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Welcome to the November newsletter



Native Plants for NSW – November 2020

The monthly newsletter of the Australian Plants Society NSW



Developing fruit of *Ricinocarpus pinifolius*, known as wedding bush for its white flowers (photo: Ralph Cartwright)

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Welcome to the newsletter

In the final issue for the year I'd like to feature what you've discovered in our unexpected year. Send me a photo or a paragraph about a new walk, garden, book, website or iso-project to share.

Our newsletter is emailed to members at the end of the month. Each issue is also saved as a pdf file [here](#). Stories, photos, events and feedback are welcome. Please email the editor Rhonda Daniels at newsletter@austplants.com.au

From the President John Aitken

Sadly, due to COVID-19, we have decided to postpone the 2021 ANPSA Biennial Conference to 11–16 September 2022 to ensure the safety of all attendees.

The Board is currently developing a strategic plan to cater for the needs of our members. We are investigating the creation of interest groups to attract members. The first interest group will focus on the four Rs: regeneration, revegetation, restoration and resilience.

To learn how degraded farmland can be restored to its former beauty, please join Andrew Knop at our Zoom gathering at 3 pm on Saturday 14 November. Details below.



Quarterly gathering by Zoom – Saturday 14 November

Regenerating in western NSW by Andrew Knop

Andrew Knop (photo below) will share his and his wife Jennifer's experiences on regenerating their two properties in western NSW. When Andrew and Jennifer purchased their properties, they were degraded due to livestock grazing and feral animals. After two decades of very fulfilling work they have transformed both properties, with original woodland plants regenerating and wildlife returning.

To recreate the original vegetation that existed before farming they relied on the records of the early explorers on the types of vegetation they saw in their travels in the area. Their vision is to leave a positive ecological and carbon footprint legacy. They have learned a great deal over the years and want to share the experiences with other APS NSW members at the gathering. We are planning a weekend in September 2021 to visit their property and others in the area.

3 pm start. Zoom details [here](#).

Read more about Andrew and Jennifer's vision and achievements [here](#).



Talks by Zoom – live or catch up on YouTube

Check our events page [here](#) for Zoom links and join in a talk at another group, all from the comfort of home.

Wednesday 4 November, Newcastle Group
Banksias – propagation and cultivation of eastern species by Karlo Taliana
7.30 pm start. Click [here](#) for the Zoom link.

Wednesday 11 November, Menai Group

Hakeas - what's happening? by Peter Olde
6.45 pm for 7 pm start. Email mwfeditor@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

Friday 13 November, North Shore Group

Plants and animals of the Snowy Mountains that are under threat – from a geographer's perspective by Jackie Wilson
7.45 pm for 8 pm start. Email paulandsuefreddo@bigpond.com for the Zoom link.

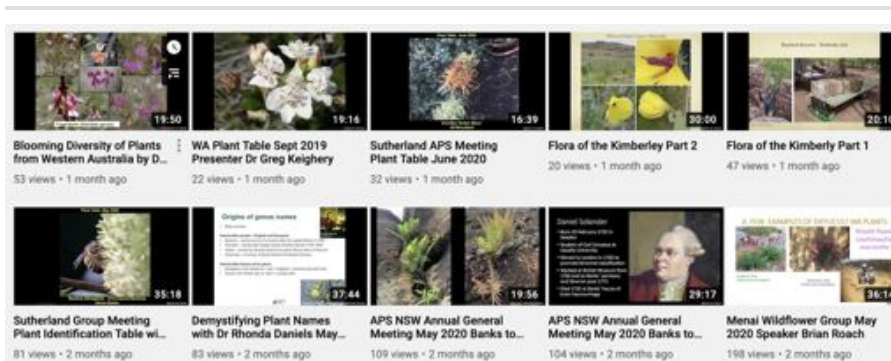
Wednesday 18 November, Sutherland Group

From sticky leaves to suction bladders: carnivorous bladderworts reveal secrets of their evolution by Dr Richard Jobson, Royal Botanic Garden
7.15 pm for 7.30 pm start. Click [here](#) for the Zoom link.

