

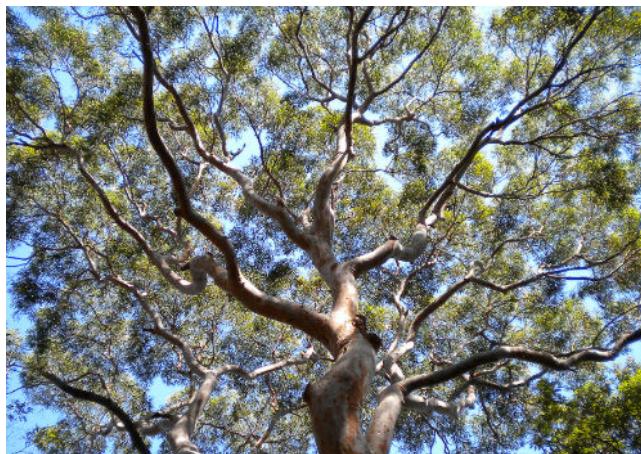
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Native Plants for NSW – July 2019

The monthly enewsletter of the Australian Plants Society NSW



Celebrate our native trees on National Tree Day on 28 July

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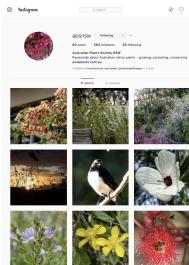
If you miss reading your hard copy *Native Plants for NSW* while having a cuppa, you can still pull out and enjoy your old issues. And if you don't have space to keep them all, please pass them on to a good home. Your local group may want them for new members or promotions. Issues of this enewsletter, plus back issues of all our journals, are also available as pdf files [here](#).

Please encourage fellow members who do not appear to be receiving the enewsletter to check the email address we have for them. The monthly enewsletter shares information about Australian native plants and our activities. Please send any items or photos to the editor, Rhonda Daniels, at enewsletter@austplants.com.au

From the President John Aitken

Newcastle Group have put together a great program of all the area's highlights for our weekend gathering in Newcastle on 17–18 August. I encourage you to book now and I look forward to seeing you there. See activities below.

APS NSW now on Instagram



We have been using Facebook for several years, and now we have an [account](#) on Instagram, the image sharing app. After starting our account in mid May, we already have over 300 followers from 80 posts by administrators Heather Miles and Ralph Cartwright.

To see the site, google Instagram, and then search 'apsnsw'. You can follow the page and see new images as we post them. The images also appear on the front page of our [website](#). If you'd like to share any of your photos on Instagram, email Heather at secretary@austplants.com.au

Seeking Easter Show stand coordinator



After 8 years, coordinator Leonie Hogue and the small group organising the APS NSW stand at the Easter Show are stepping back. If our very successful APS stand is to continue, we need a new coordinator and group of volunteers. The tasks include planning and setting up the stand, organising the roster and then taking down the stand after 6 days. Leonie is available for advice and if you have any questions, please email her at leoniehogue@gmail.com

The APS NSW stand is a very successful and popular part of the Flower and Garden Pavilion. It is great PR for the Society and the Board are very supportive of the organisers. Send your expression of interest to Heather Miles at secretary@austplants.com.au

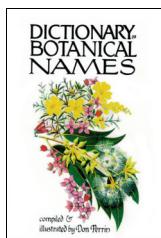
Winter delights by name



What do *Acacia 'Winter Gold'*, *Acacia 'Winter Flame'*, the *Correa 'Winter Bells'* collection, *Grevillea 'Winter Delight'*, *Philotheeca 'Winter Rouge'* and *Syzygium 'Winter Lights'* have in common? Yes, they are all named for a winter feature – either their flowers or foliage.

Read more [here](#).

New book: *Dictionary of Botanical Names*



Ever wondered at the meaning of the botanical names of Australian plants? Don Perrin's updated *Dictionary of Botanical Names*, released in 2018, explains the derivations of over 4,500 genus and species names and includes line drawings. Knowing the origins of a name can help to remember the name and help with identification.

Read more [here](#).

Activities

Sat & Sun 17–18 August – APS NSW get together, Newcastle

Join Newcastle Group for a weekend of activities to see the gems of the area, including Hunter Region Botanic Gardens, Hunter Wetlands Centre and spectacular coastal flora at its peak. All the details are [here](#). Please book by **2 August**.



