

About Sutherland Group

We meet at 8 pm every third Wednesday from February to November at GyMEA Community Centre, 39 GyMEA Bay Rd, GyMEA. Visitors welcome.

We support awareness and conservation of Australian native plants.

See our [website](http://austplants.com.au/Sutherland) & [Facebook](http://austplants.com.au/Sutherland)
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Coming up..

Wed, 20 Oct Sutherland Group meeting – [Zoom meeting \(see diary\)](#)

Thu, 4 Nov JB Reserve working bees are currently suspended, more information [here](#)

Sun, 7 Nov

Wed, 17 Nov Sutherland group meeting. (Details TBA)

Look out for.. [Billardiera scandens \(apple berry\)](#)



[B. scandens \(apple berry, apple dumplings\)](#)

on the [Honeymoon Track](#), RNP (Ph: P. Shelton)

This small climber is endemic to south-eastern Australia. It can take the form of a groundcover or small shrub in a garden. It is non-invasive so relatively low maintenance. It can also be grown in pots or hanging baskets.

The lemon / green flowers form an edible fruit, 20 – 28 mm, which ripens from purple to yellow, but it is not often an abundant harvest! This fruit's flavour is what give this plant its common name. They can be eaten raw when fully ripe, or can be roasted if still green.

Propagation by cutting is the easier method and seedlings are often available from the Sutherland Council Nursery.

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For your diary

Contact John Arney ph 9525 0449, johnarney@ozemail.com.au

Wed, 20 Oct

From 7.15 pm
for 7:30 pm start

Sutherland Group meeting

We will be Zoom-ing once again for our October meeting. Ralph Cartwright, who has been updating the APS NSW YouTube channel, will share a selection of short videos, and Dan Clarke will collate and share photos from members to continue celebrating spring. Please email any photos or short videos from your garden or the bush to Dan Clarke at dmclarkebotanical@icloud.com 6 pm Tuesday 19 October. Or you can prepare your own Powerpoint of a few photos and share your screen during the meeting.

All the floral backdrops and vases of flowers for our September meeting looked very spring-like. See what you can do in October. Wear something floral or spring-like. Have a vase or pot of flowers nearby. Choose your best floral Zoom backdrop.

Zoom meeting link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85884741363?pwd=eW1mbGFDeThYT2F4ZGRJcy9RWlhprQT09>

Meeting ID: 858 8474 1363

Passcode: 166741

Official start time 7.30 pm, but join from 7.15 pm for a chat.

Note: The use of copyright music in some videos shown at our September meeting means some cannot be included in our YouTube video of the meeting.

Thu, 4 Oct

Sun, 7 Oct

[Joseph Banks Reserve](#) working bees are currently suspended more [here](#)

Wed, 17 Nov

Sutherland Group meeting. Most likely still a Zoom meeting; to be advised.

We are waiting to hear from Sutherland Council on our use of Gymea hall and any COVID-safe requirements, but it is likely our final meeting for the year will be by Zoom with a fresh start at Gymea in February 2022. We will hold our super speedy AGM by Zoom, just as we did last year. See details below of how you can help share a role next year. From 7.15 pm for 7:30 pm start

Sun 12 Dec, 3-5 pm **Welcome to our end-of-year gathering at Joseph Banks Reserve**

3 – 5 pm

Keep the date free. COVID-safe restrictions can change quickly, but at this stage we hope to hold our usual end-of-year gathering for a not-so-usual year at [Joseph Banks Native Plants Reserve](#) at Kareela. It will be a lovely opportunity to catch up over afternoon tea.

With the reserve's increased popularity during the lockdown this year, we may even have trouble finding a spot on the deck. Details closer to the time.

11 – 16 Sep, 2022

[ANPSA Biennial Conference](#)

delayed until 2022 due to Covid-19 considerations.

Some bookings are now open.



APS groups nearby

Have you considered visiting another local APS group? Each group welcomes APS members and visitors, so check your diary. Please try to confirm meetings at the group sites provided.

