

Annual
Report
2019



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President's report



During 2019, we continued its work to engage members, attract new members and streamline its operations.

However, from a financial perspective, overall we made a loss of \$3,658, compared with an overall profit of \$19,897 in 2018. This includes both the state office and district groups.

While the state office improved its financial position by making a profit of \$3,728 compared with a loss of \$3,609 in 2018, the combined district groups had an overall loss of \$3,594. Most of this decrease in profit is due to Blue Mountains Group's increased contribution of \$14,500 to the Glenbrook Native Plant Reserve Trust, and Newcastle Group's expenditure of \$8,561 for a new concrete slab for their propagation area, which unfortunately is not valued as an asset as it is located at the Hunter Wetlands Centre.

During 2019, we made a \$3,000 donation from our Bequest Fund to the Australian Flora Foundation

to support its scientific research on the biology and cultivation of Australian plants.

Our overall equity position for 2019 is \$1.095 m compared to \$1.098 m in 2018.

Our membership has again remained relatively steady in 2019 with 1,012 memberships, consisting of 1,316 members. There were 997 financial memberships and 15 memberships whose renewals were due from October but had not been received at 31 December.

New members joining the Society and members renewing their memberships via our website continues to be popular with more people using the online option. During 2019, APS Victoria began offering the *Australian Plants* journal as part of its annual subscription. This means that as more Victorian members take up this option, the number of direct Victorian online subscriptions will decrease. Direct online subscription to *Australian Plants* is also popular in other states.

Following our decision in early 2019 to change the quarterly *Native Plants for NSW* from a hard copy journal to a monthly e-newsletter, the last issue printed was January 2019. We owe the editor David Crawford a great deal of gratitude for his tireless efforts over many years to produce a high calibre journal for our members. Since April 2019, members have been emailed an excellent and informative monthly e-newsletter, edited by Rhonda Daniels, which has been very well received.

Congratulations to Lloyd Hedges, Menai Group, and Barry Lees, North Shore Group, who were

awarded Life Membership of APS NSW at our AGM in May 2019, hosted by Blue Mountains Group. Life Membership is the highest accolade we award members in recognition of their tireless contributions to the Society and its objectives over many years. Lloyd and Barry are worthy recipients of this award.

Roger Starling, delegate for North Shore Group, resigned from the Board in November 2019. Roger had been a long serving member of the Board, making a significant contribution to our decisions over many years. On behalf of the Society, I would like to thank Roger for his commitment and contribution over many years.

The 18 district groups continued to offer strong and varied activities for members. The Board is very appreciative of the efforts of the groups in promoting the Society and its objectives within their local communities. The district groups continued their support for the quarterly gatherings which remained popular, with 60–80 members and visitors attending each event. On behalf of the Society, I would like to thank the members of North Shore, Blue Mountains, Newcastle and Northern Beaches groups for hosting the four gatherings in 2019. A special thanks to Newcastle Group who hosted the excellent weekend get-together in August 2019.

In September 2019, the Wildflower Society of Western Australia hosted the Australian Native Plants Society (Australia) Biennial Conference in Albany. A large contingent of members from NSW attended the highly successful conference. APS NSW is currently organising the 2021 ANPSA Biennial conference, which will be held in Kiama on 12–17 September 2021. Planning is well underway under the excellent leadership and guidance of Heather Miles, APS NSW Secretary and Director.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board members for their support and commitment during the year and to the following non-Board members who have been a great support:

- Glenda Browne, for providing administrative support by monitoring and responding all emails
- Rhonda Daniels, editor of our monthly newsletter
- Alix Goodwin, for compiling our annual report
- Nicole Maher, ANPSA Study Group Liaison Officer
- Margery Street, Nature Conservation Council representative
- Dan Clarke, Conservation Officer.

