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The Wax Garden, Kings Park, Perth, Western Australia, showing a variety of *Chamelaucium* species and *Anigozanthos rufus*, (Red Kangaroo Paw)
Photo: Christine Coe

Introduction

John Aitken, Editor

APS NSW extends its heartiest congratulations to two of its members, Jennifer Liney, South East NSW District Group and Margaret Reidy, North Shore District Group, who were recently awarded the Order of Australia Medal for their services to the community. After you have read their tributes on pages 15 and 20, I am sure that you will agree with me that Jennifer and Margaret thoroughly deserve this public recognition of their enormous contributions to the objects of APS NSW and their community. Indeed, after I read their tributes, I wondered how they had managed to find the time to do all the activities they have been involved in over the years.

I am sure that all of us know members within the Society who have shown a similar determination and commitment as Jennifer and Margaret have. An organisation such as ours relies on the dedication of many members who freely give of their time to work for the District Groups and Region.

At the Region level, there are many people who generously volunteer their time and efforts to ensure that the Society functions in a way that best serves its members. One such person who deserves our heartfelt thanks is Leonie Farrugia who attends the APS NSW office each Wednesday to assist our Office Manager, Sharlene Cormack, with the administrative matters of the Society. We owe a great deal of gratitude to Leonie and others like her who generously give so much of their time to ensure that APS NSW is able to function effectively in support of its members throughout NSW.



Sharlene Cormack, Graeme Ingall and Leonie Farrugia taking a well earned break from the office. Photo: Ian Cox

APS NSW Region meeting report

18 February, 2011

Many thanks to Rhonda Daniels, Sutherland Group, for her informative summary of Dr Tim Entwisle's outstanding presentation 'In Due Season' at the Ermington meeting of APS NSW Region.

Dr Tim Entwisle, Executive Director of the Botanic Gardens Trust, questioned the traditional notion of seasons. We know plants respond to variations in light, temperature and rainfall through the year, but how relevant are the traditional four seasons each of three months imported from Europe? The Royal Botanic Garden has a lovely set of marble statues representing the four seasons, but are they right for us? Even in the northern hemisphere, definitions of seasons, such as the start of summer, vary. In ancient Egypt, the three seasons reflected the role of the Nile in food production: inundation, reaping and sowing.



Statue of spring in the Royal Botanic Garden, Sydney
Photo: Adrienne Barti

Tim suggests that we should define local seasons by when something happens. For instance, spring is the season in which plants rise and revegetate. In Sydney, late July to August represents the time of change, building to a peak of flowering. Wattles flower all year, but around Australia, there is a consensus on August as the peak flowering time.

Based on data and observations from a number of sources, Tim proposes five or six seasons to reflect our changing environment: shorter traditional seasons of autumn and winter and two new seasons; perhaps a new early spring season known as "sprinter" from early August, and "sprummer", an early summer in October and November. But the same seasonal system would not work right across Australia. Even in Sydney, there can be differences in the time of flowering between the coast and mountains.

In Aboriginal Sydney, where seasons were so significant for food, the D'harawal people identified six seasons each of two months, based on observation and awareness of changes in food plants and animals. Frances Bodkin's book *D'harawal Seasons and Climatic Cycles* illustrates this well.

In today's world, seasons are more of a cultural construct, as we seek patterns and structures to simplify the complexity around us. The greatest value of our current seasons may be in generating media debate about whether a season is early or not this year!

But if debate about seasons encourages us to look at the natural world around us more carefully and thoughtfully, that is probably a good outcome regardless of the seasonal names. Let's consider how we can better recognise and celebrate the seasonal timings important to us such as Wattle Day or floral days to mark the start of each season.

The Australian Plants Society NSW offers Tim its best wishes in his new role at Kew Gardens – a place where he is more likely to encounter the classic four seasons.

APS NSW Bequest Fund

Graeme Ingall, President, APS NSW

The Bequest Fund currently has \$420,000 in capital, which will increase each year by the addition of 20% of the interest earned through investment in term deposits. The remaining 80% of the interest earned each year will be made available for projects that are consistent with the aims of the Bequest Fund.

Currently, approximately \$55,000 has been earned, which is available for projects sponsored or undertaken by District Groups. Grants from the Bequest Fund have been used to develop the Lisle Pearse Gardens, Oberon and the Threatened and Endangered Species section of the Tamworth Botanical Gardens.

The Bequest Fund committee, under the leadership of Kyrill Taylor, is comprised of the delegates from the East Hills, North Shore and Sutherland District Groups.

Council is seeking another three members from our District Groups to assist in the functioning of the Fund. Any member who would like to be part of the committee should inform the office in writing. The committee will consider all applications and will forward their recommendations to the Council for approval.

It is anticipated that the Bequest Fund committee will invite applications from District Groups for grants to undertake appropriate projects and assess them in approximately six months time.

APS NSW Region Annual General Meeting & Talk

Friday, 20 May 2011 7.30pm

Ermington Community Centre, 10 River Rd, Ermington

APS NSW



The Annual General Meeting will commence at 7.30 pm. All members are encouraged to attend. The future of your Society depends on your involvement.

If you are unable to attend, please complete the proxy form, which will be in the Annual Report, and forward it to the Office or your Group's secretary.

Following the AGM, our guest speaker is Peter Abell who is editor (and main photographer) of the *Gardening with Native Plants* magazine. Peter will talk about the breeding and development of native plant varieties and will cover things such as what makes a good plant variety, how to breed and select your plant and how to market, promote and protect your new plant variety. He also will discuss plant intellectual property (IP) and how it affects consumers and native plant enthusiasts.

Peter has been involved with native plants for most of his life, from tagging along with his father to SGAP activities in the 70s, through to working at the Botanic Gardens and later the Sydney University Plant Breeding Institute. He also worked at IP Australia assessing Plant Breeders Rights (PBR) applications. Besides his busy schedule with *Gardening with Native Plants*, Peter is still actively breeding and developing new native plant varieties.

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.



Peter Abell and son

The Annual General Meeting 20 May 2011

Graeme Ingall, President, APS NSW

I urge each member to read the 2010 Annual Report when it arrives. Not only does it contain the Society's financial report, but it also contains APS NSW President's report and the District Group Presidents' reports, which will give members an ideal opportunity to find out about the Society's progress in 2010.

I invite members, where possible, to attend the AGM in order to listen to the progress of their Society during 2010. I especially urge those members who live within reasonable driving distance of Ermington to make every effort to attend.

If you are unable to attend, please complete the proxy form contained in the Annual Report and forward it to the Office or your Group's secretary. In this way your nominated representative will have the opportunity to put your views forward at the meeting. It also ensures that the Annual General Meeting has a quorum to proceed.

If the Society is to function effectively, it is imperative to fill as many of the positions as possible on Region Council. Please consider being part of Region Council by nominating for a position. Often it is left to a small number of dedicated volunteers to shoulder all the responsibilities of operating the Society. If you are able to contribute in any way please consider a position on Region Council. Nomination forms for positions are available from the office, which is open each Wednesday.

Whilst all positions on Region Council are available, there is a special need for a Conservation Officer and a Treasurer. The role of the Conservation Officer is to keep members informed of the various conservation issues in NSW and to convey members' and Region Council's view on certain issues to the relevant Government bodies.

