



## APS HARBOUR GEORGES RIVER NEWSLETTER - March 2022

### NEXT HARBOUR GEORGES RIVER EVENT:

**Outdoor Event – Picnic & Walk**  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 12:30 pm**  
**South Maroubra Dunes Picnic**  
With a chance to socialise over lunch  
And a guided walk & talk on dune bushcare  
Plus an optional Malabar Headland walk

Please RSVP to Liz on [elsmere02@gmail.com](mailto:elsmere02@gmail.com) in case of cancellation.

**VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

Welcome to the March 2022 edition of the APS Harbour Georges River Group Newsletter.

This is a bumper edition as we have a report on our March meeting, plus details of the backyard propagation system that Jan has built. We also have introductions to 2 of our hard-working committee members and some other groups' events coming up. There is a short report on the Quarterly gathering at Menai and a new section – Random Jottings – snippets of interest from the web. I would love your feedback on this idea.

There are more details of our next meeting. Read on.

Dorothy Luther, Editor

*In the spirit of reconciliation, the APS Harbour Georges River group acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.*

<https://www.austplants.com.au/Harbour-Georges-River>

## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

I hope you are all well and taking care of yourselves.

The gardens are all still waterlogged, the weeds thriving & the mealie bugs etc. on plants. By pruning, reducing the growth & increasing the air flow I am hoping to get on top of the problem.

It was unfortunate that we were unable to have our garden visits last month. Thanks to Dorothy who pulled together a Zoom meeting and all who added to its success.

We attended the last meeting of Sutherland group on Zoom. The guest speaker talked about the importance of tree hollows and how long they take to develop. It's worth looking for it on the APS YouTube website. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rVQJ7Xc3xW0>

Our next meeting will be a new adventure organised by Boyd Webster in the South Maroubra area. Details in the newsletter.

Those going to the Sydney RAS this year will find the Native plants display & competition in the garden pavilion at the front of the Arts & Craft section Benching days are Easter Saturday and Sunday this year. I participate with the Sutherland group & have done for many years.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 6<sup>th</sup> April

Warmest regards to all,

Marie O'Connor.

President Harbour Georges River Group APS NSW.

Photos from the O'Connor's garden, taken by Marie:



