



Corymbia maculata Spotted Gum and
Macrozamia communis Burrawang



South East NSW Group

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For your diary:

Next meeting,

February 3rd 2024

2024 Annual General Meeting

Eremophila, "A plant for all climates"

Lyndal Thorburn

Details on page 2.

Future meetings

Once the new committee has been elected, and met, details of future meetings, as planned by the current committee, will be confirmed.

Our regular meeting date is the first Saturday of each month.

March 2nd.

April 6th

May 4th

June 1st

Dear Members,

This month is the month for reports, and preparation for the AGM, so I will keep my message brief.

Welcome to the new year.

Once again, the weather has been a topic for much conversation and in some cases consternation. I hope that you are all coping with the renewed growth and lush conditions, and that your families and friends have been safe. It has been fascinating watching the bush come back to life so quickly after what I was calling drought conditions.

The Committee is planning ahead to develop another interesting year of varied activities. **At the AGM all committee positions will be declared vacant**, and I know this year there will a couple of people standing down.

Geoff Gosling has decided to move on from being Treasurer and we thank him greatly for his work and also as stepping in as minutes secretary as required.

I will also be standing down from the role of President.

Dylan Morrissey, our current Vice President has nominated to step into the role.

I envisage a new committee, revitalised and enthusiastic, and bringing a new generational view into the mix. I look forward to working with the committee as a member and would encourage all of you to think about joining.

I hope you are all finding time to garden, to learn, to photograph and simply be out in the bush appreciating nature.

I hope to catch up at one of our meetings.

All the best, **Di.**

Next Meeting:
Saturday 3rd February 2024,
Annual General Meeting,
followed by a presentation from Dr Lyndal Thorburn,
“Eremophila, a plant for all climates”

The meeting will be held at
Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens
arrive 10.00 a.m. for social morning tea
AGM starts at 10.30 a.m.

Following morning tea, President Di will commence proceedings for the AGM, presenting her report on the previous year's activities, then the Secretary will present the minutes of the previous AGM.

Other reports by committee members, Treasurer, (report included in this newsletter) and Membership Officer will follow, before the Returning Officer is called to conduct the election of Office Bearers for the coming year.

At this point all positions will be declared vacant, and nominations called for.

It is still not too late to consider your involvement in deciding what we as a group can achieve, and what types of activities best suit our purposes. President Di, or any other current committee member would be happy to discuss the opportunities available. Don't be shy ! **There is a nomination form on page 5.**

At the conclusion of elections and closing of the AGM, the Elected President will take the chair and our usual monthly meeting will commence.

Guest speaker: Dr. Lyndal Thorburn “Eremophila, a plant for all climates”
with reference to the Genus, the Study Group and Horticultural value

Lyndal Thorburn is a life member of ANPS Canberra, a member of APS NSW South East Region group, and has led the Eremophila Study Group since 2015.

A scientist by training but not by profession, she has kept her interest in biology alive through long term involvement with the APS Canberra propagation group, membership of APS Study Groups, and participation in many Citizen Science groups including iNaturalist, NatureMapr and Frog ID.

Shortly after moving to Canberra Lyndal was asked by Canberra Ornithologists' Group to join the Management Committee for Barren Grounds Nature Reserve, which at the time was being established as an education centre. She held this position for several years.

She has since also been involved in the Queanbeyan River Corridor Management Committee and Queanbeyan Landcare.



Eremophila maculata 'Aurea'
Eremophila SG Newsletter 121

Lyndal and partner Tom now own a large property on the South Coast and are enthusiastically focussed on regeneration of its local flora.



Lyndal's interest in Eremophila (Emu Bush) was kindled in 1985 when first purchasing a pink *Eremophila maculata* 'Wendy' - a plant which is still alive in their Queanbeyan garden!

She and Tom have since grown over 100 varieties in their rather shady garden, and have been delighted to discover that many in the genus are frost hardy and don't need sun all day.