East Hills Group

Wednesday 3 Nov, from 2 pm
(1st Wednesday of every month except January)
Lugarno-Peakhurst Uniting Church
909 Forest Road, Lugarno (opposite the Lugarno shops)
<https://austplants.com.au/East-Hills>

Menai Wildflower Group

Wednesday 10 Nov, 7 pm
Illawong Rural Fire Brigade
Old Illawarra Rd, Illawong
<https://austplants.com.au/Menai-Wildflower>

At the September Meeting

On the plant table

The plant table is a great way to see what grows well in Sutherland Shire and what flowers when. Please free to email some photos in addition to showing the plant specimens at the meeting. These may be included in the newsletter. You can email by reply to the newsletter or to Dan Clarke at: dmclarkebotanical@icloud.com

Plant steward Phil Keane's nursery, [Ausplants R Us](#), is in Sutherland. Visits by appointment or check out sale days (often Saturday 12 – 4:30) on <https://www.facebook.com/ausplants/>
Ph: 0435 410 857 or ausplantsrus@gmail.com

During lock down Zoom meetings, we are using photos and videos. Here are a few of the plants featured at the latest meeting. Check in [to our YouTube page](#) for a replay.

Pultenaea blakelyi (Family: Fabaceae subfam. Faboideae)

An attractive shrub to about 2 metres tall or more, spreading to 1 metre wide, it had blue-green linear and narrow leaves to about 3 cm long and produces bright yellow pea flowers prolifically in spring. It is found locally in the Royal NP.

Not overly common in cultivation but it is cultivated at Joseph Banks Reserve and grows reliably. Likely a plant that needs more attention for gardens. Grow on a sandy soil in dappled shade for best results.



Pultenaea blakelyi Jill McLelland

***Telopea speciosissima* (Waratah)** (Family: Proteaceae)

Obviously, the most spectacular species in NSW – it is the holy grail for any native plant grower. Locally found in Sutherland on sandstone, it can be very challenging to grow successfully. Plenty of cultivars are now available. Grows to 5 m tall. Very fussy plant. Needs a well-drained soil and a

position that is just right! Give full sun or part shade. Prune early and after flowering on to encourage more flowers and prune after flowering. Cross your fingers when planting!



Telopea speciosissima, NSW Waratah
(Ph: M. O'Connor)

***Eucalyptus grandis* (Flooded gum)** (Family: Myrtaceae)

Following up on the differences between *Eucalyptus grandis* and *E. saligna*, Jason Salmon confirmed that a Sutherland Council member Bob Nakin did plant *Eucalyptus grandis*, a non-local species, throughout the Shire in the 1970s and 1980s.

About *Eucalyptus grandis* in Sutherland Shire:

- *E. grandis* occurs naturally from about Buladelah northwards (along the coast) into Queensland.
- Has been extensively planted in Sutherland Shire.
 - Joseph Banks Native Gardens
 - Gwawley Creek, Sylvania
 - Gunnamatta Park, South Cronulla

- Tallest tree species in NSW. (Can go and visit "The Grandis" in Myall Lakes NP - 74 m tall!



E. grandis (Flooded Gum)
(Photo: Jill McLelland)

***Caleana major* (Flying Duck Orchid)** (Family: Orchidaceae)

A herbaceous terrestrial orchid growing on the coast and tablelands of NSW and into other states. It grows to about 30 cm tall. The flower parts are modified and arranged in a manner to resemble a flying duck. The colours are striking, with dark red, lighter reds and greens.