*1 dried rice flowers from 2 seasons ago*



*2 Weeping river red gum over the pond*

## NEXT MEETING

### South Maroubra Dunes Picnic on 6th April

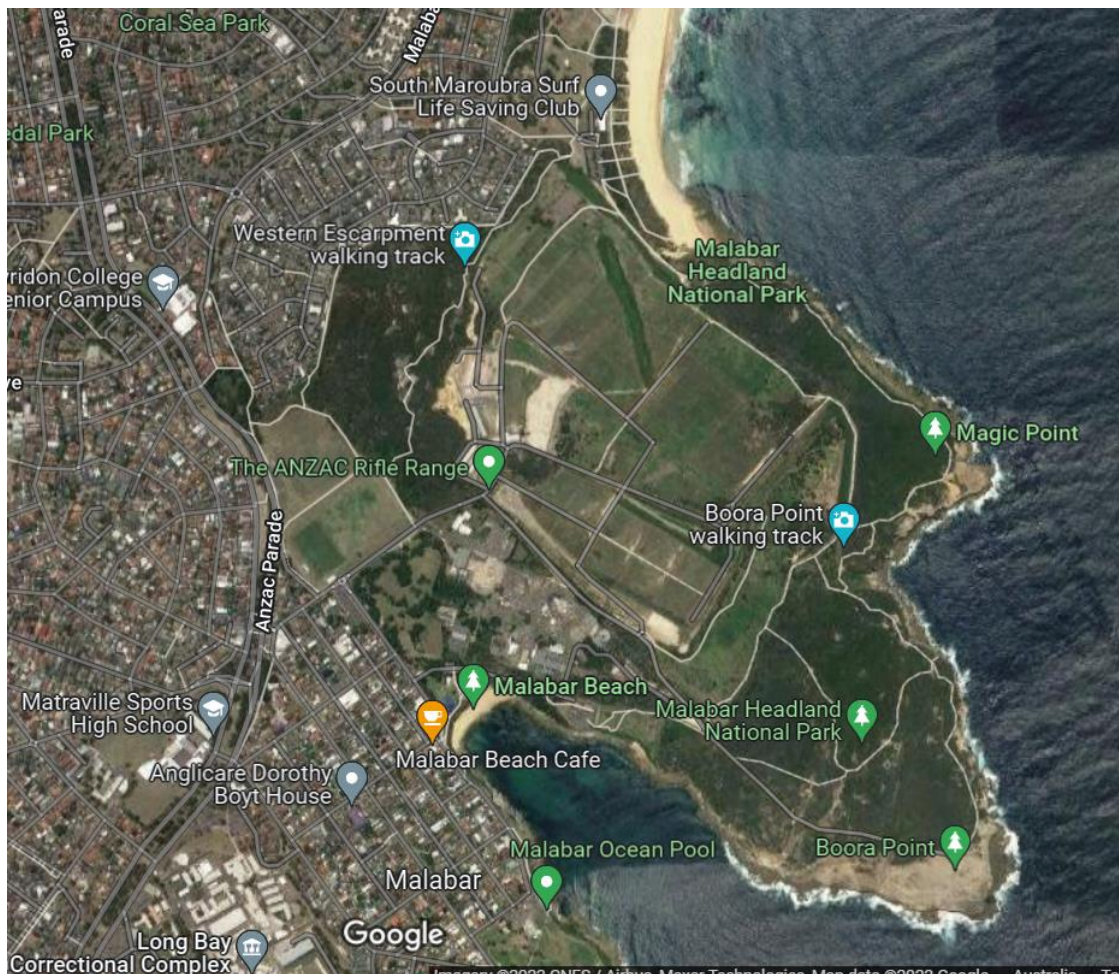
Boyd, our man in Maroubra, has organised a great afternoon for us to enjoy the coastal end of our patch. It has to be on a weekday, because the Malabar rifle ranges are in operation on Saturdays. There are actually 4 separate ranges for 4 different clubs, so all that open space you can see in the map is not playing fields. Not sure if they all blast away at the same time.

Emily, a bushcare officer from Randwick Council, will do a show and tell of the bushcare on the sand dunes. She is available on Wednesday afternoons to do this. So the program is:

- 12.30 pm - Meet at Picnic tables adjacent to South Maroubra Surf Club for lunch.
- 1.15 pm - Dune area walk with Emily to view bushcare work.
- 2 pm - Active walkers can undertake one of the Malabar Headland walks, through the National Park. Boyd & others will be available to point out interesting plant species on the way.
- Or admire the view and a gentle stroll along the shorter tracks.

Public Toilets are available at the South Maroubra Surf Club.

Closest Coffee and refreshments would be 700 metres away near the main Maroubra Surf Club – so BYO is a good idea.



## Contingency Plan

Since La Nina is hanging about still, we need a plan in the event of heavy rain. Please advise Liz by email on [elsmere02@gmail.com](mailto:elsmere02@gmail.com) if you are intending to come to the event so we can let you know if there is a change of plans.

## MARCH MEETING – OUR GARDENS

The weather was unpleasant, so we had to invoke the Contingency Plan, instead of our garden visits. The team worked together quickly & we put together a Zoom session featuring a virtual tour of Marie & Des O'Connor's garden with some of the plants we should have seen. Since most of the meeting was about the plant table, I've put it in sections by presenter, rather than in the usual format at the end. There are more photos further down. The list was compiled by Jan Douglas, with plant notes (for species listed in **bold**) compiled by Boyd Webster.

### The O'Connor's Garden

The O'Connor's garden features 2 small ponds and a rainforest area sloping down to the river. The front garden has a number of beautiful show shrubs including Marie's pride & joy – a fine Grevillea 'Kimberley Gold'. Marie also presented some images of her propagating successes with swamp orchids, propagated from the flower spikes.

