low phosphorous soil mix, 17 tonnes of crushed sandstone, and inorganic mulch of 10 mm Nepean river pebbles to create his raised garden beds. In January 2008 he began plantings, with over 100 species. About a quarter were banksias and about one in five were grafted plants. A grafted *Banksia speciosa* from Marsden Park nursery is growing well, providing height as a feature shrub.

Watering is one of the most important aspects of cultivation. To mimic WA water patterns, Karlo only waters to establish the plants. In fact, many species need to go through a dry spell to flower well. Karlo has been amazed by his plants' ability to survive hot days. WA flora have

Part of Karlo's garden showing *Ptilotus exaltatus* in foreground with grafted *Banksia speciosa* at the rear as a feature tree and a variety of other shrubs including *Eremophila nivea* and *macdonellii*, *Verticordia monodelpha* var *callitricha* (in bud) as well as some western banksias.
Photo: Karlo Taliana



incredible leaf adaptations to survive their long hot summers, but they don't like high humidity and consistent rain.

Karlo carefully monitors plant growth and conditions and keeps records. His successes include *Ptilotus exaltatus*, *Banksia blechnifolia*, *Thomasia pygmaea*, *Verticordia monadelpha*, *Calytrix lechenaultii*, *Darwinia purpurea* and *Isopogon latifolius*. Failures include *Banksia menziesii*, *Banksia baxteri*, *Hibbertia stellaris* and *Verticordia grandis*.

Karlo's tips for growing WA flora in Sydney include "be realistic in your expectations" and "enjoy your successes, learn from your failures".

In thanking our speaker, Kyrill Taylor commended Karlo for sharing his successes and failures and reminded us that east coast flora can also "fail" in the garden.

Karlo has written an excellent article about his garden, which will appear in a future issue of *Native Plants for NSW*.

APS NSW annual general meeting, Ermington

APS NSW



Friday, 21 May 2010 8pm

Ermington Community Centre,
River Rd, Ermington

All members are encouraged to attend.

Following the AGM, Kyrill Taylor, Vice President of APS NSW and a member of the Fern Study Group, will be our guest speaker. He will share with us his vast knowledge and practical experience of growing ferns.

Please bring plant specimens for the specimen table.

Supper will be provided.

There will also be a great selection of plants for sale.

This is also great opportunity to have your say in the organisation of APS NSW and to meet members from other Groups.



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2010 Region get-together

11–12 September 2010



Sutherland and Menai groups are jointly hosting this year's event and wish to invite you to participate in what we think will be an exciting program.

We have planned a full program for both days. The current schedule sees us meeting at the 2.2 hectare Joseph Banks Native Plants Reserve at Kareela from 9.30 am for a warm welcome and morning tea, with the opportunity of guided walks around the extensive reserve.

We will leave there mid morning to go to Burnum Burnum reserve at Woronora for a brief stop for views of the Woronora valley and river.

This will be followed by a visit to Lucas Heights where we will stop for lunch and the opportunity for a walk along the ridge above the river. An alternate choice, for those feeling like a more sedate form of exercise, will be garden visits in the area, before all meeting up again for afternoon tea, plant sales and a walk among the Illawong Rural Fire Services gardens, which were planted and are maintained by the Menai group.

Dinner will be at a local eatery with the chance to renew friendships and exchange views among friends, both old and new. Cost to be advised when numbers are known.

On the Sunday, we will drive to Cronulla to join an eco-cruise up the South West Arm of the Port Hacking River, with commentary on the flora and the aboriginal history of the area. We will cruise to the limit of navigation and then do a short walk up to the very pretty Winifred Falls in the Royal National Park. There is a limit of 35 passengers on this cruise, so now is the time to let us know if you would like to join us. The cost will be \$33 per person for the cruise and prior payment will be required to confirm your place.

For further information about the get-together and details on where to send your payment for the eco-cruise, contact Ralph Cartwright on (02) 9548 1074 or 0416 030 872 or by email at ralphc@spin.net.au

Further details and application forms will also be available from your individual groups in the near future.

Attracting birds to your garden: part 2

Peter Storer

This is part 2 of a two part article reprinted, with permission from the author, from the June 2009 Bulletin of the Society for Growing Australian Plants (Queensland Region). Whilst the article is written for a Queensland audience, the principles, together with most of the plants and birds that Peter discusses, are relevant to NSW members.

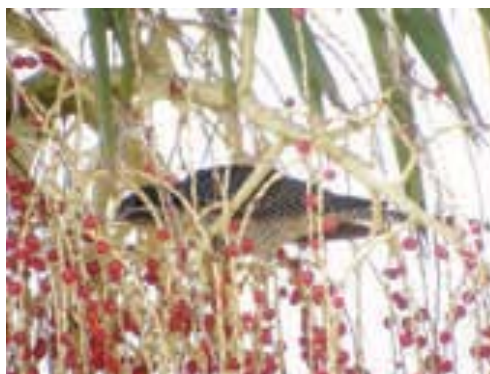


Fruit

Many bird species include fruit as part of their diet. Figs form an important part of the diet of cuckoo-shrikes, bowerbirds, common koel and catbirds and, of course, figbirds. *Ficus obliqua* and *Ficus superba* should do well around Brisbane, but leave plenty of room for them and keep them well away from the house and utilities. The blue fruit of Dianellas may be eaten by Lewin's Honeyeaters and Silvereyes. The fruit of Lillypillies—both the *Acmena* and the *Syzygium* species—are very important for many species of birds. Muttonwood *Rapanea variabilis* is a local shrub that produces fruit that are eaten by Lewin's Honeyeaters. The purple berries of *Callicarpa pedunculata* are eaten by Silvereyes and Lewin's Honeyeaters. The *Persoonia* species or Geebung were an important bush food for Aboriginals, but are equally attractive to Brown Honeyeaters. The fruit of the Bleeding Heart *Homolanthus nutans* is eaten by Brown Pigeons, Silvereyes, Lewin's Honeyeaters, olive-backed orioles and Mistletoebirds. The orange fruit of the Kangaroo apple, *Solanum aviculare*, are held on the plant for several months and



Fruit of *Ficus rubiginosa*
Photo: Margaret Bradhurst



Female Koel feasting on the fruit of the Alexander palm.
Photo: Ralph Cartwright



Left: Davidson's plum produces fruit, which attract King parrots to the garden.

Photo: John Aitken

Below: Fruit of the Needle-leaved mistletoe in a River oak, which provides food for the Mistletoe bird.

Photo: Dick Turner



provide food for Brown Pigeons, Lewin's Honeyeaters, Green Catbirds and bowerbirds. The red fruit of the Piccabeen Palm is eaten by a surprising number of bird species, including Common Koels, Rainbow Lorikeets, King Parrots, Crimson Rosellas, Pied Currawongs, Satin Bowerbirds and most fruit doves and pigeons. One overlooked group is the mistletoes. While you can't get these from nurseries, if you are lucky enough to have mistletoes—perhaps growing on your eucalypts, wattles or Casuarinas—you will find mistletoebirds and Lewin's honeyeaters feeding on both the flowers and fruit. Although mistletoes are parasitic, they rarely do significant harm to the host plant and are worth leaving alone. There are many rainforest species that produce fruit including the *Cryptocarya* species, which attract pigeons, lorikeets and the king parrots, the tuckeroo *Cupianopsis anacardioides*, which attracts a wide range of birds and the quandongs *Elaeocarpus grandis* and *E. obovatus*, which attract fruit doves, Wompoo Pigeons, Green Catbirds, Pied Currawongs and Crimson Rosellas.

The Crow's Ash or Australian Teak *Flindersia australis* is not only a fast-growing specimen or shade tree, the fruit is attractive to Wonga Pigeons and various white cockatoos. An important species in S.E. Queensland is *Guioa semiglauca*, the fruit of which attracts King Parrots, rosellas, Figbirds, Olive-backed Orioles, Pied Currawongs and even the Varied Triller. The tulipwood *Harpullia pendula* is a fast-growing and very

hardy species, which has orange fruits that are eaten by King Parrots. The prolific fruit of *Macaranga tanarius* are eaten by Figbirds, Olive-backed Orioles, Silvereyes and various lorikeets. Many native vines and creepers produce bird-attracting fruit. In rainforest areas, the blue fruit of the round leaf vine *Legnephora moorei* attracts Green Catbirds, Rose-crowned Fruit Doves and Lewin's Honeyeaters. The yellow to orange fruit of Sweet Morinda, *Morinda jasminoides*, the ovoid red fruit of *Pothos longipes* and the black fruit of the three-leaved water vine, *Terastigma nitens*, are all eaten by a wide range of rainforest birds.