John Aitken, President



Regeneration after fire at Kurri Kurri (Heather Miles)

Our performance at a glance

In 2019, Australian Plants Society (APS) NSW had:

- 18 active district groups
- 997 memberships, with 1,316 individual members
- 2 new life members, Barry Lees and Lloyd Hedges
- 198 members who actively volunteer in APS activities
- 4 gatherings hosted by Blue Mountains, Newcastle, North Shore and Northern Beaches groups
- 575 activities in total held by district groups, of which 55% were open to non-members, including:
 - 138 talks
 - 92 bush walks
 - 33 garden visits
 - 80 district group trips away involving overnight stays
 - 80 on the ground conservation activities and submissions on state and local planning proposals impacting Australian plants and bushland including NSW government biodiversity reforms
 - 261 activities involving propagation and planting of Australian plants
 - 30 community events with active participation by district groups.



Barry Lees



Lloyd Hedges

2019 year in review

Three years ago in 2016, we engaged members to develop a strategy for the coming three years. We continue to make good progress although some tasks have not been progressed due to capacity and resources. Below is an overview of our progress during 2019.

People

Online newsletter: A major initiative in 2019 to improve communication and engagement with members was the transition from the hard copy quarterly journal, *Native Plants for NSW*, to a monthly newsletter, edited by Rhonda Daniels. This has delivered timely and relevant information to all our members. Nine newsletters were produced in 2019, being opened by about 60 to 70% of members. Rhonda has published over 50 stories on the APS NSW website as the newsletter links back to these stories. Popular stories have been eremophilas, the Central Coast Phillip House garden, remembering Warren Sheather, gardening in hotter and drier conditions and bushfire recovery. Our email lists are in great shape due to Merle Thompson's ongoing tracking of bounces and correcting faulty emails. We'd love to hear from you if you'd like to help create interesting content for our website and newsletter (Please email the Secretary at secretary@austplants.com.au.)

Member engagement and processes: We commenced work on member engagement with a range of actions proposed to address member turnover. While our total member numbers were steady year on year, we lost approximately 180 members and gained approximately 180. We have adjusted some of our membership processes and are putting more effort into understanding

people's interests and supporting them at individual and group levels. This work has just started and we will be working with district groups to see how we can increase our value to members.

We continue to streamline membership systems to make it easier to sign up new members and process renewals.

Promotion



2021 ANPSA Biennial Conference: Planning is well underway for this important event on Sunday 12 September to Friday 17 September 2021 in Kiama. A small committee meets monthly to plan and organise.

We now have a very good agenda outline and list of potential speakers for each conference day, a reasonable budget estimate and a good outline of tours and excursions, to be tested for feasibility, fire impact, travel and logistics in 2020. We are

researching insurance and registration systems and developing communications for other states and people who have registered their interest in the conference. We've also developed a set of sustainability principles to make the conference as clean and green as possible.

A number of people have already volunteered to assist at the conference itself, which is appreciated.



Australian flora - past present future, 2021 Biennial Conference in Kiama

Publicising events:, At the Presidents' Workshop in August, attendees shared methods to improve both social media and website presence to increase visitors (and potential members) at events. This extra promotion of events has led to increased visitation to both our website (austplants.com.au) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/APSNSW/>). We regularly have 2,500 visitors a week to the website. We started an Instagram site, @apsnsw, which is very popular, gaining over 1,000 followers in 8 months. Our Facebook has 4,500 followers with some posts, often cross-shared from Instagram, reaching up to 8,000 to 10,000 people.

Conservation: In response to the bushfires and ongoing risks of climate change, the Board is

considering what we should do as an organisation. Ideas are very welcome from members.

Processes

Operating manual: Graham Fry, a Board member and President of East Hills Group, developed a simple operating manual for district groups, specifically to assist new committee members. This is in the members only section of the website: austplants.com.au

Indexing *Native Plants for NSW*: We engaged professional indexer Jenny Browne to index the last 10 years of the hard copy journal, so that the valuable information in these journals can still be found. Once completed, we will post the information on our website.



Group highlights

We asked groups to share about events that highlighted their many activities in 2019 to include in this annual report.

Armidale

During 2019 the Northern Tablelands Group has been in drought, with severe water restrictions in Armidale and local communities. Consequently, many activities were curtailed.

During the year we made a major effort to maintain the native gardens in the Armidale Bicentennial Arboretum, under the guidance of our Arboretum Coordinator, Patrick Laher.