Some of plants shown:

<i>Acacia baileyana</i>	Cootamundra Wattle
<i>Actinotus forsythii</i>	Pink Flannel Flower
<i>Alocasia brisbanensis</i>	Cunjevoi
<i>Asplenium australasicum</i>	Birds nest Fern
<i>Banksia</i> sp., possibly 'Birthday Candles'	
<i>Callistemon</i> sp.	Bottlebrush
<i>Corymbia ficifolia</i>	(Specimen showed gumnuts of dwarf orange-flowered form)
<i>Dendrobium</i> sp.	Rock Orchid
<i>Dendrobium speciosum</i>	Sydney Rock Orchid
<i>Doryanthes excelsa</i>	Gynea Lily
<i>Elaeocarpus reticulatus</i>	Blueberry Ash
<b><i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> 'Blue Veil'</b>	<b>River Red Gum (grafted, trailing form)</b>
Grevillea 'Kimberley Gold'	
<i>Hoya australis</i>	Native Hoya
<b><i>Ozothamnus diosmifolius</i></b>	<b>Rice Flower</b>
<i>Phaius australis</i>	Swamp Orchid (flower spikes of two colour forms)
<i>Rhododendron lochiaie</i>	Native rhododendron
<i>Xanthorrhoea</i> sp.	Grass Tree

***Eucalyptus camaldulensis*** 'Blue Veil' (Red River Gum)

This cultivar of the Red River Gum in the form of a ground cover can be grafted and trained up a stake to appear as a small weeping tree (as in the garden photo shown). It is also used by garden designers in espalier or weeping forms over walls or frames.

***Ozothamnus diosmifolius*** Rice Flower

These are popular as dried flowers, being commercially exported to Japan. To dry them, the flowers must be harvested when they have just opened. Then store them upright in a vase to dry. Some from 2 seasons ago are still looking like new, although paler than the fresh ones. [notes by Dorothy]

**from Dave Crawford**

Dave showed a display of Heath myrtle he spotted in the garden of the Revesby shopping centre, outside BWS. They are growing in clay with little shade & morning sun and are thriving. There were also 4 shots of the flower head of a *Banksia robur* at varying stages of development, from the 'country estate'.

<b><i>Banksia robur</i></b>	<b>Swamp Banksia</b>
<i>Sannantha pluriflora</i> (syn. <i>Babingtonia virgata</i> , <i>Baeckea virgata</i> )	Heath Myrtle – dwarf form, slow growing

***Banksia robur*** (Swamp Banksia)

This shrub, sprouting from strong lignotubers, occurs naturally in the peaty sand and swampy areas of sedge heathland along Queensland and NSW coasts. It can grow in a range of soil types, although the large broad leaves may get sun-scorched in hot dry exposed plots. The young flower heads have a greenish hue, turning yellow as they mature. The photo shows reddish coloured new foliage emerging near the base of an old 'cone'.

photo by Dave Crawford



**from Jan Douglas**

Jan presented some plants from a walk at Audley in Royal National Park, including a view of the Hacking River with *Angophora costata*.

<i>Angophora costa</i>	Sydney Red Gum
<i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i>	Bangalow Palm
<i>Brachyscome angustifolia</i> 'Fresco Purple'	
<i>Epacris longiflora</i>	Native Fuchsia
<i>Livistona australis</i>	Cabbage Tree Palm
<i>Spiranthes australis</i>	Ladies Tresses
<i>Thysanotus sp.</i>	Fringe Lily

## from Chris King

These are from the bio filtration garden in Chris' block of units next to the light rail line. The shrubs have been damaged by the recent heavy rains, but the reeds are doing well.

<i>Carex appressa</i>	Tall Sedge
<b><i>Ficinia nodosa</i> (syn. <i>Isolepis nodosa</i>)</b>	<b>Knobby Club-rush</b>
<i>Juncus usitatus</i>	Common Rush
<i>Kunzea ambigua</i>	Tick Bush
<i>Westringia fruticosa</i>	Coastal Rosemary

***Ficinia nodosa* (syn. *Isolepis nodosa*)** (Knobby club-rush)

The name change from *Isolepis* to *Ficinia* occurred in 2000 when DNA studies of the rhizome showed closeness to African *Ficinia* species. *F. nodosa* occurs naturally in coastal sand and beside lakes in southern Australian states, New Zealand and South Africa. A perennial, the 15-100 cm high spikelets bearing the reddish-brown florets develop in summer. The seed head usually persists. The sedge can grow in a variety of soils. Its survival in salty marshes has led to mass plantings being used in constructed wetlands for their bio-filtration property of removing heavy metals, nitrogen and phosphorus from storm water runoff.



