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Corymbia maculata Spotted Gum and
Macrozamia communis Burrawang

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Dear Members,

Welcome to the end of the year. It has been a strange and difficult year at times, and it was good to gather together for a Christmas break at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens just to enjoy the company of the group, the pleasant surroundings and a lovely day. Seventeen people came along for the casual event and we enjoyed a walk around the garden and a good chat over morning tea and lunch.

The group went to have a look at the **Proteaceae bed** that APS is working on and we discussed some of the plans for next year and some of the issues that are being dealt with. The area has been pegged out with three-meter grids and plantings have commenced in the areas that are not too close to the areas being reworked. New stones have replaced the old burnt steps and the area is beginning to take shape. I am hoping that next year the weather will not restrict so many of our activities and that we can achieve a lot more. Thank you to all those who have participated over the year.



Photos, Di Clark and Amanda Marsh

Planning for next year is well underway and we are hoping to bring you a range of activities that will spark your interest in native plants and the environment around us.

One of those activities will involve participating in a day of plant swapping. We would love to see everyone trying to propagate some native plants and bring along some spares to share with the group. We will work out the detail for this day, but please keep it in mind when you are out gardening or visiting friends with interesting native plants. I am mentioning this now to give you plenty of time to get growing.

Our new year of meetings commences on Saturday February 4th with our annual general meeting. Now might be a good time to reflect on your involvement within the group, and consider how your enthusiasm could be utilised. The committee is seeking additional input to ensure our activities meet the needs of members. I would be happy to discuss the opportunities with anyone interested in being involved. Please give me a call.

Following the AGM, the meeting will feature a very special guest speaker, widely respected for his knowledge of South Coast flora, and a passion for ferns. We will provide all the details of the meeting in our newsletter prior to February.

In the meantime, I wish you all the best for the season ahead. I hope you find time for friends, family, garden and the bush. Stay safe and healthy.

Best wishes,

Di Clark

Your Committee wishes you a very Merry Christmas, and we look forward to catching up again in the New Year

The brilliant *Persoonia pinifolia* never fails to provide a Christmas treat, with lovely soft foliage, stunning flowers and as a bonus, always carries its colourful fruits as decorations through the festive season



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