Saturday, 17 August

- Morning – Talk on the endemic flora of the Hunter region by Dr Stephen Bell and walks at the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens
- Afternoon – Walks in Port Stephens area to see coastal flora and spectacular coastal scenery
- Evening – Dinner at Wests in Mayfield

Sunday, 18 August

- Morning – Walks at Glenrock Scout Camp to see the garden of the 2018 ABC Gardener of the year, and at Awabakal Nature Reserve
- Afternoon – Lunch at Hunter Wetlands Centre, guided walks and plant sales at the Newcastle Group nursery.

Registration is \$40 and covers morning tea and lunch on both Saturday and Sunday. Please register on the form [here](#) by **2 August** and email or post with payment.

More activities

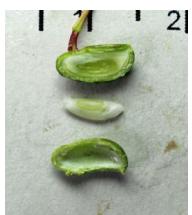
- 6–7 and 13–14 July – The [Illawarra Grevillea Park](#) at Bulli is open again.
- Sun 28 July – [National Tree Day](#). Hug a tree, talk to a tree and/or plant one for the future.
- 29 September–4 October – 'Blooming Diversity' ANPSA biennial conference, Albany, Western Australia. More information and register [here](#).
- Sat 16 November – APS NSW quarterly gathering. Northern Beaches Group will be hosting our final gathering of the year at Warriewood, near Warriewood Wetlands.

[Email](#) our web manager Heather Miles to add your spring activity to our website and promote it here. Please also [email](#) me reports and photos of your activities after the event to share in the enewsletter.

Study Group news

Study Group coordinator Nicole Maher summarises recent newsletters. Newsletters are available to Study Group members first, and membership of most groups is free. Find out more about our 18 Study Groups, the newsletter archives and how to join a group [here](#).

[Grevillea Study Group](#), No. 113, June 2019



2 | A recent episode of ABC TV's *Gardening Australia* featured the [Illawarra Grevillea Park](#) at Bulli (open again on 6–7 and 13–14 July) and 'Glorious Grevilleas'. Peter Olde is seeking members interested in reactivating the NSW chapter of the Grevillea Study Group. Mark Noake is undertaking the admirable task of photographing the fruits and seeds of every *Grevillea* species, to add to his database to link information on all the different species of *Grevillea*. [Read more about Mark's approach to photography on page 4 [here](#).] There are also interesting articles on planting and pruning grevilleas, and also the use of a 'hugelkultur' bed to transform woody debris into a fertile garden bed.

[Hakea Study Group](#), No. 70, June 2019

Group leader Paul Kennedy reports on his recent explorations in Western Australia, where their small group saw 35 *Hakea* species, including some interesting variations in form. A member from Victoria reports on his varying success with germinating a range of hakeas. The group is photographing *Hakea* seedlings, with nearly 20 species completed. Photos will be provided to members on the website as a handy identification tool. There is also the possibility of updating the booklet produced by the group in 1996, which could lead to a book on hakeas of Australia.

[Waratah and Flannel Flower Study Group](#), No. 17, June 2019

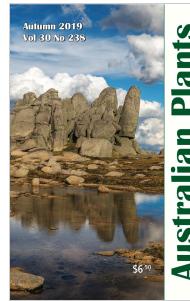
This newsletter reports on members who have been experimenting with different propagation techniques, including throwing old flannel flower heads on a bed of blue metal, germination mix and ash (relatively successful), using reconstituted sphagnum moss as a growing medium (unsuccessful), grafting *Telopea* 'Mallee Boy' onto a *Grevillea robusta* plant (results to come), different smoking treatments for *Actinotus forsythii* germination (some success) and a comparison of germination of *Telopea truncata* in sphagnum moss (successful) versus regular native potting mix (unsuccessful).

New on the APS NSW website

Check these new stories on the APS NSW website:

- [Autumn 2019 issue of Australian Plants](#) now available
- [Orthrosanthus multiflorus](#) (morning iris) and [Calostemma](#) –the forgotten lily by Kevin Stokes
- [Recipes for bush food](#) by Colleen and Geoff Keena
- [Hawaii – a mix of endemic and introduced species](#) by Ralph Cartwright.

Our [website](#) also has our membership benefits, how to join, District Group details, office bearers, annual reports and many resources.



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Photo finish

Look out for Australia Post's new set of four stamps featuring native bees on flowers, illustrated by artist Kevin Stead. Details [here](#).



From David Drage's article in Northern Beaches Group July 2019 newsletter.

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