Figure 3 *Ficinia nodosa*, photo by Jan Douglas

## from Graham & Liz

some more flowers we didn't get to see in the flesh.

<i>Grevillea</i> 'Lady O'	
<i>Grevillea x semperflorens</i>	With a blue grey butterfly feeding
<i>Scaevola</i> sp. (ID by Graham as <i>Scaevola australis</i> Trial bay)	Fan Flower

Graham also talked about the visits from Yellow-tailed Black-cockatoos which love his *Banksia ericifolia*, but spurn the *Banksia serrata*. Jan & Dave report that their YTBCs love their *B.serrata*. It was speculated that perhaps Graham's don't get much attention from pollinators so the flower cones have no seed.

## Backyard Propagation Kits

### My Cutting Frame by Jan Douglas

During the HGR March 2022 (Zoom) meeting, there was some discussion of mini-greenhouses and other ways to look after cuttings and seedlings. I tried to describe the cutting frame I use for propagation of plants by cuttings. It's based on a mini-hothouse

constructed by Sophie Thompson on the Gardening Australia television program. Here's the link: <https://www.abc.net.au/gardening/factsheets/a-simple-hothouse/9435828>

The cutting frame is a modified plastic storage box. Four holes are drilled in the lid for ventilation, and one hole is drilled in the side of the box, about 3cm above the base. A layer of coarse river sand is placed inside.

Want to give it a try?

1. Find your box! It needs to be tall enough for your cuttings in their pots not to touch the lid. I think a good height is at least 27cm. (The box in these illustrations is not as tall as I like.) The storage container should be clear plastic, to let in the light. It should be reasonably sturdy, but not too big, as it gets quite heavy once set up. Discount stores like The Reject Shop and Silly Willys have these boxes – you can also find them at hardware stores and some supermarkets.
2. Use a marker pen to mark four holes in the lid and one in the side of the box, as illustrated. The hole in the side of the box (the drainage hole) should be about 3cm above the base. Choose a drill to give you holes of about 8mm diameter. To avoid cracking the plastic, put a piece of waste timber under the plastic while you drill slowly.



3. Put a fairly even 3cm layer of coarse river sand in the box and water the sand so that it is saturated, but there is no free water. (Tip out any excess through the drainage hole.) The top of the sand should be just above the bottom of the hole in the side of the box. That stops the box from filling up with water, but keeps the sand damp – as long as you



water the box occasionally. Sophie included a watering system in her mini greenhouse. I

tried this for a while, but found it wasn't necessary – and it takes up room that could be occupied by cuttings!

4. Put your pots of cuttings in the cutting frame, making sure that the bases of the pots are embedded in the sand. Spray the cuttings with water, put the lid on the box, and put the box somewhere that is very well lit, but not in direct sunlight – you don't want to cook your cuttings!

A few other points:

- If you are moving your cutting frame, be sure to carry it from underneath, not by the edges of the box. The load of wet sand and plants may be enough to break the box otherwise.
- Even better than the lid of the storage container is a glass sheet (as long as it doesn't have sharp corners or edges). I use a second-hand glass cutting board from an op shop. My cutting board has little feet that give a narrow space between the glass and the top of the box. You could add little bump stops or similar spacers. I have a few theories about why the glass lid gives better results than the plastic lid, but no definite answers.
- Most of the water for the cuttings is provided by the water in the sand, but I do also spray the cuttings occasionally. In mild weather I have been able to leave the cuttings unattended for more than two weeks.
- In my experience, this system is very good for propagation of cuttings, but not for propagation of seed. It may work better for seed if the lid is left off.



**Next month we'll feature advice on making cuttings to grow in your new kit.**

### **Eucalypts vs Native Rainforest Trees**

We had a brief discussion about the relative merits of eucalypts and native rainforest trees in providing shade and cooling. Dorothy had found an article pointing out that Australia has very poor shade and cooling properties as we only have 17% forest cover and 80% of that is eucalypts, which provide very poor shade. The author of the article had done some testing on a 43 degree day and found that under a native rainforest tree the temperature was 22 degrees cooler whereas under a eucalypt the temperature was only 10 degrees cooler.

Also, rainforest trees provide better fire resistance as they hold a lot of moisture in their leaves. They don't regenerate if burnt though.