Insects

Plants that attract insects will in turn attract insectivorous birds, such as the Willie Wagtail, flycatchers (monarchs) and whistlers. All the nectar-producing plants mentioned earlier will attract insects as well as birds, so there is a double benefit of planting these species. Honeyeaters supplement their diet with these insects to obtain vital proteins. The leaves of most native plants are eaten to varying extents by grasshoppers, caterpillars, sawflies and beetles, and the sap is taken by scale insects, lerps, mealy bugs or aphids. I would encourage you not to spray for minor infestations of these pests so that you don't harm our insectivorous birds. If you achieve the right balance in your garden, most plants should not be subject to total defoliation or be significantly weakened by these pests. A few plants are susceptible to heavy insect attack, such as red ash *Alphitonia excelsa*, which is eaten by the caterpillar of the tiny green-banded blue butterfly and white cedar *Melia azaderach*, which is attacked by processionary caterpillars. Such trees



Above: Jewel beetle on *Angophora hispida*
Photo: Bruce Cooper



Right: Wasp on the flower of a
Leptospermum species.
Photo: Ralph Cartwright



Above: Sulfur crested cockatoo searching for grubs in a deadwood hollow of *Angophora costata*.
Photo: John Aitken

Left: Botany Bay weevil on an *Acacia*.
Photo: Ralph Cartwright

should probably be hidden among others where they will attract insect-eating birds, but the defoliation doesn't become an eyesore. Our most spectacular local insectivorous bird is the Rainbow Bee-eater, which likes exposed bare perches from which to hawk for insects.

Shelter

Shelter is probably the most overlooked aspect of attracting birds, but it is just as important as food and water. Birds need shelter both to escape from predators and for nesting sites for breeding. As with our fast disappearing native bushland, corridors are the key here. You don't need to plant your whole garden with trees and shrubs, but those areas should all be contiguous (adjacent) wherever possible. Small birds should not have to cross wide areas of open space if at all possible. Try also to link the corridors through your property with the neighbours' or adjacent bushland.

One comment I hear regularly is that there seem to be fewer small birds around—such as wrens or finches—than there used to be. This is almost entirely due to the removal of the scrubby understorey where many of these birds hide. One the worst habitats for small birds is scattered trees with a grass understorey mown very short, which of course is seen as a popular 'low maintenance' type of garden on peri-urban acreage. On the contrary, this is perfect habitat for aggressive, opportunistic birds, such as Noisy Miners, butcherbirds and magpies that not only attack and kill many small birds, but more importantly eat their eggs. If you're serious

about attracting a diversity of birds into your garden, then you need to provide plenty of shelter for the smaller bird species.

You need to think in three dimensions when planning your garden, or when adding to it, so there is adequate shelter at different heights as well as at different locations. Ideally you should have areas with long grasses or equivalents such as Lomandras and Dianellas—other areas with low shrubs to a metre or two, areas with larger shrubs to 3 or 4 metres and a range of trees.

The best shelter for small birds is provided by dense thorny bushes, which tend to be unappealing to the gardener. However, these bushes don't need to be placed near to pathways or in areas that you visit all the time. In fact you can use them, as Jan Sked described some years ago, as 'antipersonnel plants' to stop people from going where you don't want them to go. *Bursaria spinosa* (Blackthorn) is a wonderful species that forms a dense thicket.

The Currant Bush, *Carissa ovata*, is a slow-growing bush with sharp thorns and edible fruit (if you're game to pick them). This an important food source for both the Regent and Satin Bowerbirds. *Citriobatus pauciflorus* (Orange Thorn) is another species that makes great bird habitat. If thorns are just too much for you, maybe you can live with prickly leaves. *Alchornea ilicifolia* (Native Holly), *Aphananthe philippensis* (Native Elm) and *Alyxia ruscifolia* (Chain Fruit) are three excellent species. With their prickly foliage, Hakeas are great for fairy wrens, finches and Silvereyes. *Graptophyllum ilicifolium* (Holly-leaved



Above: *Bursaria spinosa* flowers
Photo: Margaret Bradhurst

Left: *Graptophyllum ilicifolium*
Photo: Keith Townsend ANSPA website

Fuschia) is perhaps the most attractive of the prickly leaved plants. Some grevilleas have dense prickly foliage. Forest rambler is a cultivar that provides ideal shelter for small birds, as well as nectar-producing flowers. All the *G. rosmarinifolia* hybrids (such as Pink Pearl, Canberra Gem and Scarlet Sprite) provide excellent potential nesting sites for small birds. Some large trees have prickly foliage: the Hoop Pine *Araucaria cunninghamiae* provides vital nest sites for many birds as does the Bunya Pine *A. bidwilli*. I commend everyone to plant a few prickly plants for the birds, perhaps in an inaccessible corner or along that annoying neighbour's fence line.



A grazing Galah



Kookaburra on the watch for grubs and worms in the garden. Photos: Margaret Bradhurst

There are of course lots of other shrubs and trees that provide good shelter for many birds. All species of *Callitris* (Cyprus Pines) are good for wrens. Many of the Melaleucas and Callistemons provide good shelter for wrens, lorikeets and honeyeaters. Leptospermums are good for fantails, flycatchers and robins. In a rainforest area, the Black Bean, *Castanospermum australe*, provides a great refuge for honeyeaters and lorikeets. Almost all lillypillies have dense foliage and provide shelter for many species. I've found *Acmena smithii* to be the most resilient in the drought. If you're near a creek or dam, or have a damper area, *Waterhousea floribunda* is an excellent species.

Nesting sites are the ultimate shelter for birds. Tree hollows provide vital nesting sites for many bird species, such as parrots, wood ducks. It takes over 200 years for a gum tree to develop a full complement of hollows. (This, incidentally, is why old-growth forest is so critical to our wildlife survival.) In our own gardens, we should be reluctant to cut down old gnarled trees and perhaps even dead ones, as they provide vital bird habitat (providing of course that the dead tree doesn't pose a danger). It is obviously impractical for gardeners to wait for hollows to form in trees they have planted. However, we can create artificial hollows by installing nest boxes. Boxes with smaller entrance holes are used to attract Rosellas and Lorikeets; larger holes are suitable for Kookaburras.

In summary, the key to attracting birds to your garden is to provide water, food and shelter. The good news is that planting any native plant is likely to increase the chances of birds visiting your garden. Try to provide corridors of dense vegetation across your property and link them with your neighbours' or adjacent bushland.



Above: Insect on *Actinotus helianthi*
Photo: Doug Rickard

Left: Kookaburra at the entrance of its nest in a termite nest.
Photo: John Aitken

Other fruits that attract birds are shown in the photos below.



Wombat berry
Photos: Margaret Bradhurst



Cassine australis



Hibbertia scandens

The Australian Gothic Garden

Words and photos by Harry Loots

This article is reprinted, with permission of the author, from the October 2009 issue of "Harbourside", which was the newsletter of the former Harbourside Group.



For some, the Australian bush can be a frightening and alienating experience. Imagine – the horror, the terror of the night, lost, stumbling through snake-infested thickets, needle sharp leaves piercing and scratching. Or think of the scenario; as the all-consuming fire approaches, the dread is palpable, a dense pall of smoke defines a path of wanton destruction. Such dark emotions with a bit of sex and blood are the stuff of modern gothic literature.



I believe that the Australian bush garden can also be gothic, especially my garden. Modern Gothic draws on mid-19th century gothic revival literary references to a mood of horror, morbidity, darkness and the supernatural. In the 19th century death, and graveyards were symbolic representations of this mood, while today bats, cobwebs, snakes and poisonous plants are gothic.

I don't have any ghouls flying about at the witching hour although I may have the occasional bat or owl and while there are swarms of mosquitoes, I do not have a fetid swamp. Most people would call mine a bush garden but my imagination is important here.

