

From Michele Pymble comes this suggestion.

With more reading time during our isolation Members might like to consider joining the Garden Design Study Group.

The Study Group produces several extensive newsletters each year, providing a forum for members to discuss garden design principles and allow for a free exchange of ideas and advice. Very informative contributions from members include valuable advice on all aspects of growing Australian plants in our gardens.

Newsletters published over recent years are available for download. In addition, a comprehensive on-line index has been developed, which is updated annually.

For more information on this Study Group go to <http://anpsa> : Select **Study Group** from heading and choose **Garden Design** from the Study Group list. **Membership and emailed Newsletters are free.** However, if you require a posted copy there is an annual fee of \$20 to cover printing and postage.

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You might also be interested to learn that the Fabaceae Study Group has been re-established after some years in recess, and is now called Australian Pea Flower Study Group.

We recently received the following advice from the **new leader Shirley McLaran**, via APS NSW Region.

I have accepted leadership of the **Australian Pea Flower Study Group**.

The reactivation of this group to study plants with pea flowers has been approved by the ANPSA. I would be grateful if you would promote the study group in your newsletters and pass the news on to your branches.

The Australian Pea Flower Study Group is one of a number of Study Groups within the **Australian Native Plants Society (Australia)** whose aims are to further knowledge of Australian native plants.

Members of this study group focus on the identification, propagation, cultivation, and conservation of members of Fabaceae (legume, pea or bean family) which have typical pea flowers.

(Genera in this Family include Aotus, Crotalaria, Daviesia, Dillwynia, Eutaxia, Hardenbergia, Hovea, Indigofera, Kennedia, Oxylobium, Podolobium, Phyllota, Pultenaea, Swainsona and Templetonia. With such variety, there is sure to be many species which excite some interest among members.)

Plants with pea flowers constitute a subfamily of Fabaceae, namely Faboideae. As in all study groups, the members' work is carried out in their own homes and gardens and in their own spare time.



Just one of the many delightful Australian pea flowers, Western Australia's *Hovea elliptica* occurs naturally in the Karri forests and has proved reliable in cultivation.

The study group webpage can be found here: <http://anpsa.org.au/pea-flowerSG/index.html>.
If you would like to join the group, there is a section on the webpage that can be completed and submitted on-line. **Membership for emailed newsletters is free.**