The role of the Treasurer is to oversee the financial administration of the Society, to report the Society's finances to Region Council and to liaise with and provide the necessary financial statements to the auditors for the annual audit. This may sound daunting, but most accounting is common-sense once you understand the basics; it is about money coming in, and money going out. Our Office Manager, Sharlene Cormack, is a trained book-keeper who is highly experienced with both accounting procedures and MYOB. She keeps up-to-date records of the Society's finances as well as maintaining an audit trail for all transactions.

You may also consider representing your District Group on Region Council as a delegate.

2011 APS NSW Region get-together

Burrendong Arboretum, Mumbil (Wellington) NSW

Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 August 2011

Co-hosted by Burrendong Arboretum and Central West APS

Burrendong Arboretum and Central West APS Group are jointly hosting this year's event. The Arboretum will be at its best in early spring so come and join us in an exciting and varied program over two days, with some interesting options afterwards.

As accommodation could be limited, it is important to book yourself in as soon as possible. Visit Wellington's Visitor Information Centre at www.visitwellington.com.au or telephone them on 1800 621 614.

A full program and costs is available on Burrendong's webpage at www.burrendongarboretum.org and will be published in the next issue of *Native Plants for NSW*.

To register for the get-together you can download the registration form from Burrendong's website. For further information contact Mike Augee, fossil@well.com.net.au or telephone 02 6845 4294.



View from Harris picnic shelters, Burrendong Botanic Garden and Arboretum.
Photo: Alice Newton

Kings Park & Botanic Garden in spring

Article and photos by Christine Coe, Parramatta and The Hills District Group.

Last September, Ray and I flew to Perth. First stop, “Of course!” you say, was Kings Park, on Mt Eliza, in the heart of the city of Perth. We spent a full afternoon there but couldn’t bear to fly home without visiting it again on the last day for quite a few more hours!



Although it is a huge place, 406 hectares (1004 acres), the arrival point for parking our hired car led us straight into the seven hectares of wildflowers, so we received an immediate “hit” of stunning colour and dazzling contrasts. In this wildflower area and all over this wonderful place, each garden has been thoughtfully planted out to display the plants that grow in various regions of WA. This was complemented with beautifully illustrated signage.

Our first stop was the Bushland Garden with local plants that originally grew in the park. The sign explained the advantages of the minimum use of water, fertilisers and maintenance. Perhaps we should keep reminding the public about this more often!

One of my favourite places was the South-west Region, where there are a third of Australia’s native plants. Many are not found anywhere else in the world.



Pimelea spectabilis, *Brachyscome iberidifolia* and *Anigozanthos manglesii* in the South-west Region of the Park.

I especially loved the bright blues which we don't see so much of on the eastern side of our country. *Lechenaultia biloba*, called by the Aborigines, "the floor of the sky" were out in a profusion of blue. *Hemiandra pungens* (nicknamed Snakebush because of its habit of crawling along the ground) has lovely mauve or white flowers. The beautiful pink scented flowers of the *Hypocalymma robustum* (Swan River Myrtle) toned in well with the pink *Verticordia plumosa* (Granite Featherflower). There is an eye-catching pea flower *Templetonia retusa* that is called Cockies' Tongues. How Aussie is that? And it does look like a cockie's head, in red. *Grevillea wilsonii* was another most attractive plant with large bright red flowers arranged in inflorescences up to 80 mm long. I also saw a *Petrophile linearis*, which is so cute and really does look like its namesake, Pixie Mop. We could not go past the *Philotheca spicata* (Pepper and Salt) with its bright pink to mauve flowers. Perhaps you know why it has its common name? The lovely pale *Pimelea spectabilis* provided a good contrast. *Melaleuca fulgens* (Scarlet Honeymyrtle) had gorgeous soft red brushes that looked just like large fluffy cotton wool balls. The bright blue of the *Brachyscome iberidifolia* (Swan River Daisy) also grew in white and purple. There were many more lovely plants such as the dramatic *Anigozanthos manglesii* (Red and Green Kangaroo Paw) too numerous to mention.

We enjoyed the cleverly designed Federation Boardwalk, giving us another lovely view of Perth and hanging well above the surrounding woodland areas. It is locked at night but the rest of Kings Park remains open 24 hours a day.



Part of the Federation Boardwalk from which beautiful vistas of Perth can be seen.



Schonia filifolia subsp. *filifolia*, *Chamelaucium ciliatum* and *axillare*, *Lechenaultia biloba*, *Lawrencellas* and *Rhodanthes* in the Park's South-west Region.



Melaleuca fulgens, *Anigozanthos manglesii*, *Brachyscome iberidifolia* and Everlastings daisies, South-west Region of Kings Park.

Other gardens we visited were the Mulga area where the sign said that in the wild “bright everlastings come out after the winter rains”. Loads of pinks, blues and yellows gave us a glorious display.

The Verticordia garden proved to be sensational as I expected, having enjoyed the late Max Hewitt’s lovely garden in Sydney. One in particular, *Verticordia chrysanthella* (yellow), was so perfect that it didn’t look real.

The Indigenous Gardens explained many aboriginal uses of WA plants and quite a few are similar to those of the eastern seaboard.

Other interesting gardens were the Northern Sandplain area, Wheatbelt area and the Stirling Range, with its beautiful darwinias, such as pretty *Darwinia leiostyla* (Mountain Bells).

I loved the Banksia Garden and mosaic artwork on the pathways at the entrance. One banksia especially drew my attention. It was the *Banksia menziesii* (Firewood Banksia). I wondered why it got its name until I saw the new shoots, which were bright red, just like flames. It has rich pink and orange flower spikes. A nearby sign said this plant was the “Jewel in the Crown of the Park”.



New shoots (left) and developing flowers (above) of *Banksia menziesii*, in the Banksia Garden.

A most unusual looking plant, *Acacia cyclops* (Red-eyed Wattle), looked as though it had many single eyes. Each shiny black seed is circled with an orange-to-scarlet seed stalk, making it look like a bloodshot eye. The seeds were ground and baked into cakes by aborigines. Another intriguing plant, the *Xanthosia rotundifolia* (Southern Cross), was aptly named as you could see the cross made by the petals. I mustn’t forget to mention the vibrant and distinctive dryandras that we saw from time to time.



Chamelaucium species and *Anigozanthos rufus* in the Wax Gardens.

The sign saying “Waxes” was possibly used instead of *Chamelaucium*s because it was just a bit much for the average tourist. This garden was spectacular and well worth a wander through with selected Kangaroo Paws to complete the picture. Some of the Sydney favourites that have adapted to our climate were there en masse. Magnificent to behold!

A very important area was devoted to conservation and contained several gardens including one for critically endangered species.

Walking along beside the entry driveway, we came to the Memorial Garden for the 16 WA victims of the Bali bombing. It was a touching to see 16 advanced *Xanthorrhoea* plants placed in a semicircle.

Although we saw quite a bit, we didn’t get to look over all of Kings Park, but there is always next time! We did see some lovely ponds, grassy areas and fountains. We were careful not to walk too close to the outdoor weddings in several places.



Part of the Memorial Garden for the WA victims of the Bali bombing with some of the 16 specimens of *Xanthorrhoea preissii*.



The newly transplanted giant boab tree, *Andansonia gregorii*, estimated to be 750 years old. It weighs 36 tonnes, stretches 14 metres high and eight metres wide (branch span) and its trunk measures 2.5 metres in diameter.