The group agreed that a rainforest tree could be very useful in a garden or as an occasional plant on a farm. However in large patches, rainforest trees create a closed canopy which stops the understory from growing and therefore limits the habitat for fauna such as bettongs. Also it has been found that on the border between rainforest and eucalypts, during a good season the rainforest will spread out and tends to take over the whole area. In general the idea of replacing eucalypts with rainforest trees was seen as being poor practice. It was a very interesting and informative discussion.



### Royal Easter Show

Marie always works with Leonie Hogue from Sutherland to create wonderful entries for the Floral competitions, native plants sections of course. They usually do very well. This is a call out for flower donations for the exhibition.

Benching day is Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April (that is when the exhibition opens & is judged).

Flowers are needed at Marie's place on the afternoon of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> or Friday morning 15<sup>th</sup> before 8 am.

Please contact Marie on 0421 725 016 to discuss what you can contribute.

### Member Introductions

#### Marie & Des O'Connor

Des & I have been members of APS Sutherland for about 30 years & HGR roughly 5 years.



*4 Marie with some of her prize winning exhibits at the Royal Easter Show*

When we bought our house in 1976 it had a delightful cottage garden that needed more time than we were able to give to maintain it. Upon retiring in 1999 Des began the process of developing our garden to one that was both Native and bird attracting, plus ponds with water falls & native fish (Pacific blue eyes.) We finally finished reconstruction in 2020, building the side passage as a 50<sup>th</sup> wedding present to ourselves.

My main interest in the garden are the flowers and foliage that I can use to bring their beauty, fragrance and joy into our home. The garden is a great source of relaxation, pottering about picking flowers and foliage then arranging them to place about the house. The delight & pleasure continues to maintain a calm atmosphere in the home.

Des has the pleasure of watching the birds in our garden, particularly in the tree hollow of our 8 metre Blackbutt stump at the bottom of the



garden. The bird bath outside our kitchen window is a delight & pleasure to watch birds, bees & insects using it as they splash about or drink in the scorching heat over the past summers.

### **Being the President.**

Upon accepting the position of President of HGR in 2021, I have developed a new understanding of being on a committee - the importance of working as a group, each adding their skills to achieve the success of the whole. Growing up in a family of 10 was a great preparation as I have been accustomed to working as a team, not alone or thinking I can do everything. I could not be a successful president without the support of the committee & the group. With everyone using their skills, we have a successful happy group. Thank you all for the support you give me for I sincerely could not hold this position without it.

### **Liz Cameron**

I joined the Australian Plants Society because my husband Graham was a member and had a strong interest in growing Australian natives. My interest stems from a training in botany and zoology – I can recognise quite a lot of native plants and remember their names, but I'm not a gardener. I like weeding and do Bushcare in a number of sites in our LGA.



*5 Liz weeding madeira vine in Poulton Park as part of our Georges River Council Bushcare program*

I have learnt much about Australian plants from attending meetings of our group and other APS groups, and I enjoy the company of these enthusiastic gardeners. I felt I should contribute more to our group and agreed to join the East Hills Group committee. I have been secretary of the group for three years. One of my chief duties is to record the minutes of general, annual general, and committee meetings of our group.

For the first eighteen months, meetings were held monthly at Lugarno-Peakhurst Uniting Church and I was one of a team setting up the venue for the meeting – putting out seats, selling raffle tickets, handing out name tags, serving supper etc. These jobs were shared with others in our group. When meetings in person were disrupted by Covid restrictions and precautions, I focused more on keeping in touch with members as I think this is an important and ongoing role for the secretary.

Our current program involves gatherings at different locations and I am working out how to contribute effectively to their organisation. As APS evolves, I see the need for the secretary to be more tech savvy, become familiar with the great range of resources on our website, and contribute to expanding HGR's participation in the state body. I encourage younger members of Harbour Georges River to consider becoming more involved in the day-to-day running of our group with the prospect of taking over, and expanding the role of Secretary.

## May Meeting

Our May meeting is the ceremonial planting day at **Sylvan Grove** to celebrate the lives of former APS members Kyrill Taylor, Graham and Margaret Walters and Hugh Stacey. The date is **Wednesday 4th May with the event starting at 10:30am**. We will be inviting all APS members as well as family and friends. We will provide the plants.