This garden is also the source of many Eremophilas that have been sold over the years at ANPS Canberra plant sales.

As leader of the Eremophila Study Group, Lyndal has instigated State-based sub-groups which have become active contributors to general knowledge about the genus and to the Study Group's research program, which now comprises three significant projects.

Eremophila nivea x christophorii

The Group's website (www.anpsa.org.au) contains an image database of almost every species and many hybrids and cultivars. Study Group members are now contributing to the living collection at the Australian National Botanic Gardens, and other botanic gardens in Victoria and South Australia through wild collections (under appropriate permits).

Members Show and Tell

An important feature of our meetings is members Show and Tell, and everyone is encouraged to bring along some summer flowering plant specimens for discussion. This is a popular activity, giving members the chance to find out what others are growing successfully, and maybe take home some cuttings to grow your own. Last year we had a bumper showing, and would like to see an even bigger collection this year.

Bring along an armful of treasures to show off !

Propagation for 2024 Plant Swap

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the committee wishes to see more members involved in the satisfying, although sometimes frustrating activity of **propagating plants**. The next couple of months are an ideal time for propagating by cuttings, as the soft spring growth firms to ideal cutting material. Please keep it in mind when you are out gardening or visiting friends with interesting native plants.

Seeds too can be germinated over the warmer months, with young plants kept sheltered until cooler weather of autumn. We would love to see everyone trying to propagate some native plants and bring along some spares to share with the group at a planned Plant Swap later this year.

Time to get growing !

In my Garden Alison Spurgeon

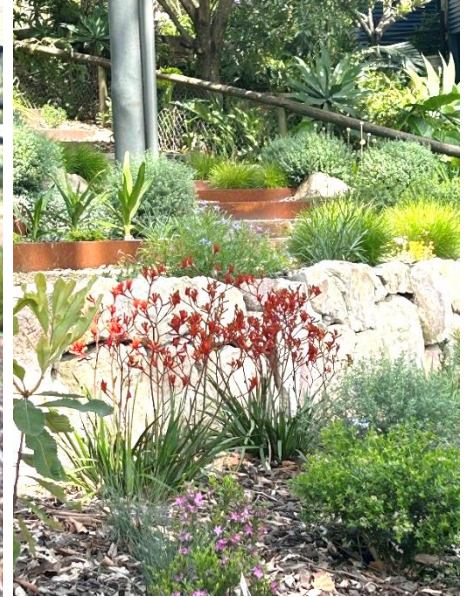
Members recently visited this newly established Narooma garden, and Alison provided some updated photos to reflect how quickly plants have established over recent months.



Billy buttons -
Pycnosorus globosus
grown from seed.



Lomatia myricoides flowering beautifully and full of bees. This plant got extra hand watering from the outdoor bath during dry weather. The garden has no other supplementary watering.



Kangaroo paws contrast well with the rock wall

Australian Plant Society South East NSW Group

Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2023

Item	Debit	Credit	Balance
Opening balance			3427.41
Memberships		600.00	
Donations	300.00		
Life Membership paid	58.00		
Interest received		0.36	
Gifts to speakers	89.59		
Stationery and Equipment	172.95		
Proteaceae patch ERBG	141.33		
Plant sales		166.00	
Total debits / credits	761.87	766.36	
Closing balance			3431.90
Petty cash on hand			100.00
Total at Bank and Cash on hand			3531.90

Many struggle to keep the brilliant Western Australian Banksias alive with our humidity. But there is no shortage of class with our locals, such as *Banksia oblongifolia*, with heavy flowering developing all over the lignotuber of this 12 year old specimen



Australian Plants Society (APS) NSW South East Group

Nomination for Committee for 2024

I (the Nominator), _____, being a financial member of APS South East Group

Nominate _____

For the Position of: _____

Or _____ Ordinary Committee Member (circle if applicable)

I accept nomination as a Committee Member or for the position specified

Signature of Nominee _____ **Dated** / / **2024**

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