I won't forget the majestic WA trees – Karris, Tingles, Marris, Yarris, Tuarts and Jarrahs. A new addition, a mature Boab, brought down from the Kimberleys, is now one of the centrepieces. They were actually planting it on our first visit.

On a comfort note, there was a take away kiosk and a café with an excellent view across the water to parts of the city. We had an early dinner there on the night before we left. What better way to finish a holiday than among beautiful flowering native plants? And you can even get a glass of wine to make it an occasion to remember!

I hope I have tempted you to visit Kings Park; it's sensational!

Jennifer Liney OAM

Jennifer Liney, who is a member of the South East District Group, was recently awarded the Order of Australia Medal for her services to the community.

The following is an extract of an article by Josh Gidney which was published in the *Batemans Bay Post*, January 2011. It is reproduced with permission of the editor of the *Batemans Bay Post*.



The plants and birds whose cause Moruya volunteer Jenny Liney has championed over the years can't thank her for her efforts but, fortunately, her community and her country can.

Ms Liney, 80, will receive an Order of Australia Medal as part of this year's Australia Day celebrations and it will be an award she didn't see coming, despite her many years of volunteer work with the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens, the Eurobodalla Natural History Society, the South Coast Shorebird Recovery Program, Australian Plants Society and NSW Rural Fire Service.

"When I got the news I was so surprised I couldn't talk for 10 minutes," she said.

"I was so excited that such a thing could happen to me. It is so special that people thought I was worthy of such an honour, especially when so many people do so much more than me."

Ms Liney will receive her medal at Government House in Sydney at a date to be set in April or May.

She was recently described by friend and fellow volunteer Heather Haughton as a "living treasure". She has mixed feelings about such a label.

"It seems hardly me, but I'm honoured that people would hold that view of me," she said.

Ms Liney moved to the Eurobodalla with husband John and their children in 1985, and in 1994 she took over the curatorship of the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens Herbarium, a collection of dried, indexed and annotated plant specimens, which has served as a valuable archive not only for researchers on the South Coast but also those at the Australian National Botanical Gardens in Canberra and the Royal Botanical Gardens in Sydney.

Ms Liney hopes that her award will highlight the value of the Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens to the community.

We surveyed the wondrous plants!



Spinifex grass and *Acacia triptera*, Ledknapper Nature Reserve, NSW.

Article and photographs by Jennifer Liney, OAM, South East District Group.

When I read in the April 2010 edition of *Native Plants for New South Wales* that Anthony O'Halloran would be leading a team of volunteers to survey vegetation in two New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) controlled areas in the Bourke district, I said to myself that I must be in on this. I had lived in Nyngan for a while some fifty years ago and so have always had a fondness for the flat landscape and huge skies of the inland country.

In addition, I have been closely involved with Australian plants for about 25 years, volunteering with the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens, Batemans Bay, as well as being a member of the South East Group of the Australian Plants Society.

Eventually, the trip details were all finalised. A few months later those taking part gathered at the Gundabooka National Park Belah Station quarters for an introduction to a very challenging and stimulating exercise.

Some people camped nearby; others had motor homes, while the remainder slept in the old Belah Station shearers' hut. This was a series of rooms opening off a verandah, with a large communal room

and a well-equipped kitchen at one end. Toilets and showers were in separate corrugated iron buildings.

Fortunately, the days were lovely and sunny, but nights here were very, very cold, so that once the sun went down expeditions to the toilet were kept to an absolute minimum and the showers were little used. Some people had only one shower over the three days we were at Gundabooka; others pushed the envelope a little and did not have any.

The survey sites in this National Park were mostly in mulga (*Acacia aneura*) woodland, where previous rainfall had promoted the growth of grasses and small herbs. Other sites were on the rocky Gundabooka Range that cuts through the Park. Most of the grasses had flowered and hayed off, so it was difficult to identify them. However, many herbs and shrubs had flowers or remnants of fertile structures, making the identification task reasonably easy.

The Ledknapper Nature Reserve lies in the sand dune country north east of Bourke. Here the quarters were newly constructed by the NPWS, sporting air conditioners in each room and modern bathrooms. A little rain one night was just enough to settle the dust.



Acacia aneura

The communal room in both quarters saw lots of laptop and keying out action after the day's surveys, when photographs were downloaded and species identified. The kitchen was a hive of activity in the evenings and mornings as dinners were prepared and breakfasts and lunches put together.

Sites to be surveyed at Ledknapper were selected by the NPWS Rangers, comparing post-burn and unburnt vegetation. Shrubland is the most usual community in this Reserve, although grassy woodland communities are also present. The shrubland is generally dominated

by *Acacia triptera*, *Micromyrtus hexamera* and spiky spinifex grass. *A. triptera* has its own brand of spikiness; stepping over and through the hummocks and low shrubs resulted in many small pricks on the legs, pricks that stung when the legs had a hot shower. The graceful and beautiful *Grevillea juncifolia* is the most common tall shrub.

Tall trees on Gundabooka are a mixture of eucalypts with the occasional very tall mulga and *Grevillea striata* (Beefwood). However, in the Ledknapper Reserve only four species of eucalypt are common – *Corymbia tumescens*, *Eucalyptus populinea* ssp. *bimbil*, *Eucalyptus melanophloea* and *Angophora melanoxylon*. Other tall trees making up the top layer of vegetation are *Grevillea striata*, *Hakea ivoryi*, *Hakea leucoptera* and *Brachychiton populneus*.

The most lasting impression, however, was that made by the number of *Eremophila* species in flower. *Eremophilas* are truly desert (or semi arid country) lovers, surviving in the most inhospitable of habitats, showing their beautiful flowers solely to attract fertilising insects and so to perpetuate the species.

The other lasting and vivid memory is the companionship that arose among the participants. Living and working in such close proximity for a week compressed the normal 'getting to know' period into a few days, as if we had known each other for years.



Eucalyptus populinea



Grassy woodland with *Hakea ivory* and *Acacia aneura*



Gundabooka Range

Margaret Reidy OAM

Bill Jones, North Shore District Group

Reprinted from *Blandfordia*, the newsletter of the North Shore District Group, March 2011.



In the Australia Day Honours list, Margaret Reidy from our group has been awarded the OAM for services to the environment. Her efforts have always been in a voluntary capacity and she has been described as a bush regenerator, a tireless worker promoting community awareness and involvement in environmental issues.

Margaret has worked in the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden for many years on behalf of our group. She was a qualified bush regenerator and added depth to the team that worked there, first as a APS team of voluntary workers with Pat Hersey and Julia Robertson and then with other members of our Group as part of the Ku-ring-gai Council's Bushcare Program.

Her outstanding contribution to the natural environment has been in a leadership role. She has been involved with Lane Cove National Park for many years. She has been President of the Friends of Lane Cove National Park (FOLCNP) since 1995. She became involved with bush regeneration (BR), particularly in Lane Cove National Park, and has played a major part in assisting the Park by FOLCNP receiving grants to carry out major projects over many years. She was the driving force in the campaign to receive these grants, spending long hours preparing submissions for them. She is a gifted speaker.

She features strongly in the display and promotion by FOLCNP of BR at special occasions held in shopping centres or festivals. She also plays a major part in FOLCNP's educational functions such as production of leaflets, signage and press releases.