Romance, vampires and sexuality are overriding themes in 19th and late 20th century gothic revival literature. Recently Medlar Lucan and Durian Gray in their gothic novel, *The Decadent Gardener* described gardening as '*little more than systematic violence in pursuit of beauty*', and the gardener as first and foremost a sadist. These two, the Kropotkin and De Sade of horticulture, understand that '*nowhere are sex and death more intimately bound together than in the garden.*' For them, the garden is a place of '*agony, self-doubt and betrayal*'. They remind us that, if we are to believe the Bible - not that they would be inclined to - a gardener carried out the first murder, and the first garden was a place where sin beckoned wherever you turned. Their book abounds with piercing, pricking truths. The flower, they remind us, for example, is nothing but a sexual organ.

These thoughts reflect some of the sad truths and idiosyncratic features of my own garden. I speak of course of my habit of planting shrubs that die within months; sometimes I have even planted dead plants. My pets, my poor little canaries' graves are scattered about the garden. It's very sad. I grow a whole range of plants whose leaves would lacerate any loitering tree-hugger. Mountain Devil is an appropriate name for a prickly plant that discourages flower pickers. Why did I plant Prickly Moses across a path? Ouch. What perversity gives me joy at seeing an upright grass tree spike progressing from green, to white, to black? Why am I interested in the tiny ground orchids that for a few weeks plaintively beckon passing wasps to copulate? It is true, I have sinned. I am reminded that *'Of the seven deadly sins, surely it is pride that most commonly afflicts the gardener'*.

Michael Pollan, who offered the last comment, has this to say about the Gothic garden. *'If the conventional ideal of the garden is an ever-blooming paradise of happiness, the gothic garden is a subtly haunted place where beauty is shadowed by intimations of mortality. This is not a new idea, only a half- forgotten one. Threading through the history of garden design in the West is a persistent gothic strain, offering a counterpoint to more mainstream notions of beauty. Indeed, it is only in modern times, when a relatively benign and sentimental view of nature emerges for the first time, that the gothic has been forced out of the garden. Go back a ways, and you find not only a more ambivalent view of nature, but also a belief that a garden should contain all the colours of*



Mountain Devil *Lambertia formosa*



Large Tongue-orchid or Cow orchid,
Cryptostylis subulata.

human emotion, even the very darkest.

My own contributions to morbidity are a dead tree stump and trunks greying in the sun and a wall of brown maidenhair ferns, lifeless, waiting to revive. Broken pottery tells a shattered story and provides shelter for creepy crawlies. A sandstone overhang leads down to the unfathomable depth; what mystery is hidden there?



The Gothic garden is wild, untamed and can be uninviting. It tends to mimic the natural world, which is not perfect or harmonious. Perfection and harmony are ideas that we invented. Nature is an anarchist that has wet areas and dry areas, sunny areas and shady areas that aren't designed to please us. Even the so-called wild gardens of William Robinson and the cottage gardens of Gertrude Jekyll — perhaps the two most important influences on our own gardening — implied a nostalgic view of nature as a soft, pastoral refuge. This is too harmonious to be wild. It's a designer garden that's made to look pretty as a picture. This is not gothic.

I don't think that growing Australian native plants is a virtuous pastime. I'm not saving delicate Australian species from invasive aliens. That may be happening in the bush but not in my garden. By only growing local species I am keeping foreign species out my garden, which of course fits in with the classic gothic narrative of native innocence that is besieged by foreign evil, although only up to my fence line. As a gothic gardener, I try to allow plants to grow their own way without too many controls. They are allowed to grow across paths and self-seed. Lichen and moss are encouraged; bricks and stonework are never cleaned. Grass is never cut and allowed to grow long and vines are allowed to take over more established plants. Ferns are taking over the darker spots and a staghorn is taking over an old melaleuca.



I can't see any design in my garden, or pattern. I'm afraid to let people into some areas as its just too dangerous with the rocks the way they are. There are too many plants to let in people. Most think that my garden a piece of natural bushland. Some even throw their rubbish into the garden, which is a backhanded compliment that I appreciate.

Harry's staghorn

Rob's and Neil's top five native garden trees for Dubbo

Tony Clover, Manager Forests NSW Nursery, Dubbo

Rob Herridge and Neil Dawes work for Forests NSW Nursery, Dubbo and have lived in Dubbo and surrounding western towns all their lives. They have brought their affinity, passion and knowledge of trees into their work with Forests NSW.



Flowering shrubs aside, of all the trees available at the Nursery, from smaller growing garden Mallees to taller growing windbreaking and shading trees, Rob and Neil were asked to pick five trees that they considered the top five native varieties suitable for garden planting in Dubbo. The native trees chosen provide good habitat and feeding opportunities for our local and especially smaller birds.

'Gungurru' and 'Silver Princess' (*Eucalyptus caesia*). Unusual, pendulous trees growing between 3 and 6 metres that always have an attractive feature to show off. If it's not the grey mealy textured upper branches and large gum nuts, there's the showy and long flowering pink to red, tipped with golden anthers, floral display. Both frost and drought resistant once established. May need a bit of careful pruning to get it to grow into a desirable form but worth the little bit of extra effort.



Above: Flowers and buds of *Eucalyptus caesia* 'Silver Princess'. Photo: Karlo Taliana

Left: *Eucalyptus caesia* 'Silver Princess'
Photo: Tony Clover



Above: Flowers and buds of *Eucalyptus torquata*

Left: A native frangipani tree

Photos: Brian Walters

“Coral Gum” (*Eucalyptus torquata*). An attractive medium sized, shade providing tree growing to 6-10 m. It's easily grown with distinctive red/pink or cream, highly ornamental flowers. Suitable as an avenue or single specimen tree. Another low water requiring tree.

“Native Frangipani” (*Hymenosporum flavum*). A great open and narrower growing tree, with its glossy green foliage and delightful bright yellow, turning to cream, perfumed flowers. Frost sensitive initially when young, but more tolerant as they become older. With this little bit of initial extra care required, you will end up with a tree that makes a statement in your garden.

“Green Mallee” (*Eucalyptus viridis*). A Mallee growing to about 6 metres with dense foliage, making it a great smaller windbreak or screening tree. Extremely adaptable to most soils as long as they're well drained. Extremely drought tolerant so won't require much water once established. Creamy white flowers contrast well against the shiny green leaves.

“Bottlebrush” Callistemon. Ever wondered why there's so many planted? That's because they are so adaptable and pretty well fool proof. These days there's some great new forms and colour varieties available and they're still well worth putting in. With the taller growing ones, prune them up to accentuate the textured trunk. The council gardeners have done this in Elston Park at Dubbo and they look great.

There you have it, Rob's & Neil's top five native garden trees. Forever giving out helpful advice, they'd just like to remind anyone who's going

to choose to plant out a garden tree, just to make sure their choices match the area that they're going to be planted in. How many times do we find larger trees planted in the wrong situations, causing trouble down the track?



Eucalyptus viridis

Photos: Los Angeles County Arboretum, www.calfora.net (above); Tony Clover (left)

Harbourside Group has now closed

Lindy Monson, Harbourside Group

Members of our community group voted for a recess, effectively closing the only local group of the Australian Plants Society serving Mosman, North Sydney, Willoughby, Lane Cove and Ryde. There is now no group of the Society meeting between Hornsby and the St George area. The Harbourside Group focused on growing Australian plants and wider ecological issues. Thank you for your support in recent years.



Harbourside's last meeting and wake



Survey the plants – August 2010

Flora surveys at Gundabooka and Ledknapper

Words and photos by Anthony O'Halloran, Tamworth Group and Proprietor Bilby Blooms Nursery, Binnaway.

I am a long term member of the Australian Plants Society, and have the opportunity to conduct an outing from 5-12 August 2010, which combines visiting out of the way parts of Gundabooka National Park and Ledknapper Nature Reserve in north-west NSW and to conduct formal flora surveys.

For the last 7 years I have conducted Warrumbungle Wildflower Week, as a NPWS Discovery Ranger, a week's walk throughout the Warrumbungle region looking at the great displays of wildflowers. Next year I thought of a different activity; flora surveys in out of the way parks.

Gundabooka National Park is 50 km south of Bourke NSW and extends from the Darling River to the peaks of Mt Gundabooka, some 500m above the plain. The lower slopes consist of Coolabah woodlands, through mulga to the rare Curly Bark Wattle on the peak. In spring there



Waitzia acuminata



Rhodanthe floribunda



Podolepis sp.



Eremophila gilesii

are spectacular displays of the ephemeral paper daisies, Eremophilas, Sennas and many others including those shown in the pictures below.