In December 2018, after a couple of reasonable falls of rain we optimistically planted low growing trees along pathways leading to our garden beds and these were then watered fortnightly using town water. Following the imposition of water restrictions in April we moved to monthly hand watering of 7–10 litres per tree, using water carried in plastic containers from a nearby spring fed dam. However, this in turn was disallowed and we have depended on bore water generously supplied by one of our members, Colin Wilson, living at Rocky River.



Most of the trees have survived and some show new growth so we hope for great progress once the rains come.

We visited the Pilliga Scrub in July. This is a semiarid landscape with open forest, mallee and heathland. The trip was ably organised by John Nevin who, with Barbara, had made earlier visits to determine the best parts to see considering the dry conditions. We decided to explore the northern section which had recently received some rain.

Seventeen members and friends met at Narrabri early on the Saturday morning before setting out in convoy to explore the tracks heading south. A lot of plants were still in bud but there were also many wonderful displays of *Westringia*, *Phebalium*, *Hibbertia* and *Urceolatus* species. Lunch was at the picnic area by the Salt Cave where the regenerating *Dampiera* was brilliant.



Overnight accommodation was at the Binnaway Barracks which provided excellent facilities for a large group.

On the Sunday morning the group visited the Bilby Blooms Nursery owned by Anthony and Annabelle O'Halloran where we were treated to morning tea and given a guided tour of their beautiful native garden and plants which supply their cut flower business – hakeas, eucalypts, grevilleas and many other flowering shrubs.

Before lunch there was time for a visit to the Pilliga Forest Discovery Centre which displays highlights of its forestry background and the area's local natural history.

Lunch at the Sculpture Walk was followed by a 3km walk through plant displays plus a series of sculptures with an Aboriginal emphasis.

Most folk then headed for home but others made a brief stop at the Pilliga Pottery Centre which is worth a visit if you are out that way.

It was a full weekend with plenty to see and greatly enjoyed by all participants.

Blue Mountains

We organised 13 activities for the year which was different in one way because we held only one event with a speaker.

We enjoyed six walks in bushland from the Blue Mountains to the Southern Highlands.

We arranged a day of visiting three members' gardens followed by a barbecue. It was voted so popular that we have included another round of inspections in our program for 2020.

Each year we arrange a trip away and in 2019 this trip was to Mittagong in the Southern Highlands. A couple of our trips have been so popular that members of other groups attend, which is great to have people sharing activities.

We have not obviously as a group been involved in environmental activities promoted by advocacy groups. Rather, we are constantly involved with maintaining Glenbrook Native Plant Reserve and our nursery at the Reserve. Our nursery is open

Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons for 150 days in the year. We have one member who regularly and constantly patrols the Reserve, searching for and controlling weeds.

One of our members arranged a plant propagation demonstration showing great skill and capability.

The writer One of our members presented several a talk and demonstration, and every year we arrange a display of Australian native plants for a stall for Glenbrook Day.

Our number one favourite activity was the Native Plant Spring Show. Members worked for three days – Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There are always crowds of people buying plants, walking through the Reserve and admiring the various displays. Members are on hand to answer visitor questions about how to maintain plants in their garden.

We have a core of about six members who assist with arranging our activities, walks and trips.



Central Coast

2019 was notable for a rise in our membership numbers to a total of 127. Our monthly meetings provided a range of great guest speakers and two members' interactive sessions. Dan Clarke inspired the formation of a Central Coast Save Our Species group, which, after relevant training, has met regularly to search for the vulnerable local species,

Astrotricha crassifolia. Another especially notable speaker was Maria Hitchcock, from Armidale, whose talk on propagating waratahs and flannel flowers drew a large audience, including many visitors.

Thanks to the talents of one member, Jenny Newland, we now have a consolidated corporate image, which covers flyers, a banner, business cards, name tags etc. Our new Newsletter Editor, Alison Woods, has revamped the format of our newsletter, which now has a name – *Epacris Epistle*.

Other events during the year included a bus trip to two gardens of APS Hunter Valley Group members, plus a visit to the APS Newcastle plant nursery. We are proud to record another very successful Royal Easter Show, with Central Coast members winning many prizes, including six First Prizes and the Grand Champion prize. The Plant Lovers Fair, held annually in September in Kariong, is a major event and, once again, our volunteers achieved great results, both financially and in promotion.