She also put in a major effort as part of the Blue Gum High Forest Group to save the adjoining properties at Dalrymple-Hay Nature Reserve, to obtain grants for BR contract work there and to establish the Blue Gum High Forest Education Kit.

She enjoys travel to natural areas, is a keen birdwatcher and a talented photographer. It was probably this interest that demonstrated to her how loss of habitat was affecting bird populations, and weeds were degrading our urban bushland.

It is hard to find a more worthy recipient of this award.

Nowra District Group celebrates 30 years

Ken and Gwen Smith, Nowra Group

All photos by Ken Smith



It seems as we become older, that we lose concept of the passage of time. It was by chance that we discovered that 2011 was the thirtieth anniversary of the formation of the Nowra District Group.

In November 1980, a group of like-minded people banded together and along with decisions made at a subsequent meeting in December, "it was decided to hold the inaugural meeting on the 12th February (1981) and that the secretary write to the Hon. Sec. (of SGAP) and extend an invitation." Signed, R. Harnwell.

On 12 February 2011, 30 years to the date of the inaugural meeting, some present and past members gathered at the Lady Denman Complex at Huskisson.

The Gardens in this complex are known as the Wirreecoo Gardens and have been developed by members of the Nowra Group over a number of years. In Christmas 2002, a major fire destroyed these gardens and a group of members has been working tirelessly and regularly to restore them to a very good display area of local plants. It was decided to plant



Present and past members of Nowra APS who celebrated the Group's 30th anniversary



Xanthorrhoea resinosa, (left) and the plaque (above), which celebrate the Nowra Group's thirtieth anniversary.

a *Xanthorrhoea resinosa* (a local species) to commemorate our special occasion. We spent many hours searching for a suitable grass tree and were finally able to track one down at the Vincentia Golf Club (which was having earthworks done for club extension work), which they very readily agreed to donate for relocation to our garden site. It was planted a few days prior to the anniversary. A stainless steel plaque was etched to mark the occasion and was mounted on a bollard adjacent to the *Xanthorrhoea*.

We thank the Lady Denman Management Committee for the donation of the bollard.

The Group was delighted to welcome for the activity the first President of Nowra APS (then the Society for Growing Australian Plants), Bob Harnwell. Bob was a school teacher 30 years ago and was librarian at the Nowra Primary School where the early meetings of the Group took place. He was invited to unveil the plaque and what a buzz to have the first President and our current President together on site.

The Group then adjourned to watch the cutting of the cake – jointly, by our two Presidents of the day.

What an absolutely great activity this came to be, even though the sun was 'a little under the weather'.

Our Group intends to maintain an active profile. Apart from the Wirreecoo Gardens, members have helped in the formation of many private gardens and some community gardens. Most members display native plants in their own gardens, with one 90-year-old ex-member still promoting native plants in her retirement complex garden.



Above: Left to right: Bob Harnwell, Nowra's inaugural President, Lesley McKinnon, Nowra's current President, and Norm Webb, Wirrecoo Garden team leader



Left: Bob and Lesley cutting the anniversary cake.

Members participate in some community events including plant stalls and garden festivals. Our Group has enjoyed many trips away; the most recent being a visit to the National Arboretum at Canberra. There is also a small group of photographers who readily step in at meetings to show off their latest photos of that elusive plant, or colourful eye catching bug or fungi.

The annual propagation day, which is usually held at a member's residence, is always a big success and people always return home with wonderful new cuttings, ever hopeful of success.

We are very proud to have our life member, Mary Hancock, as part of the Group and who is always ready with an answer or anecdote. Mary was one of the very first members invited to be guest speaker 30 years

ago and she showed slides of native plants from her (then) recent trip to Western Australia.

At these early meetings, a donation of 20c was collected to enable the Group to gather funds for future needs.

We have now moved our venue to the Town Band Hall in Nowra and this Group moves from one strength to another. We have built up an extensive library, amassed from purchases and donations over the years, and these books are always available for members to borrow, or for visitors to browse.

The enthusiasm is still at the heart of our Group and with this thirtieth anniversary go lots of good wishes for a very successful on-going foray into the excitement of discovering and promoting native plants.

ANPSA biennial conference and seminar Adelaide, 2011



'Australian plants in a wondrous web'

2–7 October, 2011

The Australian Plants Society, South Australia Region is pleased to host the 26th Biennial Conference and Seminar of ANPSA.

The Conference theme is Australian Plants in a Wondrous Web.

Venue: Westminister School, Marion

Accommodation: Westminister School, Marion has available, 1-2 people in hostel-type accommodation, or cottages for 3-4 people.

Events include:

- Talks by knowledgeable and entertaining speakers
- Pre and post conference tours to the Flinders Ranges, Coorong and SE of S.A. and Kangaroo Island.

For further information visit the S.A. Australian Plants Society website at:
www.australianplantssa.asn.au/conference_2011.html

or write to "Conference 2011, c/- Australian Plants Society (SA Region) Inc, PO Box 304, Unley, SA 5061".

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: Maria Hitchcock ☎ (02) 6775 1139

Email: maria.hitchcock@gmail.com

Secretary: Liisa Atherton ☎ (02) 6779 1968

Email: liisaa@bigpond.com

PO Box 735, Armidale NSW 2350

Meetings: Tree Group Woodland Centre, Armidale.

2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30–9.30pm (excluding January, June, July & December).

Native Plant Forums are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month (except June, July, December, January) at the Armidale Tree Group Woodland Centre from 7.30 - 9.30pm.

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.apsbluemtsgroup.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: John Andrews ☎ (02) 9985 9073

Secretary: Liz Hoese ☎ (02) 4339 1274

Email: elizabeth44@optusnet.com.au

Meetings: Phillip House

21 Old Mount Penang Road, Kariang

2nd Friday of the month (excl. Jan, Dec) at 7.30pm.

Central West

President: Marcia Bonham ☎ (02) 6337 1117

Secretary: Lyn Burgett ☎ (02) 6331 9170

196 Mountain Straight, Mt Panorama

Meetings: Monthly at alternating centres.

Contact the secretary for details.

City – St George

President: Adrian O'Malley ☎ (02) 9588 9282

Secretary: Kaye Placing ☎ (02) 9588 2485

Email: kplacing@yahoo.com.au

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

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Secretary: Wayne Jeffery ☎ (02) 6655 1610

72 Scotchman Rd, Bellingen NSW 2454

Email: jefferyunited@bigpond.com

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: Ross Carlton ☎ (02) 4988 6026

Secretary: Kevin Mantle ☎ (02) 4937 3200

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.

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Membership renewal

Existing members who do not subscribe through a District Group should renew with this form.

Group members should renew directly with their Group Office Bearer. Applications for membership should be made on the appropriate form. Please print clearly and include all person/s covered by this membership.

Please print clearly

Date: _____

Surname/s: _____

Given name/s: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Is this a change of address? Yes No

If Yes, previous Postcode: _____

Telephone (____) _____ Business (____) _____

Fax (____) _____ Email _____

We/I belong to a District Group Yes No

If Yes, Group Name: _____

We/I belong to the following 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: (Please select)

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Type of concession: _____

Payment method (please √ appropriate method)

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Or charge my **MasterCard** **Visa Card**

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Expiry date: _____ Card holder's signature: _____

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Membership Officer
PO Box 3066
BOWENFELS NSW 2790

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FAX TO:

Membership Officer
02 6351 2384

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Receipts/statements for tax purposes will be supplied only if a stamped self-addressed DL-size envelope is provided.