Ledknapper Nature Reserve, which is 70 km north east of Bourke, on the other hand has extensive Spinifex sand dunes and clay pans. Eremophilas dominate some landscapes, while on the dunes are found Desert Pine (*Callitris verrucosa*), *Calytrix longiflora*, *Grevillea juncifolia* and the rare *Thryptomene hexandra*. These form a spectacular display in spring. Some of the flowers taken in one day in July 2009 at Ledknapper are shown below:



Top left: *Calytrix longiflora*
Above: *Grevillea juncifolia*
Bottom left: *Eremophila bowmanii*

This is potentially a new direction for the APS, as many plant enthusiasts never have the opportunity to visit our wonderful western parks and experience the fantastic floral displays there. It will be a structured survey experience, visiting sites picked out by DECC Western Branch in gap analysis of existing data. Hopefully with this sort of new activity, we will get more NSW people heading out for the same plant experience.

The surveys basically consist of visiting a given location, doing an intensive survey of a 20 x 20m plot recording all the species found, their percentage ground cover and abundance and an additional tally of plants in an adjacent 20 x 30m extension. No extensive knowledge of plants is needed; only the ability to recognise plants that have not yet been picked up at that survey site.

Survey teams will consist of a team leader, experienced botanical expert with the appropriate scientific collectors licence, and up to 6 helpers.

Places on this trip will be limited by the number of team leaders. From the few people I have spoken to about this event, I think it will be very popular.

Available accommodation includes on site converted shearers' quarters at both parks and camping. Power and water will be available at the quarters. Minimal fees for accommodation will be charged. At this stage the week will be self catered, however I am investigating the idea of making it fully catered, which may get a bit messy with logistics. We will spend 3 days at Gundabooka NP and 3 days at Ledknapper NR.

This field trip will link the appreciation of new and exiting flora with the rigour of NPWS approved survey methods.

Those members of APS who are interested in accompanying me on these plant surveys from 5-12 August 2010 can contact me (Tony) by phone on (02) 6844 1044 or by email at bilbyblooms@bigpond.com.



Accommodation at Gundabooka



Accommodation at Ledknapper



Planet Ark is calling on keen gardeners to coordinate tree-planting sites or provide ongoing care to the many thousands of existing native trees and shrubs which have been planted as part of National Tree Day.

This year's National Tree Day will take place around the country on Sunday 1 August. 2010. For information visit <http://treeday.planetark.org> or call the National Tree Day Hotline on 1300 88 5000.

District group directory

District Groups are located in many areas throughout New South Wales and range in size from fewer than 20 to over 100 members. Group members are able to take part in many activities including bushwalks, bush regeneration and conservation projects. Regular meetings enable members to keep in touch with people of similar interests and to hear expert guest speakers. Contact the Secretary of a specific group for further information.

Email: office@austplants-nsw.org.au.

Armidale and District

President: Barbara Nevin ☎ (02) 6775 2128
Secretary: John Nevin ☎ (02) 6775 2128
PO Box 735, Armidale NSW 2350

Meetings: Tree Group Woodland Centre, Armidale.
3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm (excluding December, January, June, July)

Blue Mountains

President: Jim Ward
Co-Secs. Alix Goodwin ☎ (02) 4739 1571
Jane Toxward ☎ (02) 4739 1905
PO Box 23, Glenbrook NSW 2773.

Website www.apsbluemtnsgroup.org
Meetings: Native Plant Reserve, Great Western Hwy, Glenbrook
1st Friday of the month at 8pm (Sep-May) and
1st Sunday of the month at 10am (Jun-Aug). No meeting when there is an outing in the month.

Central Coast

President: Andrew Melville ☎ (02) 4328 1005
Secretary: John Andrews ☎ (02) 9985 9073
PO Box 1604, Gosford NSW 2250
Meetings: Narara Horticultural Research Station, Research Rd, Narara.
2nd Friday of the month (excl. Jan, Dec) at 8pm.

Central West

President: Marcia Bonham ☎ (02) 6337 1117
Secretary: Lyn Burgett
1307 Ophir Rd, Rock Forest NSW 2795
Meetings: Bimonthly at alternating centres.
Contact the secretary for details.

City – St George

President: Vince Churchill ☎ (02) 9642 1968
Secretary: Vacant
26 The Causeway, Enfield NSW 2136.
Meetings: Committee Room, Rockdale Town Hall, Cnr Bryant Street & Princes Hwy Rockdale
2nd Friday of the months of Feb, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov & Dec at 6.30pm

Coffs Harbour

President: Phil O'Shea ☎ (02) 6653 7472
Secretary: Wayne Jeffery ☎ (02) 6655 1610
72 Scotchman Rd, Bellingen NSW 2454

Meetings: Coffs Harbour Botanic Gardens Display Room normally on the 3rd Wednesday of alternate months at 7.30pm (excluding Jan)

East Hills

President: Karlo Taliana ☎ (02) 9709 6135
Secretary: Kyrill Taylor ☎ (02) 9644 5531
16 Elizabeth Cres, Yagoona NSW 2199

Meetings: Peakhurst South Primary School Library, Monterra Ave, Peakhurst.
1st Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm (excluding January)

Hawkesbury

Contact Rick Jamieson ☎ (02) 4572 1321
Meetings: Council Nursery, McGrath's Hill.
2nd Thursday of the month.

Hunter Valley

President: Mike Newman ☎ (02) 4930 5564
Secretary: Ross Carlton ☎ (02) 4988 6026
29 Wallaroo Road, Seaham NSW. 2324
Meetings: The Polish Hall, Cnr Grant & Old Rose Sts, Maitland
3rd Wednesday of the month (Feb-Nov) at 7.45pm.

Illawarra

President: Peter Parker ☎ (02) 4229 4485
Secretary: Barry Winter ☎ (02) 4274 1489
57 Bland St, Port Kembla NSW 2505
Meetings: Corrimal Community Hall, 15 Ahort Street Corrimal. Ring Edna on 4229 1836.
1st Monday of the month at 7.30pm (excluding December, January, October and Public Holidays)

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Membership Renewal Form

Existing members who do not subscribe through a District Group should renew with this form. Group members should renew directly to their Group Office Bearer. Applications for membership, where possible, should be made on the appropriate form. Please include all person/s covered by this membership. **Please print clearly**

Surname/s: _____

Given name/s: _____

Mailing address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Is this a change of address? Yes No Previous Postcode: _____

Phone Home: _____ Work: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

We / I belong to a District Group Yes No Group Name: _____

We / I belong to Study Group/s: _____

Interests/Skills: _____

Are you able to volunteer assistance in the Society's activities in an area convenient to you? Yes No

Gift membership: If you wish to give a subscription to a family member or friend, use this form or write out the full particulars. Include any personal card you wish to accompany the new member's pack.

Type of Membership Rates as at 1 January 2010 (All prices are in Aust. Dollars and include GST)

Individual	\$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Concession	\$42.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint Members	\$58.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Concession	\$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asia Pacific	\$55.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other overseas	\$ 60.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: Two joint members at the same address each receive a membership card.

A concession is available to Seniors, people on a limited fixed income and full-time students. This applies to joint memberships where one person is entitled to request it.
 Type of concession: _____

Payment method

Cheque Money order made payable to Australian Plants Society NSW Ltd is enclosed; or

Please charge my MasterCard Visa

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Card Expiry Date: - APS Membership Card No: _____

Card Holder's Name: _____ Card Holder's Signature: _____

Post payment and direct all membership problems/inquiries to:

Australian Plants Society NSW Ltd Membership Officer Box 3066 Bowenfels NSW 2790 Australia

☎ (02) 6352 3805. Renewals may also be faxed on a copy of this form to (02) 6352 3805

Receipts/Statements for tax purposes will be supplied if a stamped self-addressed envelope is provided.

District group directory (continued)

Macarthur

President: Robin Davies ☎ (02) 4653 1275
Secretary: Rod Bray
147 Holdsworth Drive, Mt Annan NSW 2567
yarbdor@westnet.com.au
Meetings: Birriwa Community Hall, Fitzpatrick St.
Mount Annan NSW 2567. 3rd Wednesday of
the month at 7.30pm (Feb-Nov)

Menai

President: Pam Pitkeathly ☎ (02) 9543 0243
Secretary: Margaret Olde
PO Box 3104, Bangor NSW 2234
Meetings: Illawong Rural Fire Brigade
Headquarters. 2nd Wednesday of the month at
7.30pm (excluding January).