Rotary, who owns the hall in which we meet, presented us with an opportunity to plant a native garden at the entrance to the hall. This was achieved through a working bee in July organised by Virginia McIntosh, and we are pleased with the result. We were lucky to receive a generous donation of plants from members Jonathan Steed and Olga Blacha, who supervised the planting.

Many members enjoy our Facebook page, which now has 191 members. It's always inspiring to see members' photographs.

Coffs Harbour

2019 was the year of little rain and frightening bushfires for many of our members living in bushland settings. A number of our members were evacuated with fires starting in the north but moving quickly to the outskirts of Coffs Harbour. Tuesday 12 November, known colloquially as 'Catastrophic Tuesday', was slotted to be our AGM. However, some members were in fire sheds waiting for a call-out. If the winds had been from the west, the results would have justified the name. They were not and we went home that evening without having to face a fire. The business of our postponed AGM was dealt with in early 2020 and was a much more relaxed gathering.

We are now looking with concern at the local rainforest. For many it was accepted wisdom that rainforests do not burn. But as Alex Floyd wrote in *Rainforest Trees in Mainland South Eastern Australia* in 1989, 'Mild fires will not normally burn far into the rainforest, but under extreme conditions they may burn through extensive patches.' It was once enough that we ensured our rainforests were not logged and we could enjoy their riches without question. That premise is now on its head. Rainforests will burn if the conditions are extreme enough. We are now working to find out as much as we can in 2020, to let those coming to Coffs Harbour for the APS gathering and AGM in May 2021 know the state of play.



There is a bright side. Our group continues to work closely with the local Botanic Garden Friends organisation and while this always has a beneficial effect on both groups, APS has started to pick up very keen members who come with a great deal of botanic experience via the Garden. The benefits and goodwill from the cross-over of members makes it a win-win for both groups.

The highlight of 2019 for Coffs Harbour was our four-day trip exploring Goulburn River National Park at Merriwa in early September. With 15 local members and six from Canberra, we enjoyed fine days and frosty nights after a good season, indeed the wettest winter in the last decade. There was much to see. Of particular interest was the abundance of orchids, making it sometimes difficult to walk without treading on them. Also in profusion were *Epacris reclinata*, particularly in the gorge known as *the Drip* – a small, mossy gorge with numerous soaks and springs. The bird watchers were spoilt with sightings of the Turquoise Parrot, Rock Warbler and a large flock of Glossy Black Cockatoos.

East Hills

We facilitated a visit to the Sylvan Grove Native Garden at Picnic Point by a number of APS groups. The visit coincided with the peak flowering season at the garden. The curator of the garden, Jim Mackay, led a number of tours of APS members around the garden. The gardens were looking

particularly spectacular this year especially the rock orchids. After the walks, our group provided morning tea. Over 35 people attended and many favourable comments were made by the attendees which included both APS members and non-members. We feel it is very important for our group to continue to support Canterbury–Bankstown Council who manages the garden as it is not well known in the area and could fall into disrepair without ongoing management and support.

Due to our aging membership we no longer have outdoor activities but some of our members are active bush regenerators and work in a number of local bush reserves.

Our group is only small and yet the majority of our members attend our monthly meetings. Their support is essential as the purchase of raffle tickets and plants propagated by our members pays for the hire costs of our meeting venue.

We plan to do garden visits in 2020.



Menai

2019 has been a year of consolidation for our group. Some of our hardest working members have experienced health issues which meant that we could not initiate larger projects with the resources available.

Nevertheless, we have continued to offer propagation workshops to members and the community on a regular basis, while our monthly meetings have all offered a guest speaker as well as plant chats and friendly exchange of views over afternoon teas or suppers.

We are proud of our group's involvement with the Five Islands Project at Wollongong to reestablish native habitat for breeding migratory birds, our production of casuarina tube stock to provide a safe feeding corridor for black cockatoos from the east coast to the Blue Mountains, as well as our ongoing involvement with Illawarra Grevillea Park, where our plants are on sale to the public every Open Day. Along with our continuing maintenance of the gardens at Illawong Rural Fire Station, these activities showcase our commitment to publicising the use of Australian native plants.