District group directory continued

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Email: pekaypar@gmail.com
Secretary: Barry Winter ☎ (02) 4274 1489
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1st Monday of the month at 7.30pm (excluding December, January, October and Public Hols).

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President: Robin Davies ☎ (02) 4653 1275
Secretary: Rod Bray
147 Holdsworth Drive, Mt Annan NSW 2567
Email: 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 Services. 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm (excluding January).

Newcastle

President: Julia Brougham ☎ (02) 4968 0567
Secretary: Lew Linnerton ☎ (02) 4959 4788
Email: lewlinn@telstra.com
Meetings: The Wetlands Centre, Sandgate Rd, Shortland. 1st Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Northern Beaches

President: David Drage ☎ (02) 9949 5179
Secretaries: Peter Spiers ☎ (02) 9456 1897
PO Box 393, Dee Why NSW 2099
Julia Thomkinson ☎ (02) 9949 5179
Meetings: Stony Range Botanic Garden, 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 NSW 2075
Meetings: Willow Park Community Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby. 2nd Friday of the month at 8pm (Feb-Nov).

Nowra

President: Lesley McKinnon ☎ (02) 4443 4004
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: Gordon Brookes ☎ (02) 9680 4951
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Website: www.apsparrahills.org.au
Meetings: Bi-monthly meetings 4th Friday of March, May, July, September and November at 8pm Barton Hall, Hopetoun Village, Anglican Retirement Villages, David Rd., Castle Hill.
Website: apsparrahills.org.au

South East Region

President: Jan Robilliard ☎ (02) 6494 1049
Secretary: Jill Gutteridge ☎ (02) 4471 7053
Email: jillgutteridge@hotmail.com
Meetings: Alternating locations, contact President or Secretary. 1st Saturday of odd numbered months.

Southern Highlands

President: Jane Pye ☎ (02) 4862 3750
Secretary: Malcolm Guy ☎ (02) 4883 6971
Email: patmalguy@hotmail.com
Meetings: CWA Room, next to council building in Elizabeth St, Moss Vale. Bimonthly at 2.00pm on the 1st Thursday of February, April, June, August and November.

Southern Tablelands

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

Sutherland

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Secretary: Ruchir Sodhani ☎ (02) 9522 2935
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Email: ruchir.sodhani@gmail.com
Meetings: Gynea Community Centre, Gynea Bay Rd, Gynea. 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8pm (February-November).
Website: http://sutherland.austplants.com.au

Tamworth

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Secretary: Lee Esdaile ☎ (02) 6760 8525
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Myrtle Rust

Article and photos by Jeff Howes, North Shore Group

Myrtle Rust (*Uredo rangelii*) is a newly described fungus that is closely related to the Eucalyptus/ Guava rusts. These rusts are serious pathogens which affect plants belonging to the family Myrtaceae including Australian natives like bottle brush (*Callistemon* spp.), tea tree (*Melaleuca* spp.) and eucalypts (*Eucalyptus* spp.).



Myrtle Rust has now been confirmed on 140 properties from the mid south coast to the north coast of NSW. More than 1100 properties, including residential, bushland and roadside verges, have been inspected. There are 29 known susceptible host species and this number is expected to rise. The rust has been confirmed in 25 bushland sites and adjoining residential properties with several large tracts of bushland infected on the Central Coast.

Myrtle Rust is distinctive in that it produces masses of powdery bright yellow or orange-yellow spores on infected plant parts. It infects leaves of susceptible plants producing spore-filled lesions on young actively growing leaves, shoots, flower buds and fruits. Leaves may become buckled or twisted and may die as a result of infection. Sometimes these infected spots are surrounded by a purple ring. Older lesions may contain dark brown spores. Infection on highly susceptible plants may result in plant death.

Myrtle Rust has been made a notifiable pest, which means that by law, you are required to report Myrtle Rust within 24 hours after first discovering or becoming aware of its appearance. Call the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline 1800 084 881.

The information above was copied from the NSW Primary Industries Biosecurity site at: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/plant/myrtle-rust

My problem:

In my garden in the northern suburbs of Sydney, my *Austromyrtus lasioclada* (Velvety myrtle) plant had about 1/3 of the foliage affected with what I thought was Myrtle Rust. I took some photos of the infected leaves and emailed them on 7 January 2011 to biosecurity@industry.nsw.gov.au asking them for confirmation that I did have Myrtle Rust.

On 14 January 2011, I had a person from the Department of Industry and Finance (previously the Department of Agriculture) visit my place



Jeff's *Austromyrtus lasioclada* (Velvety myrtle) plant, affected with Myrtle Rust.

to confirm the plant was indeed infected with Myrtle Rust. He also took a few samples of the infected leaves and fruit.

What worried me was how quickly the infestation had spread to the rest of the plant. In the two weeks since I first took the photos, all the foliage on the three metre plant had become infected, even down to shoots from the base. As well, all the new fruit was now infected, as shown in the photo below.



The officer's advice to me was:

- Cut all the foliage off and place it in sealed plastic bags.
- Leave these bags in the sun for a few weeks and dispose of them in the garbage and not the green waste bin.
- Dig the stump out (I could not but have treated it with neat Glyphosate).
- Treat the surrounding soil and mulch (out to the drip line) with a multi-purpose fungicide.
- Clean all tools used with methylated spirits or similar.
- Hope that it has not spread to any other plants.

This is a serious problem that most likely will only get worse. Look at the following site for the plants species so far infected:
www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/plant/myrtle-rust/hosts

APS NSW council jottings

Graeme Ingall, President APS NSW

Region Council Meeting December 2010



1. The President reported that he and his wife, Margaret, accepted an invitation to attend the opening of the Lisle Pearse Garden at Oberon on 30 October. Many years ago, the Central West District Group were awarded \$10,000 from the Lisle Pearse Fund, now known as the Bequest Fund, to develop a native garden in association with the Oberon Shire Council, Oberon Public School and other organisations within the town. The Lisle Pearse Garden is a wonderful tribute to the dedication of the Central West Group and is well worth seeing when visiting Oberon.
2. A floral display demonstrating the beauty of Australian flowers was mounted at the Ryde TAFE at their Open Day in October. Many thanks to Nola Parry for the display and those who manned it.
3. Sixteen new members were approved; many of these applications were made via the Region's website. A paper was presented regarding overdue membership, which is a concern to the Society. This will be discussed at the February Council Meeting.
4. Development of the Society's website continues and two District Groups are currently using the sub-domain to publicise their activities. This facility is open to any District Group, at no charge, by contacting the office. It is, however, the District Group's responsibility to maintain their own website.
5. Many District Groups are now becoming heard in Council meetings by forwarding suggestions to it. Groups are encouraged to continue submitting suggestions.
6. A letter was received from our auditors in October regarding changes to the financial reports required by ASIC. A review was undertaken, particularly in regard to our Memorandum and Articles of Association, and it was recommended that the Society meets with Mr Barrie Pike, our accountant, in January to discuss these changes.
7. *Australian Plants* and *Native Plants for NSW* are up to date.
8. The 2011 District Get Together will be held on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 August 2011 at Burrendong Botanic Garden and Arboretum, Wellington. Further information will be made available.

9. The Council, owing to the lack of entries, suspended its prize money to the Royal Agricultural Society. The Inter-school Competition will, however, continue.