Newcastle

President: Julia Brougham ☎ (02) 4968 0567
Secretary: Allan Woollett ☎ (02) 4959 4788
PO Box 76, Adamstown NSW 2289
Meetings: The Wetlands Centre, Sandgate
Rd, Shortland. 1st Wednesday of the month at
7.30pm

Northern Beaches

President: David Drage ☎ (02) 9949 5179
Sec. Peter Spiers ☎ (02) 9456 1897
PO Box 1220, Rozelle NSW 2039
Meetings: Stony Range Flora Reserve, Dee
Why. 1st Thursday of the month at 7.30pm
(February-November).

North Shore

President: Mark Abell ☎ (02) 9477 4231
Secretary: Wendy Grimm ☎ (02) 9144 5600
PO Box 344, St Ives 2075
Meetings: Willow Park Community Centre,
25 Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby.
2nd Friday of the month at 8pm (Feb-Nov).

Nowra

President: Vacant
Secretary: Gwen Smith ☎ (02) 4443 3497
PO Box 140, Sanctuary Point NSW 2540
Meetings: Nowra Town Band Hall,
174 Kinghorne St, Nowra. 2nd Thursday of the
month (Feb-Nov) at 7.30pm sharp.
Business meeting 6.30pm.

Parramatta and The Hills

President: Vacant
Secretary: Christine Coe
37 Battlement Crescent, Castle Hill NSW 2154
email: christineco@inet.net.au
Meetings: Bi-monthly meetings 4th Friday of
March, May, July, September and November
at 8pm Barton Hall, Hopetoun Village, Anglican
Retirement Villages, Castle Hill.
Website: apsparrahills.org.au

South East Region

President: Jan Robilliard ☎ (02) 6494 1049
Secretary: Juliet Waldron ☎ (02) 4473 7440
4 Casey Crescent, Mystery Bay NSW 2546
Meetings: Alternating locations, contact
President or Secretary. 1st Saturday of odd
numbered months.

Southern Highlands

President: Jane Pye
Secretary: Margaret Wilson ☎ (02) 4872 2373
7 Fitzroy Street, Mittagong NSW 2576
Meetings: CWA Room, Elizabeth St, Moss
Vale. Bimonthly at 7.30pm and alternate
between first Sundays and first Thursday of the
month.

Southern Tablelands

President: Tim Hayes ☎ (02) 4822 4949
Secretary: Jenny Ashwell ☎ (02) 4829 2101
10 Pomeroy Mill Ford Road, Mummel NSW
2580
Meetings: Alternating locations. 1st Friday of
February, May, August and December.

Sutherland

President: Simon Bastin ☎ (02) 9545 5959
Secretary: Ruchir Sodhani ☎ (02) 9522 2935
18a The Esplanade, Sylvania Heights NSW 2224
Meetings: Gymea Community Centre, Gymea
Bay Rd, Gymea. 3rd Wednesday of the month
at 8pm (February-November).
Website: www.ozemail.com.au/~ssgap

Tamworth

President: Matt Cosgrove ☎ (02) 6765 2693
Secretary: Dr Lyn Allen ☎ (02) 6766 5958
PO Box 1193, Tamworth NSW 2340
Meetings: Botanic Garden Meeting Room.
4th Friday of the month. 8pm summer, 7.30pm
standard time.

Vale Sandra Parkinson

27 January 1965–11 July 2009

By her friends at the Nowra Group, Australian Plants Society

What does this name mean to those of us who have known Sandra over many years? We remember an enthusiastic member at meetings whose love and knowledge of Australian natives was palpable. We shared in her joy with her life with Terry; the growing success of their nursery; the building of their home and the birth of their four boys. Sandra once said that all her dreams had come true.



Sandra was the youngest of a large family of eight and grew up on the seaside in Wollongong. She enjoyed the outdoors, the ocean where she met Terry, the bush and her beloved native plants. Her move to a bush block at Tomerong was complete when Sandra and Terry opened up their native plant nursery, Wirin Wirra, there. She was a member of the Nowra Group for many years and she and Terry supplied plants for the monthly meetings. There was always a donation of a couple of plants to help our group with its nightly raffle. Many a plant is still in our members' gardens that have come from Sandra and Terry's nursery. She was the most colourful member dressed in her hippie clothes and her favourite colour: purple.

Many will remember Sandra from the plant sales that were at Mt Annan and, later at Peter Olde's and our own Fitzroy Falls. Don't we all remember Sandra arriving with fresh plants after negotiating that steep winding road with a full truckload of plants and always with her cheerful smile and praise for our efforts?

Then her life changed and we witnessed her dogged determination to fight her cancer. Even during those times she turned up at our 'Lady Denman' shows to deliver or collect plants. We could only watch and hope as she and Terry battled courageously through those latter years.

Courage, generous and a tremendous zest for life were the hallmarks of this remarkable young woman. Our deepest sympathy goes to Terry, Jayden, Brenton, Ashton and Ethan.

We all miss this beautiful woman with the widest of smiles and her most positive outlook on life.



Long Stem Planting Guide

The Australian Plants Society Central Coast Group together with the Environmental Trust and Gosford City Council will be launching a guide on the long stem planting method. The day will include a presentation, field demonstration of long stem planting and a visit to a site rehabilitated using this method.

Morning tea will be provided.

date: 2nd May 2010

time: 10am - midday

location: Katandra Reserve (lower carpark),
corner of Croton Ave & Katandra Rd, Holgate

RSVP: 23rd April, 2010

Please contact The Australian Plants Society Central Coast Group if you would like to attend on 02 4323 3986



Office: Shop 1, 33 Emma Crescent, Wentworthville

Administration Officer: Sharlene Cormack

Office hours: Wednesday 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

Phone: (02) 9631 4085 Fax: (02) 9631 4293

Email: office@austplants-nsw.org.au

Postal address: PO Box 5026, Old Toongabbie NSW 2146

APS NSW council jottings

Graeme Ingall, President APS NSW



Region council meeting, 15 February 2010

1. Harbourside District Group confirmed their closure due to poor attendance.
2. Ross Smyth-Kirk presented the final draft concerning the Bequest Fund, which was accepted. It is now called the APS Bequest Trust which now has \$400,000 lodged in a term deposit for capital investment and the interest in a special cheque account. There are still some monies to be added to balance the account. The rules governing the fund will be presented to the members shortly.
3. Graeme Ingall suggested that directors be reimbursed for expenses incurred in purchasing items, travel and telephone directly related to the operation of the Society upon receipt of invoice. Other expenses such as travel, petrol and telephone can only be paid after Board approval. Directors, with prior Board approval, may receive costs to the value of \$150 per day for visits to District Groups.
4. The Society's accounts are being audited by the accountants and the majority of the Group Presidents' reports have been received. The Annual Report will be available for finalisation at the next Board Meeting, 22 March 2010.
5. The list of duties by the office manager has been updated, approved and signed.
6. A salary contract for the office manager has been entered into for the next three years.
7. *Native Plants for NSW* January 2010 issue has been posted to the members and the Board would like to thank all those concerned.
8. John Aitken reported that it is anticipated that 2 further *Australian Plants* will be produced in the next few months. In addition, there have been several enquires for advertising in *Native Plants for NSW*.
9. Merle Thompson, Membership Officer, reported that 16 applications for members have been received. These were approved.

10. A report was received from David Murray from the Australian Cultivar Registration Authority that a compilation and registration of Australian cultivars had begun as a consequence of financial support of APS NSW and many other Region and District Groups.
 11. A continuation of the discussion regarding support for the smaller District Groups.
 12. The March meeting of Council will be mainly devoted to consideration of the audited accounts and the Annual Report.
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The Australian botanical community invites you to Melbourne in July 2011 to participate in the XVIII International Botanical Congress. Australia's botanical community is eager to welcome our colleagues from around the world for an intellectually stimulating and socially memorable occasion.