Our funding of a research project at the University of NSW to investigate the effects of fire seasonality on seed ecology has resulted in more becoming known about the germination of *Actinotus forsythii*. Results on the pink flannel

flower were reported at our February 2020 meeting.

Recently we have been involved in the production of one episode of the ABC's Gardening Australia television program, a very different experience for our current members.

We hope the show will bring at least a modest increase in interest in what APS NSW is achieving in this region.

Newcastle

It was another year packed with activities – we had a range of excellent speakers and weekend and mid-week outings.



Our big event for the year was hosting the 2019 APS NSW get-together in August. The total number of attendees for the two days was just over 100, all of whom were kept busy with a range of talks and activities. A highlight was a tour of the garden maintained by John Le Messurier, the ABC Gardener of the year.

We held another successful plant sale day in October.

North Shore

The North Shore Group is a sponsor and major participant in the annual festival held at the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden, St Ives. Once again we had a very successful day in August selling native plants and flowers and raising funds for the Royal Botanic Gardens No Plants No Future project.

It was a beautiful, sunny day and Ku-ring-gai Council had widely advertised the festival and its sculpture competition. Council estimated that more than 5,000 people attended and we were very busy all day.



As well as selling plants we propagated, we brought in plants from a number of other local nurseries, including APS Newcastle Group. While this provided us with more plants and a wider range of plants to sell, it also had a downside! Each nursery charged us differently and we had to individually price many tubes and pots. We then had to check the prices of these tubes and pots at the counter and this slowed down our sales process. Credit card sales were very popular and our plant storage facility for sold plants was well used.

As in previous years, people clearly preferred to buy plants that were in flower. Our home-grown *Xerochrysum* and *Pycnosorus* seedlings sold well, helped by the display of *Xerochrysum* flowers next to the tubes. Hardenbergias also sold well because

they were still in flower. Our large cordylines and lomandras sold well.

Usually popular plants were poorer sellers as a number were not in flower. Some plants were once again unpopular with buyers including *Austromyrtus*, *Bauera*, *Correa*, *Graptophyllum*, *Isotoma*, *Prostanthera*, *Rhagodia* and *Westringia* species.

We had many learnings from the festival and will apply them for 2020.

Northern Beaches

Our highlight of 2019 was hosting the successful and widely enjoyed quarterly meeting at Warriewood in November. We held two walks and both were successful given the flora and fauna we encountered. A great presentation by Liz Benson on the Wollemi pine and some delicious cakes for tea made it a memorable day.

In 2019 we successfully changed the way we conduct our meetings with a brief presentation being given by one of our members about a less familiar plant family, highlighted by one example, allowing us to reflect on these families. Some presentations and discussions were absolutely outstanding.



Nowra

2019 was another active and busy year for Nowra Group. The highlight was our stall at the Berry Garden Festival run over four days where we engaged with many members of the public,

providing native plants for sale, offering advice and promoting the growing of native plants. The bonus was a great site in a beautiful garden showcasing native plants. This is always a wonderful opportunity to share with others our love of native plants and their many benefits. In a time of increasingly dry weather, many people could see the importance of including local native plants in their gardens to support native birds, insects and marsupials. A growing awareness of the role of native bees in the environment had many people seeking out good bee friendly plants to include in their gardens.

Local identification walks during the year through many and varied areas highlighted the great diversity of plant communities within the Shoalhaven. With such beauty at our doorstep and so easily accessible our members took the opportunity to explore.

Members generously opened their gardens and welcomed members and non-members alike to experience unusual plant treasures and great garden design, showing off those plants that they had propagated and nurtured in the cultivation of their much loved Australian native plants.

Despite the extensive bushfires across the Shoalhaven that ended the year, our resilient native bush is already showing signs of rejuvenation and we will watch with wonder and interest as to just what will return.



Parramatta and Hills

After several attempts to organise bushwalks for our members we finally tasted success in July. A walk to Refuge Rock at Cherrybrook attracted 17 old and new members and members of the public. The ingredients for success seemed to be a walk in the local area which was quite short and not physically demanding but which provided the opportunity to see a diverse range of plants in flower.