Region Council Meeting, 15 February 2011

1. The membership form has been updated with the new addresses and will be available shortly for all District Groups.
2. The membership to the Australian Flora Foundation was approved but the Society's annual donation to the Foundation was deferred to the next Council meeting for further consideration.
3. Owing to the large volume of business being dealt with at Council meetings, it was agreed that reports must be received before the agenda closing date and if not, will be only be dealt with in general business if time permits.
4. Thirteen new membership applications were approved.
5. When a renewal for membership has not been received by the Membership Officer by the due date, a reminder will be sent to the relevant member in the next issue of *Native Plants for NSW*.

As overdue membership subscriptions are received, they will be dated from when the membership fell due. Any outstanding issues of *Australian Plants* and *Native Plants for NSW* will be forwarded to the relevant members.

5. A power point presentation was forwarded to the RAS for display in the horticultural section.
6. The cost of *Australian Plants* to the other State Regions **only** will be increased from \$2.20 (including GST) to \$3.30 (including GST). This is the first increase in cost to State Regions in ten years.
7. The Annual Report has commenced and the qualified financial statements are near completion.
8. A one-year's subscription to APS NSW be made available by Region to each District Group for use in promoting membership of the Society, and their District Group at public events in which the Group is involved. The subscription offer cannot be used for internal Group activities, such as raffles etc. Requests are to be made in writing to the Society for approval and should indicate the circumstances in which the subscription is to be offered.

Study Group notes

Rhonda Daniels, Study Group Liaison Officer

It appears there was a burst of Study Group publishing pre-Christmas, but it has been a little quieter since then.



Eremophila Study Group – December 2010 (No. 100)

Congratulations to the Eremophila Study Group on 100 newsletters! When the Study Group Leader Colin Jennings from South Australia started in March 1990, he believed there were approximately 140-150 recognised species of Eremophila, with a few varietal forms and a few hybrids of somewhat doubtful parentage. Today Colin says there are approximately 200 species plus some 40-50 subspecies. The number of hybrids has increased significantly. I'm sure much of that increase has been due to the hard work of the Study Group. Colin also notes that many new species and better forms of existing species in cultivation owe their existence in garden cultivation to the fact that freshly collected material has been sent to specialist growers, established as grafted plants, trialled and later distributed to other members of the Study Group and then into the trade for sale at nurseries. For people having trouble with plant names, one member from Queensland notes that her husband calls eremophilas "Hairy mufflers".



Eremophila bignoniflora,
Gundabooka National Park
Photo: Jennifer Liney

Acacia Study Group – December 2010 (No. 111)

The Acacia Study Group welcomes a new leader with Bill Aitchison taking over from Esther Brueggemeier.

The WA Department of Environment and Conservation is commencing an 18 month project to update the WATTLE identification key and deliver this through a web interface. The work is part of the Acacia theme within the Atlas of Living Australia. The project will deliver an updated interactive key to all described Australian Acacia species, including those newly described since the publication of WATTLE in 2001. An important new component of this web version of WATTLE will be the inclusion of photographs (where available) of the species.

The President of the Wattle Day Association reports that the centenary of Wattle Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in 2010. He describes why wattle is such an appropriate national floral emblem: the many varieties of wattle are like the many different types of backgrounds that make up the Australian community; wattle is as diverse as our backgrounds and heritage and yet wattle is the symbol that binds us together as Australians and citizens of this land. Wattle also reminds us of the resilience of our land and people as it is the first plant to grow again and flower after the ravages of bushfires in the Australian bush.

New Study Group – Waratahs and Flannel Flowers

A reminder that Maria Hitchcock, former Correa Study Group Leader, is establishing a new study group and seeking active members who would be interested in some lively discussion and are willing to share and experiment. Please see contact details in the Study Group Directory.



Flannel flower, *Actinotus helianthi*

Photo: Brian Walters

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
Mont Albert North VIC 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)

Bill Aitchison
13 Conos Court, Donvale, VIC 3111
☎ (03) 9872 3583
Email: acaciastudygroup@gmail.com

Australian Food Plants (\$5)

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323 Philip Avenue
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☎ (07) 4928 2862
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☎ (02) 6251 2228
Email: rjhnatiuk@yahoo.com.au

Australian Plants for Containers

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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
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Boronia & Allied Genera

In Recess – New Leader required

Brachychiton and Allied Genera

(\$5/\$10)
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Study group directory continued

Calytrix

In Recess – New Leader required

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

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Admin – David and Barbara Pye
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Daisy, the Australian

In Recess – New Leader required

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Epacris (\$5/\$10)

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Eremophila (\$5)

Leader: Colin Jennings
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Eucalyptus (\$10)

Leader: Warwick Varley
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Fabaceae (\$5/\$10)

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Fern (\$5)

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Garden Design (\$15/\$20/\$6)

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☎ (02) 4659 6598

Hakea (\$5/\$10)

Leader: Paul Kennedy
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Hibiscus and Allied Genera

(\$10/\$20/\$5)
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(\$5/\$10/\$2.50)
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☎ (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
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☎ (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

Waratah and Flannel Flower (\$10)

Leader: Maria Hitchcock
16 Hitchcock Lane
Armidale NSW 2350
☎ (02) 6775 1139, 0421 961 007
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Wetlands (and Water Plants)

In Recess – New Leader required

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Copies of the full list can be obtained by forwarding a stamped (60c) SAE to the curator.

- Maximum number of seed packets per request is six (6).
- Requests for seed 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.

Due to huge demand over the last few months we are running low on Banksia east coast species and Grevillea species so I would welcome any donations to the seed bank.

Recent Donors: J.Simpson, N.Giles and E.Bartlett.

A complete list of seeds currently available from the APS NSW seed bank can be found on pages 41 and 42.



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Seed bank list April 2011

Acacia – amoena, buxifolia, cardiophylla, chinchillensis, conferta, cognata, coventyi, cultriformis, deanei, decurrens, elata, elongata, falcata, filicifolia, fimbriata, fimbriata (dwarf), glaucoptera, howittii, hubbardiana, ingramii, iteaphylla, littorea, linophylla, macradenia, mearnsii, melanoxyton, myrtifolia, nerifolia, obtusifolia, prominens, pycnantha, rubida, saligna, simsii, stricta, sophorae, suaveolens, terminalis, ulicifolia, ulicifolia var. brownii, vestita, victoriae

Allocasuarina – cunninghamiana, decasineana, distyla, littoralis, nana, torulosa, verticillata

Angophora – costata, hispida

Baeckea – virgata, virgata (Clarence River form)

Banksia – integrifolia, marginata, oblongifolia, serrata

Billardiera – cymosa, erubescens

Bossiaea – heterophylla, stephensonii

Brachychiton – acerifolius, bidwillii, discolor, rupestre

Callicoma – serratifolia

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

Callitris – intratropica, muelleri, oblonga, preissii, rhomboidea

Casuarina – cunninghamiana, glauca

Citrus – australasica

Cordyline – stricta

Corymbia – (formerly Eucalyptus) citridora, intermedia, pelata ssp. leichhardtii, tessellaris