For further information contact:

Congress Secretariat
ICMS Australasia
GPO Box 5005
Melbourne VIC 3205

Ph: +61 (0) 3 9682 0500
Fax: +61 (0) 3 9682 0344
Email: info@ibc2011.com
Website: www.ibc2011.com

Study group notes

Rhonda Daniels, Study Group Liaison Officer

In my many years as an APS member, I've always enjoyed Lyn Thompson's reports about the Study Groups and seen the list of Study Groups in each issue of *Native Plants for NSW*. However, I never joined a Study Group myself, partly because I couldn't decide which group to join – garden design, grevilleas, eucalypts – they all sounded interesting. As the new Study Group Liaison Officer for NSW, I now get to read all the newsletters which each group produces.



In each *Native Plants for NSW*, I'll be highlighting the work of the Study Groups. I'm also keen to hear from people who are members of Study Groups to share what they have learnt from their experience and how their Study Group works.

If you're not a member, take the first step, scan the Study Group Directory and send off the very reasonable subscription fee. The current newsletter of the Grevillea Study Group is 16 pages – that's a lot of information for \$5 a year (email subscription)!

Correa Study Group – December 2009 (Newsletter 41)

Correa Study Group Leader Cherree Densley reports that correas, despite being labeled mostly as winter flowering are anything but! They can be summer, autumn, winter and spring, some can come in a short colourful burst or spread throughout many months or even sporadic year around. She also reports that the Correa book by Maria Hitchcock is in the hands of the publishers.

Garden Design Study Group – February 2010 (Newsletter 69)

Study Group Leader Jo Hambrett is also working on a book with fellow member Diana Snape. In discussing informal gardens, Diana Snape comments that "Formal gardens are often designed by landscape architects or professional designers, while we gardeners generally create informal gardens. So people may assume that lovely informal gardens are not designed – they just happen. This is particularly true for naturalistic gardens, which aim to **look** natural. If the design succeeds, the garden is assumed to **be** natural. I think it's really more of a challenge to design a beautiful informal garden than a formal one, as there are no set rules and "beauty is in the eye of the beholder".

Grevillea Study Group – February 2010 (Newsletter 85)

Peter Olde reports that, barring production delays, his book with Neil Marriott on Grevillea cultivars will be released in August at the Fred Rogers Grevillea seminar in Victoria. Peter reminds everyone who may be thinking they are not an expert and can't contribute that "Let's face it, interesting articles can be easily compiled from a Google search. Just type in a species or cultivar name and you can make up a good, worthwhile article".

Australian Food Plants Study Group

After coordinating this group since 1990, Lenore Lindsay from Rockhampton is stepping down and seeking a new Leader from 2011.

Step into Spring

Joseph Banks Native Plants Reserve, Kareela

Sunday 29 August 2010 10 am–4 pm

- enjoy the Spring beauty of Australian native plants in 2.2 hectares of natural bushland and gardens
- take a free guided walk through the Reserve
- see waterwise landscaping ideas and local plants
- buy Australian native plants for your garden
- advice from friendly local experts
- buy our *Coastal Plants of the RNP* CD-Rom
- light refreshments available
- entry Manooka Place via Alpita Street, Kareela. (Note: no access from Bates Drive). Approximately 35 minutes from Sydney GPO.



Sutherland Group: www.ozemail.com.au/~ssgap

For enquiries, phone 9525 0449 or 9528 6083

Study Group directory

Wish to be involved in the study of a particular aspect of Australian plants? Why not join one or more of the many study groups, either as an active member or as an interested bystander?

Each group consists of a leader (who collates and publishes the material), active members (who make observations and collect information) and (sometimes) passive members (who simply receive newsletters). Information may include any aspect of cultivation, propagation and natural occurrence of the plants under study. If you are interested in starting a new group or taking over a vacant leadership contact:

ANPSA Study Group Co-ordinator:

Geoff Lay
2 Kerry Parade, Montalbert
North Victoria 3129
☎ 03 9898 4816 Email: gjmk.lays@bigpond.com

To join a study group: Write to the leader of the study group of your interest, enclosing the relevant subscription fee and a stamped SAE. You may join as many groups as you wish.

Fees listed as Australia/Overseas/Email

Acacia (\$10/\$20/\$7)

Leader: Esther Brueggemeir,
28 Station Cres, Westlake,
West Melton Victoria 3337
☎ 0411 148 874
Email: wildaboutwattle@iprimus.com.au

Australian food plants (\$5)

Leader: Lenore Lindsay
323 Philip Avenue
Frenchville Qld 4701
☎ (07) 4928 2862
Email: lenorelindsay@hotmail.com

Australian plants as bonsai (\$14/\$19)

Leader: Roger Hnatiuk,
PO Box 450, Jamieson Post Office,
Macquarie ACT 2614
☎ (02) 6251 2228
Email: rjhniatiuk@yahoo.com.au

Australian plants for containers (\$8/\$10)

Leader: Gill Muller
7 Railway Terrace Blackwood
SA 5051
☎ (08) 8278 4614
Email: gilly@lomandra.id.au

Banksia (\$10/\$20/\$7)

Leader: Cas Liber,
PO Box 83, St Pauls NSW 2031
☎ (02) 9559 2656
Email: casliber@ozemail.com.au

Boronia & allied genera

In Recess- New Leader required

Brachychiton and allied genera (\$5/\$10)

Leader: Kerry Rathie,
5 Salston Rd, Greenbank Qld 4124
☎ (07) 3200 0268
Email: krathie6@bigpond.com

Calytrix

In Recess. New Leader required

Correa (\$10/\$10/\$6)

Leader -Cherree Densley,
9 Koroit Port Fairy Rd Killarney Victoria 3283
Email: cherree@hotmail.net.au
☎ (03) 5568 7226
Admin – David and Barbara Pye
1220 Bacchus Marsh Road
Bullengarook Victoria 3437
Email: pye@ssc.net.au
☎ (03) 5428 9369

Daisy, the Australian

In Recess – New Leader required

Dryandra (\$8/\$10)

Leader: Margaret Pieroni
22 Ravenhill Heights, Denmark
WA 6333
Email: mpieroni@bigpond.com
☎ (08) 9848 3331

Epacris (\$5/\$10)

Leader: Gwen Elliot
P.O Box 655, Heathmont Victoria 3135
Email: rgelliot@optusnet.com.au
☎ (03) 9879 1472

Eremophila (\$5)

Leader: Colin Jennings
4 Kinnaird Cres, Highbury SA 5089
Email: cje97694@bigpond.net.au
☎ (08) 8264 6490

Eucalyptus (\$10)

Leader: Warwick Varley
PO Box 456, Wollongong NSW 2520
Email: tallowood@hotmail.com
☎ 0402 763 414

Fabaceae (\$5/\$10)

Leader: Jenny West
38 Gleeson Court,
Gordon, Victoria 3345
Email: jawest@inet.net.au

Fern (\$5)

Peter Bostock
PO Box 402, Kenmore QLD 4069
Email: pbostock@ozemail.com.au
☎ (07) 3202 6983

Garden design (\$10/\$20/\$6)

Leader: Jo Hambrett
'Yanderra' 7 Davey Rd, Dural
NSW 2158
Email: tudortalisman@optusnet.com.au
☎ (02) 9651 1827

Grevillea (\$5/\$10)

Leader: Peter Olde
138 Fowler Rd, Illawong NSW 2234
Email: peter.olde@exemail.com.au
☎ (02) 9543 2242

Hakea (\$5/\$10)

Leader: Paul Kennedy
PO Box 220, Strathmerton
Victoria 3641
Email: hakeaholic@aapt.net.au
☎ (03) 58745239

Hibiscus and related genera (\$10/\$20/\$5)

Leader: Geoff Harvey
PO Box 46, Buderim Qld 4556
Email: bannh@bigpond.net.au
☎ (07) 5445 1828

Isopogon and Petrophile (\$5/\$10/\$2.50)

David Lightfoot
36 Arundel Cres, Surrey Hills
Victoria 3127
Email: isopogons@iprimus.com.au
☎ (03) 9836 0601

Orchids, indigenous (\$5/\$12)

Leader: Don & Pauline Lawie
PO Box 230, Babinda Qld 4861
☎ (07) 4067 1577

Palm and Cycad (\$5/\$12)

Leader: Kerry Rathie (refer to Brachychiton & allied genera above)

Prostanthera & Westringia (\$10)

Leader: Robert Miller
13 Park Rd, Bulli NSW 2516
Email: janrob@fishinternet.com.au

Rainforest (\$5/\$10)

Leader: Kris Kupsch
28 Plumtree Pocket, Burringbar NSW 2483
Email: tropicalbotanics@hotmail.com
☎ (07) 4096 5090

Rhamnaceae

In Recess. New leader required

Succulents, Native

In Recess. New Leader required

Verticordia

In Recess. New Leader required.