Caleana major (Flying Duck Orchid)
(Photo: Lisa Godden)

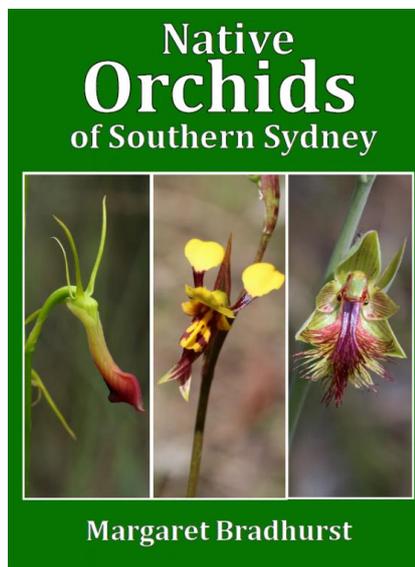
It was photographed in bushland for the September meeting. Anyone wishing to grow any of our bushland orchids should check with licenced growers and see which species can be purchased.



Calochilus robertsonii (Purple bearded orchid)
(Photo: L. Godden)

Learn More About Orchids

Member Margaret Bradhurst's book *Native Orchids of Southern Sydney* is the handbook to identify our local orchids with great photos, clear descriptions and sensible layout. There are still copies available and it would make a great Christmas gift for someone who has discovered our local bush this year. Buy it online at the Friends of Royal website [here](#).



More information can be found at these websites:

- www.anspa.org.au
- www.anbg.gov.au
- plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au
- www.wikipedia.org
- www.austplants.com.au/plant-database

Plus: Dan Clarke has all the monthly plant table information compiled in his [Plant Table Master list](#) document available from [our web site](#).

Dan Clarke

[Plant Table Masterlist](#)

News and More

Membership

If you are not receiving the monthly APS NSW newsletter from newsletter editor Rhonda Daniels, please email newsletter@austplants.com.au so we can sort out whether we have your correct email address in our records. Each monthly issue is emailed at the end of the previous month.

Membership renewal

Members receive an email from APS NSW when their membership is due through the year and can renew online on the APS website. Check your membership status with our treasurer Anne Webb at the next meeting or by phone.

[APS NSW YouTube channel](#)

Liz Aitken and Ralph Cartwright have, over the past few months, re-vamped the [APS NSW YouTube channel](#). Many of the old videos were of dubious quality and relevance and have been deleted.

All videos now have the same look, with colour-coded thumbnail images so visitors to the site can more easily find content that they are interested in. These are called playlists.

The videos have all be moved to a new channel, which will shortly be branded as APS NSW, just need another 5 people to subscribe to our channel.

Subscribing means that when new content is added, you will be notified. Having a branded channel will make it appear further up the list of possible channels to view when people are searching for something on Google or YouTube.

Each video has a description of the content and links back to the APS website and sometimes to the group Facebook page.

We are slowly going through older videos to try and improve the sound quality by either adding a new more professional voiceover, or new royalty-free background music that is not copyright protected.

Some of the videos will be shown over Zoom so Sutherland group members can see how it all works.

Shown here is a sample of the thumbnail artwork, this one links to the promotional video for the 2022 conference in Kiama.

Ralph Cartwright



Committee update

The COVID-related uncertainty in the the second half of the year meant we only had a Committee meeting on 22 September. We discussed APS NSW initiatives including strategic plan, the Neutrog offer and updating membership processes and lists. We agreed to renew our membership of Friends of Royal for 3 years. Congratulations to member Basil Ellis who is the new president of Friends. We are not participating in the Cook Community Classic fundraising raffle this year. Several activities and projects will be discussed in more detail when 'living with COVID' is clearer and life returns closer to normal.

Sign up NOW to buy discounted products from Neutrog

As introduced in the September newsletter, APS NSW has arranged a great offer with Neutrog, producers of Bush Tucker and other great products for the garden. Members can buy generously discounted products from across the Neutrog range on their online store, with delivery four times a year to one address per APS group. Members need to opt-in.

I have already sent almost 20 names to Neutrog and Sutherland members have had their first chance to buy products, with delivery in late October.