Darwinia – macrostegia

Dodonaea – baueri, peduncularis, pinnata, rupicola, viscosa, viscosa ssp.cuneata

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, erythrocorys, eudesmioides, eximia, fibrosa, gardneri, globoidea, gomphocephala, grandis, grossa, leuhmanniana, longicornis, longifolia, macrandra, macrocarpa, maculata, maidenii, mollucana, nicholii, nitida, nutans, obliqua, oblonga, olsenii, ovata, paniculata, pauciflora, pellita, phoenicea, pilularis, piperita, planchoniana, platypus var. platypus, pleurocarpa, polyanthemus, pseudoglobulus, pumila, punctata subsp punctata, racemosa, resinifera, rhodantha, robusta, saligna, scoparia, siderophioia, sideroxyton, sieberi, socialis, stricklandii, stowardii, tereticornis, tetragona, torquata, umbra, viminalis, woodwardii

Flindersia – australis

Gahnia – melanocarpa, sieberiana

Gossypium – sturtianum

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

Hakea – grammatophylla, saligna, sericea (pink)

Hardenbergia – violacea (white/pink)

Seed bank list April 2011, continued

Hibiscus – diversifolius,
panduriformis, splendens, trionum

Hovea – acutifolia, elliptica,
lanceolata

Hymenosporum – flavum

Indigofera – australis

Isopogon – anethifolius

Isotoma – axillaris

Ixiolaena – brevicompta

Joycea – pallida

Kennedia – coccinea, acrophylla,
rubicunda

Kunzea – ericoides

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

Linum – marginale

Lomatia – myricoides, silaifolia

Lophostemon – confertus

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

Microlaena – stipoides

Notelaea – ovata

Olearia – axillaris

Pandorea – jasminoides, pandorana

Paraserianthes (syn. Albizia) –
lophantha

Philydrum – lanuginosum

Pittosporum – angustifolium,
revolutum

Planchonella – australis

Pultenaea – flexillis

Ranunculus – lappaceus

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 2011

Merle Thompson, Membership Officer

The Australian Plants Society NSW warmly welcomes the following 18 new members (13 memberships) and wishes each of you a long, rewarding and enjoyable association with the Society.



Daniel Clarke and Katherine Lykos	Sylvania
Beryl Abinah Dyck	O'Connell
Alison Fizelle	Sawtell
Anne and Roy Lawrence	Wahroonga
Melissa McDonald	Glenbrook
Jennifer and Neil McGlashan	Glenbrook
Ben McInnes	Robertson
Bill and Fran Mullard	Exeter
Margaret O'Neill	Narara
Frances A Paterson	Warrawong
Kevan Turnbull	Palmerston NT
Eldette Mareli Van Der Walt	Royal Exchange
Craig Whitford	Merewether

The above new membership list is not complete as Merle is having a well-earned holiday overseas with friends. We all wish her a wonderful, relaxing and safe trip.

Objects of APS NSW

The objects of the Australian Plants Society NSW Ltd are

- 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 people in the nursery industry in propagating and supplying Australian native plants to the public.
- To increase and disseminate general knowledge of Australian native plants

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.

You can also view the Group diaries on line at the APS NSW website at www.austplants-nsw.org.au.



April 2011

Date	Day	District Group	Event
3	Sun	Blue Mountains	Outing to 2 gardens in Hazelbrook and Woodford. Meet 11 am at 105 Clearview Ave, Hazelbrook
4	Mon	Illawarra	Meeting at 7.30 pm. Corrimal Community Hall, 15 Short St, Corrimal
		North Shore	Walks and Talks: Parts of the Plant – Stems and Leaves
6	Wed	Newcastle	Meeting 7.30 pm at The Wetlands Centre, Sandgate Rd, Shortland
		Coffs Harbour	Meeting 7 pm at Botanic Gardens Display Room, Hardacre St, Coffs Harbour. Speaker: Geoff Clarke
		East Hills	Meeting 7.30 pm at Peakhurst Sth Public School Library, Monterra Ave, Peakhurst
7	Thu	Southern Highlands	Meeting 2 pm at CWA Room, Elizabeth St, Moss Vale. Talk by Paul Kennedy, Leader of the Hakea Study Group (tbc)
		Nowra	Plant ID Walk - Bamarang Water Treatment Walk, Yalwal Rd – meet at the cemetery 9 am.
		Northern Beaches	Meeting 7.30 pm at Stoney Range Botanic Garden, Dee Why
8	Fri	Central Coast	Meeting 7.30 pm at Phillip House, 21 Old Mt Penang Rd, Kariang. Speaker: Kyrill Taylor 'Native Ferns'.
		North Shore	Meeting 8 pm at Willow Park Community Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby. Speaker: Dennis Collins on Plant and Insect Interactions
10	Sun	Central Coast	10 am Walk: the Falls track in Strickland State Forest

April 2011 continued

Date	Day	District Group	Event
12	Tue	Armidale	Meeting 5.30 pm at Tree Group Woodlands Centre, Armidale
13	Wed	Menai	Meeting 7.30 pm at Illawong Fire Brigade Headquarters. Speaker: Carolyn Gillard talking about "Landscapes"
		Parramatta and The Hills	10 am Propagation at Bidjiwong Community Nursery
14	Thu	Hawkesbury	Meeting at Council Nursery, McGrath's Hill. Contact Rick Jamieson on 4572 1321 for details.
		Nowra	Meeting 7.30 pm at Nowra Town Hall, 174 Kinghorne St, Nowra. Guest Speaker – Avalynne Wilby – Green Waste in the Shoalhaven
15	Fri	Tamworth	Meeting 7.30 pm at Tamworth Regional BG Meeting Room. ANPSA DVD highlighting the coming biennial conference
16	Sat	City-St. George	Working Bee - Growers for Greenspace/ Bush Care Mason Park, Homebush
17	Sun	Armidale	8 am to 12.30 pm Markets in the Mall
		City-St. George	Working Bee - Greenway Bushcare/WEG - Cadigal Reserve, Summer Hill (Meet off Grosvenor Cres Summer Hill)
19	Tue	Armidale	Meeting 7.30 pm at Tree Group Woodland Centre, Armidale. Speaker: Dave Carr
		Newcastle	Midweekers: Fernleigh Track and Belmont Lagoon
20	Wed	Hunter Valley	Meeting 7.45 pm at Polish Hall, cnr Grant and Old Rose Sts, Maitland
		Macarthur	Meeting 7.30 pm at Birrawa Community Hall, Fitzpatrick St, Mt Annan
		Sutherland	Meeting 8 pm at Gynea Community Centre, Gynea Bay Rd, Gynea. Speaker Stewart Harris 'Cane toad muster'.