Wallum & coastal heathland (\$5)

Leader: Barbara Henderson
11 Railway Terrace, Moore
Qld 4306
☎ (07) 3289 9272

Wetlands (and water plants)

In Recess. New Leader required

Wildlife and native plants (\$10/\$20)

Leader: Christine Jones
PO Box 131, Strathalbyn SA. 5255
Email: austbush@internode.on.net
☎ (08) 9834 4124

Seed bank details

John Randall, Seed Bank Curator

Seed is available free to members. The seed list is published annually in the April issue of *Native Plants for New South Wales* with additions and deletions being published in the other three issues. The current seed list is on pages 36-37.



Copies of the full list can be obtained by forwarding a stamped (55c) SAE to the curator.

- Maximum number of seed packets per request is six (6).
- Requests must be accompanied by a *stamped self-addressed envelope* (\$1.10; 110mm x 220mm).
- Please address seed requests in alphabetical order and include a list of alternate selections.
- Address requests to: John Randall
8 Coachmans Place
Mardi NSW 2259

Seed donations are welcome and are vital if the seed bank is to remain viable. Please state the source of seed, whether from natural or cultivated material. Please do not send seeds from hybrid plants.



There is an urgent request to members and District Groups, to send any suitable seeds. Due to huge demand over the last few months we are running low on East Coast species. Also, a lot of stock will have to be discarded as it is becoming too old.

Many thanks to the following recent donors: C. Bently, M. Hazelton, E. Rink, G. Zuch and C. Barron

Seed list, April 2010

Acacia - acuminata, aneura, amoena, cardiophylla, chinchillensis, conferta, covenyi, cultriformis, decurrens, elata, elongata, falcata, filicifolia, fimbriata, floribunda, glaucoptera, howittii, hubbardiana, ingramii, iteaphylla, littorea, linophylla, longifolia, macradenia, myrtifolia, nerifolia, obtusifolia, prominens, pycnantha, rubida, saligna, schinoides, simsii, sophorae, suaveolens, subtilnervis, trinervata, terminalis, ulicifolia, ulicifolia var. brownii, vestita, victoriae

Allocasuarina - cunninghamiana, decasineana, distyla, littoralis, nana, torulosa

Angophora - costata, hispida

Anigozanthos - flavidus

Atylosia - acutifolia

Baeckea - virgata, virgata (Clarence River form)

Banksia - integrifolia, marginata, oblongifolia, serrata

Billardiera - erubescens

Bossiaea - heterophylla, stephensonii

Brachychiton - acerifolius, bidwillii, discolor, rupestre

Callicoma - serratifolia

Callistemon - comboynensis, linearis, montanus, pallidus, pinifolius (red), rigidus, rugulosus, sieberi

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Carex - apressa

Casuarina - cunninghamiana

Cordyline - stricta

Corymbia - (formerly Eucalyptus) citridora, gummifera, intermedia, tessellaris

Darwinia - macrostegia

Dodonaea - baueri, peduncularis, pinnata, rupicola, viscosa, viscosa ssp. cuneata, viscosa ssp., angustissima

Doryanthes - excelsa, palmerii

Drypetes - australasica

Eucalyptus - acaciformis, acmenioides, apiculata, astringens, bancroftii, baxteri, behriana, botryoides, burgessiana, capitellata, caesia ssp. caesia, caesia ssp. magna, camaldulensis, clelandii, coccifera, cordata, cordieri, coronata, crebra, curtisii, delegatensis, dumasa, dwyeri, ebbancensis, elata, eudesmioides, fibrosa, forrestiana, gardneri, globoidea, gomphocephala, grandis, grossa, leuhmanniana, longicornis, longifolia, macarthurii, macrocarpa, maculata, maidenii, mollucana, nitida, nutans, obliqua, oblonga, olsenii, ovata, pankulata, parramattensis, pauciflora, pellita, phoenicea, pilularis, piperita, planchoniana, platypus var. platypus, polyanthemos, pseudoglobulus, pulverulenta, pumila, punctata subsp. punctata, racemosa,

resinifera, rhodantha, robusta, saligna, scoparia, siderophioia, sideroxylon, sieberi, socialis, stricklandii, stowardii, tereticornis, tetragona, torquata, umbra, urnigera, viminalis, woodwardii

Flindersia – australis

Gahnia - sieberiana

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Gossypium - sturtianum

Grevillea - banksii (red)*, johnsonii, longistyla, robusta

Hakea - grammotophylla, macraena, petiolaris, saligna, sericea (pink), propinqua

Hardenbergia - comptoniana, violacea

Hibiscus - diversifolius, panduriformis, splendens, trionum

Hovea - acutifolia, elliptica, lanceolata

Hymenosporum - flavum

Indigofera - australis

Isotoma - axillaris

Ixiolaena – brevicompta

Joycea - brevicompta

Kennedia - beckxiana, coccinea, macrophylla, prostrata, rubicunda

Leptospermum - arachnoides, continentale, juniperinum, laevigatum, lanigerum, liversidgei, novae-angliae, petersonii, polygalifolium, rotundifolium, rupestre, speciosum, squarrosum

Linum – marginale

Lophostemon - confertus

Melaleuca - armillaris, decussata, hypericifolia, linarifolia, nesophila, nodosa, preissiana, quinquinervia, saligna

Microlaena – stipoides

Mirbelia - platylobioides

Notelaea – ovata

Olearia - axillaris

Oxylobium - robustum

Pandorea - jasminoides, pandorana

Paraserianthes - (syn. *Albizia*) lophantha

Planchonella – australis

Pultenaea – flexillis, daphnoides

Rhodanthe - humboldtianum

Rhodosphaera - rhodanthema

Senna - acclinis, aciphylla, artemisioides, artemisioides ssp. artemisioides, artemisioides ssp. circinnata, artemisioides ssp. filifolia, barclayana, clavigera, coronilloides, nemophila v. zygophylla, odorata, odorata (prostrate)*, planticola, sturtii.

Sophora - tomentosa

Stenocarpus - sinuatus

Syncarpia - glomifera, hillii

Swainsona - sejuncta (yellow)

Tecomanthe - hillii

Toona - ciliata

Viminaria - juncea

Xanthorrhoea – australis, glauca

* Where colours and specific growth habits are shown against the name of the species, this indicates that the seed came from a plant with those features. There is no certainty that the colours or features will be retained by seedlings.

New members, April 2010

Merle Thompson, Membership Officer

The Australian Plants Society of NSW warmly welcomes the following 30 new members and wishes each of you a long, rewarding and enjoyable association with the Society.



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Uambi Aboriginal Corporation	Gilgandra

District group diary

Compiled by Jan Carnes, Blue Mountains Group

All members are welcome to attend group meetings.

If your group has an activity that you would like advertised here, email details to the APS NSW office.



April 2010

3	Sat	Armidale	1pm Arboretum working bee.
3	Sat	Southern Tablelands	Walk - Dharawal Sate Conservation Area
5	Mon	Illawarra	Meeting at 7.30pm. Corrimal Community Hall, 15 Ahort Street, Corrimal
7	Wed	Newcastle	Meeting 7.30pm at The Wetlands Centre, Sandgate Rd, Shortland
7	Wed	East Hills	Meeting 7.30pm at Peakhurst South P.S Library, Monterra Ave, Peakhurst
8	Thu	Hawkesbury	Meeting at Council Nursery, McGrath's Hill
8	Thu	Northern Beaches	Meeting 7.30pm at Stoney Range Flora Reserve, Dee Why
9	Fri	Central Coast	Meeting 7.30pm at Horticultural Research Station, Research Rd, Narara
9	Fri	Blue Mountains	Meeting 8pm at Glenbrook Native Plant Reserve, GWH, Glenbrook. Speaker: Bruce Higgs on "Selecting Native Fertilizer Post 9/11"
9	Fri	North Shore	Meeting 8pm at Willow Pk Community Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby. Speakers: M Hamilton, B Jones, N Rosten: Hardy Natives for Sydney Sandstone
11	Sun	Central Coast	Bushwalk: Strickland State Forest
13	Thu	Nowra	Meeting 7.30pm at Nowra Town Band Hall, 174 Kinghorne St, Nowra.
14	Wed	Menai	Meeting 7.30pm at Illawong Rural Fire Station. Speaker: Karlo Taliana " Growing WA plants in Sydney".
17	Sat	Mt Annan Botanic Gardens	Plant sale. 10am - 3pm. Free after entry.