Some members will go to Sylvan Grove on Thursday 28th April around 10am to dig the holes for the plants.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

There is a lot happening in our patch, with community groups and local councils being active in promoting native plants. My plan is to feature a local group or event each month. I welcome contributions - stories about your other favourite groups.

### Bankstown Bushland Society Talk

Topic – "**The Flora & Wildlife of Cumberland Plain Grassy Meadows - Sydney's forgotten ecosystem**" – a talk by Peter Ridgeway, hosted by Bankstown Bushland Society (BBS) on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7 pm**, at *Gardens on Forest*, 764 Forest Road, Peakhurst.

Harbour Georges River members and any other interested people are invited; no charge, but to ensure adequate seating, please **RSVP by 17th April** to BBS President, Ashlie Stevenson on 0401 298 523 or email: [ashliestevo@gmail.com](mailto:ashliestevo@gmail.com)

NB no parking on site; parking is legal on Forest Rd at that time of night, also near the rear entrance between 21 and 23 Prospect Rd, Peakhurst. Parking is safer there and entry is by the black gate. BBS members will be at the gates to direct visitors to the meeting venue.



### Georges River Council Verge Gardens

Announcement from Georges River Council, for all residents.

We've officially launched our Verge Garden Program! Residents and local businesses can now plant on suitable "nature strips" near them, after 3 simple steps:

🌱 Check our simple guidelines to determine if your verge area is capable of hosting a garden.

🌱 Register it.

🌱 Start gardening!

For our Verge Garden Program one stop shop, visit: <https://fal.cn/3mA9T>

## APS NSW Quarterly Gathering at Menai.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

### Plant Sale

HGR had a plant table to sell the plants we couldn't sell at the March meeting. Graham Fry's report:

We sold \$115 of plants in March - mostly to our members but also to attendees at Menai for the regional meeting. I currently still have a stock of plants which are in urgent need of planting and so I will sell them at a bargain rate of \$4 each. The plants that are left are:

*Indigofera australis* (Native Indigo) - 3

*Eremophila macekinlayii* (Desert Pride) - 3

*Plectranthus parviflorus* - 2

*Thelychiton kingianus* (Pink Rock Orchid) - 2

*Grevillea mucronulata* (Green Spider Flower) - 1

*Callistemon* sp - 2

Let me know if you would like one or more of the plants and we can make arrangements for transferring them, possibly during the outing at Maroubra on the 6th April. I can be contacted on 9580 6621 or by email at [fryg45@gmail.com](mailto:fryg45@gmail.com)

### Presentations

Chris Gambian from the Nature Conservation Council talked about how we can influence the conservation of native plants. For a full report written by Lisa Gooden, our state e-newsletter editor, see the AustPlants web site link

<https://resources.austplants.com.au/stories/how-can-aps-members-be-more-effective-in-conservation-efforts-a-talk-by-chris-gambian-ceo-of-the-nature-conservation-council-of-nsw/>

**Lloyd Hedges** presented an overview of the 'Glossies in the Mist' project for which he is propagating large numbers of casuarinas.

This program is a community effort to provide habitat for the rare and endangered glossy black cockatoo. It was started by the local community and they are enthusiastically planting casuarinas on farms and in gardens along the mountain



ranges to provide a food supply for these beautiful birds. The project has been going for some time and continues to be supported by the community including farmers. Lloyd and his team currently have about 6000 tube stock ready for the autumn plantings - a mighty effort.

## Illawarra District Group

This is a newly formed group, led by Michael Swire. Their first event is a walk/amble in the Dharawal National Park, on Friday 1st April. Quote from Michael: "Because this is an outdoor event, there are lots of variables. But let's be positive and get out there."

They're off to a flying start.

## RANDOM JOTTINGS

These are items of general interest found on the World Wide Web. All contributions for future editions gratefully accepted.

### Fungi

What's not to love about fungi? The colours & shapes are always amazing. And this summer's hot wet weather has been perfect for them.