Twice in 2019 our propagation group held a plant sales stall at the North Rocks Shopping Centre. This has proved to be a really successful way of connecting with our local community as well as raising funds for our group. We raised \$724 from sales in 2019.

All of our six speakers in 2019 provided stimulating and interesting talks. A highlight was the talk by soil scientist Simon Leake on the soils and vegetation of the Barangaroo Headland Park. Many will be familiar with the recreation of this beautiful park from a concrete wharf. Hearing how it was achieved was very interesting and inspiring.



South East

In 2019 South East NSW Group held 10 general meetings. We covered many subjects and the committee chose topics that were relevant to our diverse group including conservation, design, taxonomy and a general love of native plants. In early 2019 we had a garden design theme spanning two meetings. These meetings involved members visiting local private gardens and, with the help of landscape architect Shane Doherty, we were guided through a most interesting assessment of each garden. Shane showed us how to look at a garden with design, access, views, focus, safety and fun in mind. Our next meeting looked at how architect Geoff Lovie and Lesley Vincent combined house and garden design to enhance their block and to live in balance with the environment. Sadly their garden has been burnt recently but the house remains.

In June we made the trip to Ulladulla to visit the South Pacific Heathland Reserve. Dr Nicholas de Jong guided us through the heathland and his detailed knowledge of the plants and ecology was greatly appreciated. Parts of the reserve were burnt in 2016 and it was interesting to observe the regeneration that had taken place since then. The reserve is maintained by volunteers and Helen Moody, President of the Volunteers Trustees, gave our group an inspiring lunchtime talk about the work being done to maintain and promote the reserve.

Spring 2019 was celebrated with a marathon show and tell of native plants from members' gardens. There were 125 specimens on display, confirming that our members are native plant enthusiasts and not afraid to try growing plants from all over Australia. The list included species from Western Australia such as *Grevillea trifida* and *Lechenaultia biloba* and some of our beautiful local plants such as *Grevillea macleayana* and *Philothea myoporoides*.



Southern Highlands

In August Den Barber, Director of Koori Firesticks Aboriginal Corporation, talked to our local APS members. He described how we could learn so much of benefit from ancient Aboriginal burning practices. The method of cool burns involves smaller controlled fires that run at a human walking pace or slow enough for animals to escape. Being cool, the burn never reaches the canopy of large trees. This means that grass, leaf litter, shrubs or weedy saplings may be burnt but the flames are never allowed to encroach into animal occupied hollows.

Southern Tablelands

In the Southern Tablelands our small group participated in seven bush walks, all local with one exception of an overnighter to Pigeon House and Little Forest Plateau. These walks are always popular to a small number seeking plant identification of the indigenous species. Of particular note, our walk at Alison Hone Reserve attracted 16 members. The first recording of *Calochilus imberbis* (naked beard orchid) in NSW was in this location during the 1980s and the reserve was named after a long time former member, now passed.

Our winter event saw Ben Walcott give a presentation on garden design from European traditions through to current days, as well as featuring his and wife Ros' residential garden at Red Hill. There was a good attendance with 68 registered guests, including 51 new faces.

The Goulburn Wetlands still feature as the star in the district that has transformed what was an old brick pit into the locality's only public native

botanic garden. The local Landcare group, FROGS, with our group supplying the plants and assistance, has made this possible. In 2019 we grew and supplied over 2,000 plants; a quarter of those being grass species.

Presently our only 'publicity' is from the midyear forum and a few market sales. We were invited to a new concept market via The Goulburn Group and it is hoped this will be an annual event. All community organisations are invited to showcase their group's merit. We attracted eight new members through the year.



Sutherland

A major highlight in 2019 was our active program to share our enthusiasm for Australian native plants and build local knowledge. Our ten monthly meetings had a guest speaker, plant identification and supper with a chat. Topics included native stingless bees, brush turkeys, Bushcare success at Lucas Heights, conserving rainforest and orchid seed, the wonderful world of wattles, what possums eat, highlights from Hawaii, verge gardening, the protest walk to save Kosciuszko, and New Zealand plants.

Other activities included walks in Royal and Kamay National Parks and a week at Charlotte Pass. We promoted native plants at the Sutherland Bushcare Fair and at the Southern Sydney Orchid Spectacular.