Catch up on YouTube

Watch recent talks by Zoom on our YouTube channel [here](#). There's an expanding collection including:

- Growing isopogons and petrophiles by Catriona Bate and Phil Trickett at the September quarterly gathering, [here](#)
- Celebrating 50 years of Joseph Banks Native Plants Reserve by Rhonda Daniels at Sutherland Group in September, [here](#)
- Looking for bees by Michael Batley at North Shore Group in August, [here](#)
- Edible native plants by Narelle Happ at Menai Group in August, [here](#)
- Plants in flower at Sutherland Group by Dan Clarke in August [here](#) and in September [here](#).



Walks at Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden

Enjoy these Monday walks with North Shore Group:

- Monday 2 November – Grasses (family Poaceae)
- Monday 9 November – Leptospermum and Callistemon (family Myrtaceae)

These are walk only sessions (no lecture), 10 am to 12 noon. Walks are easy to medium. It is essential to book your place by the Saturday before the Monday walk with Wendy Grimm on 0419 323 035 or wagrimm@tpg.com.au. Limited numbers and social distancing apply. Please wear a hat and suitable footwear and bring water. Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden, 420 Mona Vale Road, St Ives.



Exploring Wategora Reserve, South Granville

In August 2020, APS Parra Hills members and visitors walked the Duck River track through Wategora Reserve at South Granville. There were several stands of very healthy plants of *Acacia pubescens* (Downy Wattle), a plant which is listed as vulnerable but which flourishes in the reserve, all flowering beautifully.

Read more [here](#) by Jennifer Farrer.

Photo below: *Acacia pubescens*



Become a native flower grower – business opportunity

An established wildflower farm near Kempsey on the mid north coast of NSW producing cut flowers for the domestic and Japanese markets is seeking an enthusiastic native flower fanatic to take over the farm.

Harry Kibbler has been growing wildflowers for the last 16 years but is looking to sell or lease the business to an enthusiastic younger person. This could be an opportunity for a younger person to get into the business without the high financial requirement of establishing a flower farm and then waiting years for the plants to produce a financial return from the sale of the flowers.

Read more [here](#).



Growing indigenous plants: answers from our experts

Many people who grow Australian plants also want to select those that are indigenous – that is, those that naturally grow in their local area. Here are answers to two recent questions on indigenous plants, summarised by Glenda Browne.

Read the article [here](#).

Buy the new edition of *Banksias*

The new edition of *Banksias* by Kevin Collins, Kathy Collins and Alex George is a magnificent book and worthy of a place on your bookshelf or coffee table. We have hard cover copies available for \$55 + \$12 p&h, a saving of \$14.95 on the RRP. It would make an ideal Christmas present so be quick to avoid the Christmas postal rush.

For more information and to buy the book, visit our webstore [here](#).

Banksias



Kevin Collins, Kathy Collins & Alex George
- SECOND EDITION -

Spring 2020 issue of *Australian Plants* on eremophilas

The Spring 2020 issue of *Australian Plants* was mailed to members and subscribers in October. It is a theme issue on the *Eremophila* genus, produced by the Eremophila Study Group led by Lyndal Thorburn.

Read more [here](#).



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Study Group updates

Explore our wide range of [Study Groups](#) and their newsletter archives. Read how to join a group for free [here](#). Study Group liaison officer Nicole Maher has the highlights from recent newsletters.

Australian Pea Study Group Newsletter 1, September 2020

The study group previously known as the Fabaceae Study Group has been reignited, with the name changed to accentuate the focus on only those legumes that have pea-flowered plants, rather than the entire legume family. There are around 160 genera and over 2,000 species of plants with pea-shaped flowers in Australia. *Plants of South Eastern NSW*, an interactive key which can be used on a computer or as a free app on a smartphone, is featured. It has over 230 fact sheets for pea flowers. Future newsletters will each feature a genus, with the choice based on input from members.