April 2010 continued

20	Tue	Armidale	Meeting 7.30pm at Tree Group Woodland Centre, Armidale. Speaker: Pam Rooney 'Our changing garden'.
20	Tue	Newcastle	Midweekers: Wangi Walk - possibly Dobell House
21	Wed	Sutherland	Meeting 8pm at Gymea Community Centre, Gymea Bay Rd, Gymea. Speaker Michael Treanor on grassland communities.
21	Wed	Hunter Valley	Meeting 7.45pm at Polish Hall, cnr Grant & Old Rose Sts, Maitland
21	Wed	Macarthur	Meeting 7.30pm at Birriwa Community Hall Fitzpatrick St. Mount Annan
21	Wed	Coffs Harbour	Meeting 7.30pm at Botanic Gardens Display Room, Hardacre St, Coffs Harbour. Speaker: Don Sands on Richmond Birdwings
23	Fri	Parramatta & The Hills	Meeting 8pm at Barton Hall, Hopetoun Village, Anglican Retirement Villages, Castle Hill
23	Fri	Tamworth	Meeting 7.30pm at Tamworth Regional BG Meeting Room. Speaker: TBA
24 25	Sat Sun	Illawarra Grevillea Park	Princes Hwy, Bulli, behind the Bulli Showground. 10-4 pm. Adults \$5, children free.
25	Sun	Armidale	Markets in the Mall and plant sale

May 2010

1	Sat	South East Region	Meeting at 10.30 am at Goodenia Rainforest. Speaker: Jackie Miles
1 2	Sat Sun	Illawarra Grevillea Park	Princes Hwy, Bulli, behind the Bulli Showground. 10-4 pm. Adults \$5, children free.
2	Sun	Central Coast	10am-12 noon at Katandra Reserve. APS with the Environmental Trust and Gosford City Council will launch a guide on the long stem planting method. Field demonstration and morning tea. Book with Audrey 4323 3986
2	Sun	Southern Highlands	Outing to Grevillea Park, Bulli
3	Mon	Illawarra	Meeting at 7.30pm. Corrimal Community Hall, 15 Ahort Street, Corrimal
3	Mon	North Shore	Walks and Talks: Parts of the Plant – Stems and Leaves

May 2010 continued

5	Wed	East Hills	Meeting 7.30pm at Peakhurst South P.S. Library, Monterra Ave, Peakhurst
5	Wed	Newcastle	Meeting 7.30pm at The Wetlands Centre, Sandgate Rd, Shortland
6	Thu	Northern Beaches	Meeting 7.30pm at Stony Range Flora Reserve, Dee Why
7	Fri	Southern Tablelands	Meeting at 7 Major Drive. Phone Tim 4822 4949
10	Mon	North Shore	Walks and Talks: Plant propagation
12	Wed	Menai	Meeting 7.30pm at Illawong Rural Fire Station. Speaker: Mark Ferrington "Australian Plants: putting what where"
13	Thu	Hawkesbury	Meeting at Council Nursery, McGrath's Hill
13	Thu	Nowra	Meeting 7.30pm at Nowra Town Band Hall, 174 Kinghorne St, Nowra
14	Fri	City - St George	Meeting 6.30pm at Committee Room, Rockdale Town Hall, corner Bryant St and Princes Highway, Rockdale.
14	Fri	Central Coast	Meeting 7.30pm at Horticultural Research Station, Research Rd, Narara
14	Fri	North Shore	Meeting 8pm at Willow Pk Community Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby. Speaker: Phil Keane: New Grevillea Hybrids and other Plant varieties for the Garden
16	Sun	Central Coast	Bushwalk: Moonee Beach trail, Munmorah SCA
16	Sun	Coffs Harbour	Outing: R and L McCabe's garden and Coramba Nature Reserve.
17	Mon	North Shore	Walks and Talks: Ferns, Cycads and Conifers
18	Tue	Newcastle	Midweekers: Hunter Valley Botanic Gardens working bee
18	Tue	Armidale	Meeting 7.30pm at Tree Group Woodland Centre, Armidale. Genus of the month: Grevillea
19	Wed	Hunter Valley	Meeting 7.45pm at Polish Hall, corner Grant and Old Rose Sts, Maitland
19	Wed	Sutherland	Meeting 8pm at Gymea Community Centre, Gymea Bay Rd, Gymea. Speaker Patsy Ross on the RNP nursery.

May 2010 continued

19	Wed	Macarthur	Meeting 7.30pm at Birriwa Community Hall Fitzpatrick St. Mount Annan
21	Fri	APS NSW Region	AGM and guest speaker, Kyrill Taylor "Ferns". 8 pm, Ermington Community Centre, River Rd, Ermington.
24	Mon	North Shore	Walks and Talks: Flowering Plants - Monocots and Dicots
28	Fri	Parramatta & The Hills	Meeting 8pm at Barton Hall, Hopetoun Village, Anglican Retirement Villages, Castle Hill
28	Fri	Tamworth	Meeting 7.30pm at Tamworth Regional Botanic Garden's Meeting Room. Speaker TBA
30	Sun	Armidale	Markets in the Mall
31	Mon	North Shore	Walks and Talks: Plant Communities

June 2010

2	Wed	East Hills	Meeting 7.30pm at Peakhurst South P.S. Library, Monterra Ave, Peakhurst
2	Wed	Newcastle	Meeting 7.30pm at The Wetlands Centre, Sandgate Rd, Shortland
3	Thu	Northern Beaches	Meeting 7.30pm at Stony Range Flora Reserve, Dee Why
5	Sat	Southern Tablelands	Walk - Bangadilly State Forest
6	Sun	Blue Mountains	Meeting 10am at Glenbrook Native Plant Reserve, Great Western Highway, Glenbrook. Walk. Speaker TBA
7	Mon	Illawarra	Meeting at 7.30pm. Corrimal Community Hall, 15 Ahort Street, Corrimal
7	Mon	North Shore	Walks and Talks: Rainforests
9	Wed	Menai	Meeting 7.30pm at Illawong Rural Fire Station Headquarters. Speaker: Adam Chapman "Bush tucker and ecosystems"
10	Thu	Hawkesbury	Meeting at Council Nursery, McGrath's Hill
10	Thu	Nowra	Meeting 7.30pm at Nowra Town Band Hall, 174 Kinghorne St, Nowra
11	Fri	Central Coast	Meeting 7.30pm at Horticultural Research Station, Research Rd, Narara

June 2010 continued

11	Fri	North Shore	Meeting 8pm at Willow Park Community Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby. Speaker: Gordon Rowland: Aesthetics and Ecology - Gardening with Australian Plants
13	Sun	Central Coast	Bushwalk: Kincumba Mountain Reserve
15	Tue	Newcastle	Midweekers: Flaggy Creek walk
16	Wed	Macarthur	Meeting 7.30pm at Birriwa Community Hall Fitzpatrick St. Mount Annan
16	Wed	Coffs Harbour	AGM and meeting 7.30pm at Botanic Gardens Display Room, Hardacre St, Coffs Harbour. Speaker: John Wrigley on Plants of Tasmania
16	Wed	Sutherland	Meeting 8pm at Gymea Community Centre, Gymea Bay Rd, Gymea. Speaker Anne Turnbull on WIRES and native plants.
16	Wed	Hunter Valley	Meeting 7.45pm at Polish Hall, corner Grant and Old Rose Sts, Maitland
21	Mon	North Shore	Walks and Talks: Longer Walk (bring lunch and water)
25	Fri	Tamworth	Meeting 7.30pm at Tamworth Regional Botanic Garden's Meeting Room. Speaker TBA
25	Fri	Parramatta & The Hills	Meeting 8pm at Barton Hall, Hopetoun Village, Anglican Retirement Villages, Castle Hill
26 27	Sat - Sun	North Shore	Eucalypts of the Sydney Region ID Workshops presented by Van Klaphake. Contact: Fred Langshaw 9449 1541
27	Sun	Armidale	Markets in the Mall



Beetle feeding on the flowers of *Leptospermum polygalifolium*.

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