If you wish to participate in the next opportunity

1. Opt-in. Please send an email to rhaniels@bigpond.com with the word **Neutrog** in the subject line. We will then pass your email address to Neutrog.
2. Set up. Neutrog will send you an email about how to set up an online account on their store to access the special APS NSW prices not available to the public.
3. Order. Neutrog will then advise you when the next seasonal buying window is open. It is expected this will be in mid October for 6 weeks, with delivery in early December.
4. Collect. John Aitken at Bonnet Bay will be the delivery point for Sutherland Group but John would like people to collect orders within 2 days of the delivery to his place.

The offer is arranged like this because Neutrog delivers the products ordered to one address per group. Members then collect their order from that address. There is no minimum order for an individual or for the group so you can buy products in small quantities first to try them. Members also get a generous discount on their first order.

Rhonda Daniels

Taking a role in 2022 to keep our group going

Sutherland Group is fortunate to have a strong committee and most current members are happy to continue in their roles in 2022. However, we do need people to share the load and keep the group running. If everyone takes on a small role, we cover everything. I will not be continuing as Secretary in 2022. Here are some roles we need to fill for 2022:

- Writing up our speaker talks for the newsletter. This definitely does not have to be a verbatim account, just some key points to share with those who couldn't attend. The speaker's ppts are often available as a guide.
- Being the email contact for Sutherland Group and answering and/or disseminating emails to the rest of the committee or the right person.
- Taking minutes at our Committee meetings, focusing on actions. This is straightforward as we have a detailed agenda. We usually have four Committee meetings a year.
- Coordinating supper at our meetings. Our supper treasure Jan Taylor will still be there, but we need someone to be responsible to maintain our supplies, set up, tidy away and keep COVID-safe.
- Being the Sutherland Group representative on the APS NSW board. The board meets 6–7 times a year, by Zoom. It's a great way to find out how APS works and get some NFP governance experience too.

If you are interested in one of these roles and being a committee member for 2022 and want to find out more, please let Rhonda know at rhaniels@bigpond.com.

Rhonda Daniels

[Now we have Blue Kangaroo paws](#)

<https://www.bgpa.wa.gov.au/about-us/information/news/2887-blue-kangaroo-paw?fbclid=IwAR3L7GGiuI1ZvD6v67rQANhfsB3ALfQS9P2hh4nB7HeXSCXDyEGyD2g>



Photo: BGPA.wa.gov.au

From the King's Park web site:

Ground-breaking plant hybridisation research at the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority has produced a blue kangaroo paw (*Anigozanthos*) for commercial release in early 2022.

The 'Masquerade' kangaroo paw, the only blue variant in existence world-wide, is the result of nearly a decade of development by BGPA plant breeders.

True blue flowers are rare in native plants and the commercial development of the 'Masquerade' kangaroo paw required controlled cross-pollination between green and red-and-green varieties over many years.

Follow the [link](#) for the full story.

Get your APS NSW membership card – hard copy or digital

Members will no longer receive a printed APS NSW membership card when they renew. If you would like a membership card to access discounts at nurseries (see the list on our website [here](#)), you can print your own card OR download the card to your mobile phone. The details were in the October enewsletter.

In summary, Go to the APS NSW website, and login to your profile using your email address. Under the image of the membership card (click on your name to go to the profile) are the 2 options for hard copy or mobile page. Choose one or both! An example screen is shown below.

Membership details

Membership card



Image optimized for smartphones

Printable PDF

Alternatively, if you add the Wild Apricot app to your phone you can see the card image under the MY CARD button.

[Catch up on APS events - at our youtube channel or at the APS NSW web site](#)

Watch archived zoom meetings at [our YouTube channel](#). For example, watch any of last year's meetings including [Plant Tables](#) with Dan Clarke.

Be sure to make use of the recently organised [Playlists](#).

From North Shore group: [Growing/Greening our Bushland Shire](#) (Hornsby Council) and other groups have posted some recorded Zoom meetings

You can also refer to the [APS NSW newsletters and journals](#) archive



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