Photo below: *Daviesia ulicifolia* at Wategora Reserve by Jennifer Farrer

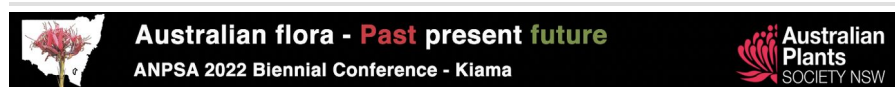


Hakea Study Group Newsletter 74, October 2020

Paul Kennedy writes that some benefits of the lockdown period are that his garden is much more maintained than it would normally have been, and the hot house has a lot more seedlings growing! The Hakea Study Group Facebook page has also seen a lot of activity, with photos such as spectacular images of *Hakea grammatophylla* and *H. francisiana* arousing considerable interest and encouraging members to try these and other species of *Hakea*. Tony Hughes shares an update on his trials with propagating hakeas by cuttings, with *H. linearis* and *H. bicornata* growing well from cuttings. Phil Trickett has grafted a number of hakeas onto *Grevillea robusta* rootstock successfully, allowing the hakeas to benefit from the grevillea's hardiness to the climatic elements and soil types. Neil and Wendy Marriott note that they have been able to grow 120 species of *Hakea* at their property in Stawell, with frost-sensitive species planted up against north-facing boulders which radiate some heat at night.

Grevillea Study Group Newsletter 117, October 2020

Peter Olde reflects on the incredible lives of Mary and Basil Smith, iconic collectors who travelled widely from the 1970s until their deaths in 2012, submitting often the first and only collection of some species to the WA Herbarium. Peter shares his posthumous gratitude to the Smiths for helping to inspire him to a post-career life of plant collection and discovery. James Indsto discusses his remarkable successes with grafting grevilleas on to *G. robusta* stocks, using a variation of the 'shield budding' technique he learnt from working with roses and citrus. Jeremy Tscharke has made productive use of his time in isolation in Victoria, sorting and cataloguing the seed bank. He notes that most field collected seed is old and appears to have low viability, while newer seed is garden collected, so purity cannot be taken for granted – but may reveal some amazing hybrids!



Biennial conference postponed from 2021 to 2022

The organising committee has made the difficult decision to postpone the September 2021 Biennial Conference to September 2022. While heartened by the reductions in transmission of COVID-19 around Australia, planning for the conference has continued to be difficult for several reasons:

- Our members tend to be from the 'higher risk' category.
- There is uncertainty about travel given changing restrictions, particularly from other states and internationally, and when and how a vaccine might be available.
- The changing social distancing requirements at the conference and on buses, have flow-on impacts to tours, excursions and of course costs.
- We believe that a digital conference is not a good alternative given the importance of social interaction and exploring the region's flora at these conferences.

Our decision to postpone has been made in consultation with the Executive of the Australian Native Plants Society (Australia) and the Coordinator of the 2023 Biennial Conference.

The new dates are: Sunday 11 September to Friday 16 September 2022. We would like to thank our sponsors and partners for their ongoing support. We are keen to host you all in Kiama and showcase the beautiful Illawarra area and beyond and hope you will join us in 2022.

Kind regards, Biennial Conference Committee

On the APS NSW website

Our [website](#) has our membership benefits, [how to join](#), District Group details, and resources including our Plant Profile database. Members get a membership renewal email and can also renew online [here](#). The form in *Australian Plants* is for the journal only.

Check our new plant profiles including:

- [Doryanthes excelsa](#) (Gynea lily) and [Doryanthes palmeri](#) (Spear lily)
- [Aegiceras corniculatum](#) (river mangrove)
- [Acacia verniciflua](#) (varnish wattle), one of the 60 acacias profiled

Photo finish



Lambertia formosa (photo: Joan Collins)

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