My favourite Facebook group, Oasis Oatley, has a fine display of the local crop. It's a private group so you may have to join to see them, but that's well worth it. They always feature beautiful photos of the local flora & fauna with informed discussion.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=10226192117572340&set=pcb.1741384912880607>

From my neighbour's rambles in local parks with her dogs, and one from my garden:

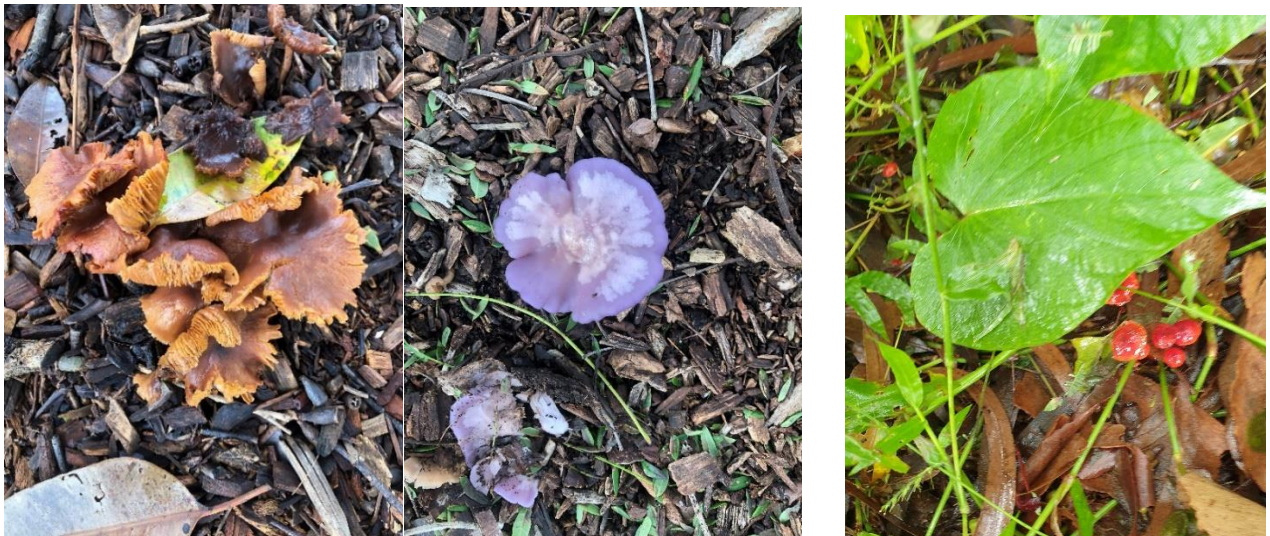


Figure 6 caramel toffee?

More pretty pictures:

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/377890252563420/?multi\\_permaLinks=1756211561397942%2C1756076074744824%2C1753212041697894%2C1753147075037724%2C1753168448368920&notif\\_id=1647481912251002&notif\\_t=group\\_activity&ref=notif](https://www.facebook.com/groups/377890252563420/?multi_permaLinks=1756211561397942%2C1756076074744824%2C1753212041697894%2C1753147075037724%2C1753168448368920&notif_id=1647481912251002&notif_t=group_activity&ref=notif)

native plants of Georges River National Park, again from Oasis Oatley.

## Citizen Science Data Capture

I came across this on Facebook too – it really is useful sometimes, if you look at the right pages. <https://questagame.com/> is a mobile phone app/ game that captures scientific data. It encourages people to go out & look & take photos, then analyses the results.

A great way to get the kids involved in nature. Its actually a competition of sorts – think Pokémon Go meets Richard Attenborough. You win points for entering photos & more for correctly identifying them. It's an Australian program too, which won the Australian Museum Eureka Prize.

Among other things, its used by <https://www.biosmart.life/> for their projects – currently fungi as that's what's going crazy at the moment. See fungi map:

<https://www.biosmart.life/ausfungiquest?fbclid=IwAR2FjXg-a4V89UOhz42gILFy-2HNu1XAdjsey3ZRMuI9HKMWqUI8IGQHFLc> Scroll down about halfway to see the latest photos.

Maybe Ruby & Tony should talk to them about capturing plant data – much more effective than Facebook & more fun as you do it on the spot & no dodgy interfaces.