May 2011

Date	Day	District Group	Event
1	Sun	Southern Highlands	Mt Gibraltar walk and talk with Geoff Allen and a look at his garden

May 2011 continued

Date	Day	District Group	Event
2	Mon	Illawarra	Meeting at 7.30 pm. Corrimal Community Hall, 15 Short St, Corrimal
		North Shore	Walks and Talks: Plant propagation
4	Wed	East Hills	Meeting 7.30 pm at Peakhurst Sth Public School Library, Monterra Ave, Peakhurst
		Newcastle	Meeting 7.30 pm at The Wetlands Centre, Sandgate Rd, Shortland
5	Thu	Northern Beaches	Meeting 7.30 pm at Stoney Range Botanic Garden, Dee Why
6	Fri	Southern Tablelands	Contact Tim Hayes on 4822 4949 for location
		Blue Mountains	Meeting 8 pm at Native Plant Reserve, Great Western Highway, Glenbrook. Speaker: Kevin Bell on "A Volunteer-Run Commercial Nursery"
7	Sat	South East Region	Contact Jan on 6494 1049 or Juliet on 4473 7440 for location
		Southern Tablelands	Trip to Box Vale walking Track
9	Mon	North Shore	Walks and Talks: Eucalypts, Angophoras and Corymbias (Myrtaceae)
10	Tue	Armidale	Meeting 5.30 pm at Tree Group Woodlands Centre, Armidale
11	Wed	Menai	Meeting 7.30 pm at Illawong Fire Brigade Headquarters. Speaker: Philip Moore talking about "His trip to WA"
		Parramatta and The Hills	10 am Propagation at Bidjiwong Community Nursery
12	Thu	Hawkesbury	Meeting at Council Nursery, McGrath's Hill. Contact Rick Jamieson on 4572 1321 for details.
		Nowra	Meeting 7.30 pm at Nowra Town Hall, 174 Kinghorne St, Nowra
13	Fri	City - St George	Meeting 6.30 pm at Committee Room, Rockdale Town Hall, cnr Bryant St and Princes Hwy, Rockdale
		North Shore	Meeting 8 pm at Willow Pk Community Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby. Speaker: George Adams on Birdscaping Your Garden
		Central Coast	Meeting 7.30 pm at Phillip House, 21 Old Mt Penang Rd, Kariong.

May 2011 continued

Date	Day	District Group	Event
15	Sun	Central Coast	10 am Walk: the Crater track in Popran National Park
		Coffs Harbour	Garden visit to Geoff and Gwyn Clarke's property at Braunstone
		Central West	Propagation day.
16	Mon	North Shore	Walks and Talks: Plant Communities
17	Tue	Armidale	Native Plants Forum Meeting 7.30 pm at Tree Group Woodland Centre, Armidale.
18	Wed	Sutherland	Meeting 8 pm at Gymea Community Centre, Gymea Bay Rd, Gymea. Speaker Mathew Mo "Geckoes".
		Macarthur	Meeting 7.30 pm at Birrawa Community Hall, Fitzpatrick St, Mt Annan
20	Fri	APS NSW Region	7.30 pm Ermington Community Centre, 10 River Rd, Ermington. AGM with speaker, Peter Abell on the breeding and development of native plant varieties
21	Sat	Parramatta & The Hills	Arcadia School Fete – Group and APS promotion – plants on sale.
22	Sun	Tamworth	Bushwalk to Teamsters Rest (Near Crawney's Pass) led by John Hosking
23	Mon	North Shore	Walks and Talks: Geology of Sydney Region
27	Fri	Tamworth	Meeting 7.30 pm at Tamworth Regional Botanic Garden Meeting Room
		Parramatta & The Hills	Meeting 8 pm at Barton Hall, Hopetoun Village, Anglican Retirement Villages, Castle Hill. Speaker: Kyrill Taylor 'Native Ferns'.
29	Sun	Armidale	8 am to 12.30 pm Markets in the Mall
30	Mon	North Shore	Walks and Talks: Rainforests

June 2011

Date	Day	District Group	Event
1	Wed	East Hills	Meeting 7.30 pm at Peakhurst Sth Public School Library, Monterra Ave, Peakhurst
		Newcastle	Meeting 7.30 pm at The Wetlands Centre, Sandgate Rd, Shortland
2	Thu	Southern Highlands	Meeting 2 pm at CWA Room, Elizabeth St, Moss Vale
		Northern Beaches	Meeting 7.30 pm at Stoney Range Botanic Garden, Dee Why

June 2011 continued

Date	Day	District Group	Event
4	Sat	Tamworth	Garden visit to Ray & Carol Forge's property
		Southern Tablelands	Trip to Bangadilly National Park
5	Sun	Blue Mountains	Outing: an easy walk to a hanging swamp
6	Mon	North Shore	Walks and Talks: Longer Walk (bring lunch and water) – return approx. 2.30 pm
		Illawarra	Meeting 7.30 pm at Corrimal Community Hall, 15 Short St, Corrimal
8	Wed	Coffs Harbour	AGM and meeting 7 pm at Botanic Gardens Display Room, Hardacre St, Coffs Harbour. Speaker: John Wrigley on "Oddball and Different Native Plants"
		Menai	Meeting 7.30 pm at Illawong Fire Brigade Headquarters. Speaker: Chris Lloyd talking about "Seabirds"
9	Thu	Nowra	Meeting 7.30 pm at Nowra Town Hall, 174 Kinghorne St, Nowra
		Hawkesbury	Meeting at Council Nursery, McGrath's Hill. Contact Rick Jamieson on 4572 1321 for details.
10	Fri	Central Coast	Meeting 7.30 pm at Phillip House, 21 Old Mt Penang Rd, Kariong.
		North Shore	Meeting 8 pm at Willow Pk Community Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby. Speaker: Dr Edward Liew on Diseases in Myrtaceae
12	Sun	Central Coast	10 am Great North Walk to Mooney Mooney Creek
		North Shore	Bushwalk and garden visit.
14	Tue	Armidale	Meeting 5.30 pm at Tree Group Woodlands Centre, Armidale
15	Wed	Hunter Valley	Meeting 7.45 pm at Polish Hall, cnr Grant and Old Rose Sts, Maitland
		Macarthur	Meeting 7.30 pm at Birrawa Community Hall, Fitzpatrick St, Mt Annan
		Sutherland	Meeting 8 pm at Gynea Community Centre, Gynea Bay Rd, Gynea
18	Sat	Central West	Meeting with speaker David Goldney. Contact Lyn Burgett on 02 6331 9170 for details

June 2011 continued

Date	Day	District Group	Event
21	Tue	Newcastle	Midweekers: Walk at Cooranbong
24	Fri	Tamworth	Meeting 7.30 pm at Tamworth Regional Botanic Garden Meeting Room. Speaker
26	Sun	Armidale	8am to 12.30 pm Markets in the Mall

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July 2011

Date	Day	District Group	Event
2	Sat	Southern Tablelands	Trip to Meryla
3	Sun	Southern Highlands	Outing to Fitzroy Falls and the herbarium
		Blue Mountains	Meeting 10 am at Native Plant Reserve, Great Western Highway, Glenbrook. A demonstration of grafting. Speaker: Mark Abell on "Australian native ponds".
8	Fri	North Shore	Meeting 8 pm at Willow Pk Community Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby. Speaker: Bill Jones and Wendy Grimm on Orchids of the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden
10	Sun	Central Coast	10 am Walk: Van Dahls track (Patonga Drive) in Brisbane Waters National Park
	Sun	Coffs Harbour	Excursion to Sherwood Nature Reserve with John Wrigley
17	Sun	Central West	"How to build your own Bird Bath" with Colin Fenn. \$30 per member, max 15. Advance bookings essential. Contact Lynn Burgett on 6331 9170
23	Sat	Tamworth	Day meeting at Marilyn McGregor's place. Speaker: Kate McLaren
25	Mon	North Shore	Walks and Talks: Flowering Plants and their Pollinators

August 2011

Date	Day	District Group	Event
27–28	Sat–Sun	2011 APS NSW District Get Together	Burrendong Arboretum. Refer to page 8 for details.
29–30	Mon–Tue	Warrumbungles Guided Tours	Anthony O'Halloran from Bilby Blooms may lead tours of this very special area

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