## Computer Technology Classes

NSW Government Tech Savvy Seniors program continues to give Seniors across New South Wales the opportunity to develop technological skills and confidence. This helps with accessing important services, conducting personal business and connect with family and friends. More information about the Tech Savvy Seniors program can be found on the Telstra Tech Savvy Seniors website:

<https://www.telstra.com.au/tech-savvy-seniors?aid=5ac07ee19a67a679>

The services are usually offered through your local library. Check the link for Bankstown & Campsie library which have sessions:

<https://www.cbcity.nsw.gov.au/community/library-knowledge-centres/programs-events-calendar/technology-clubs>

I'm told that other libraries have sessions too.



*7 from the O'Connors rainforest garden, photos by Marie O'Connor*

## CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

### **Newsletters Received – March**

The full text of these newsletters is available from the APS website, on the District Group pages – usually under ‘Resources’.

I missed a couple from February, so they are included here.

#### Native Plants for NSW – March 2022

The monthly e-newsletter of the Australian Plants Society NSW, available at

<https://resources.austplants.com.au/newsletters-journals/monthly-enewsletter/>

Features District Group highlights of 2021, part 2; an offer of grant funding for propagation & other suitable projects.

#### Australian Plants Society, Newcastle NSW Group - Newsletter February/ March 2022

#### Australian Plants Society, Menai Wildflower Group - Newsletter March 2022

Photography challenge – a theme for each month.

#### Australian Plants Society, South East NSW Group - Newsletter February 2022

Post fire vegetation monitoring – details of the sequence of understory regrowth; A rare native, *Hibiscus richardsonii*, was discovered; The Importance of Ancient Trees

#### Australian Plants Society, South East NSW Group - Newsletter March 2022

Murramarang National Park Bioblitz - regrowth after the fires has been prolific, aided by mild weather and regular rains;

29 Apr – 1 May - Conference at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden. “Thriving Together: Resilience and Renewal in a Changing World”

#### Australian Plants Society, Sutherland NSW Group - Newsletter March 2022

Can we hide our plants from swamp wallabies?; koala population recently discovered in Heathcote National Park <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HIGX4E8h544>

#### Australian Plants Society, Northern Beaches NSW Group - Newsletter February 2022

Articles reprinted from ‘The Conversation’ and sciencealert.com.



Heath myrtle in the garden of the Revesby shopping centre, outside BWS.

Photo by Dave Crawford

## COMING EVENTS

For details of coming district group events, please see the APS NSW website at <http://austplants.com.au/calendar>

<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 12:30 pm</b>	Harbour Georges River Group meeting, <b>outdoors at Malabar</b> Meet at Picnic tables adjacent to South Maroubra Surf Club for lunch, dune bushcare inspection and bushwalks
<b>Sat, Sun 9–10 Apr</b>	<b>Collectors Plant Fair at Clarendon</b> - specialist growers, plant experts, rare and unusual treasures and indoor plants. Details and tickets at: <a href="http://www.collectorsplantfair.com.au">www.collectorsplantfair.com.au</a>
<b>Saturday, 9 April, from 5:40 pm.</b>	Regenerating Australia – Special Film Event at Bonnet Bay Football Club. See Sutherland newsletter for more info. I can't copy the link.
<b>Wednesday 20th April, 7pm</b>	Bankstown Bushland Society talk by Peter Ridgeway - "The Flora & Wildlife of Cumberland Plain Grassy Meadows - Sydney's forgotten ecosystem" at 'Gardens on Forest' at 764 Forest Rd, Peakhurst
<b>Wed, 20 Apr</b>	APS Sutherland Group meeting. 'Fossicking in North Queensland' with Meryl and Alan House.
<b>Wednesday 4th May from 10:30am</b>	Harbour Georges River Group meeting - ceremonial planting day at Sylvan Grove
<b>Saturday 21 May</b>	APS NSW Quarterly gathering and AGM hosted by Parramatta and Hills Group at Cherrybrook
<b>Sat 11th – Sun 12th June 2022</b>	Third Australian Native Bee Conference, Rosehill Gardens Racecourse, Sydney
<b>Sep 11-16</b>	<b>ANPSA Biennial Conference, Kiama</b> , with field trips during, before & after <a href="https://www.austplants.com.au/ANPSA-Biennial-Conference-2022">https://www.austplants.com.au/ANPSA-Biennial-Conference-2022</a>

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