Joseph Banks Native Plants Reserve at Kareela is a focus of our local activities in an easily accessible environment, with twice monthly working bees.

We held two 'walk and talks' on banksias for Botanic Garden Day in May, prepared the Acacia garden for a *Better Homes and Gardens* TV show segment in September and labelled plants. We celebrated our members aged over 90 years with a BBQ at the reserve. We planned for 2020 – the 250th anniversary of Banks and Solander at Kurnell in 1770 and the 50th anniversary of Joseph Banks Reserve.

After one more day of surveys in 2019, Dan Clarke submitted our final report to the Office of Environment and Heritage on our conservation activities to monitor the endangered species *Prostanthera densa* in the Royal National Park and surrounds. We made donations to the Australian Flora Foundation and Invasive Species Council.



We contributed to APS NSW in several ways: coordinating and staffing the final APS NSW display at the Royal Easter Show to share the diversity of Australian plants with the community, winning prizes in the native plant competition, planning for the 2021 ANPSA conference, and supporting members John Aitken in his role as APS NSW President and Rhonda Daniels as the inaugural newsletter editor.

Tamworth

In 2019 Tamworth Group focused on our monthly meetings. The ongoing drought has curtailed our other activities. In 2019 the official rainfall was only 263.6 mm, which is 38.3% of our average annual rainfall of 618.3 mm since 1993. Tamworth has been on progressively tighter water restrictions as the year progressed and we are currently on level 5. Consequently, most members have been trying to keep what plants they have alive as best they can with grey water, tank water or bore water if they have it. Propagation has diminished and we have had no plant raffles all year.

As a comparison, 785.6 mm in 2016, 635.4 mm in 2017, 378.6 mm 2018 with only 178.4 mm from January to September inclusive and 263.6 mm in 2019 with 0 mm in April and 1.4 mm in September. With these figures, it's no wonder that we are losing some of our large trees in the bush and on farmland and it's so hard to keep our gardens going. This does not include temperature which is another story.

We did have had some very good speakers in 2019: Linda Groom on Save Kosciuszko: plant species threatened by wild horses in Kosciuszko National Park; Peter Cook on frogs; Nev White on hand pollination of grevilleas and Lyn Allen on her trip to the Flinders Ranges and Lake Eyre.

For 2020 we are changing our meeting day from the 4th Saturday to the 2nd Saturday of the month. Hopefully we will get some more members as our meeting day clashed with the bird group's field trip day.



Conservation report

Conservation Officer's report – Dan Clarke

In February 2019 I presented to Central Coast Group on the Saving Our Species (SOS) project. This inspired the group to undertake their own local threatened flora survey for *Astrotricha crassifolia*, with the assistance of National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Continued progress was made in monitoring *Prostanthera densa* for the SOS project. One voluntary survey of the species, involving APS Sutherland members, was carried out at Helensburgh after a controlled burn to document fire responses. A final comprehensive report was issued to NSW Office of Environment and Heritage for the SOS project. This report comprises a combination of paid and voluntary work. Planting of *Prostanthera densa* is planned for Nelson Bay in 2020, which will involve follow up monitoring by the Conservation Officer. More work and surveying will be undertaken during 2020.

A total of ten submissions to government authorities on matters relating to the environment and Australian plants were made by the Conservation Officer and district groups.

Report on 2019 Nature Conservation Council (NCC) Annual Conference – Margery Street

The conference was held before we knew the worst of the summer's conflagrations and floods. Matt Kean, NSW Minister for the Environment, gave the Keynote Address; later, in December, the NCC applauded his enlightened view of the importance of 'listening to the science'.

Achievements of NCC in 2019

- 200,000 hectares were promised to be incorporated into the State's reserve system.
- The NSW government purchased 306 hectares of Radiata Plateau in the Blue Mountains, to be added to national parks
- Bilbys are back in the Pilliga.

The NSW government appears more willing to work with environment groups for positive change.

Some issues involving Australian flora

- There was a 300% increase in deforestation in northwest NSW, due to more lax land-clearing laws. Deforestation reduces biodiversity, damages soil and water, and releases carbon into the atmosphere.
- The State's more lenient laws were anticipated by agri-business and farmers who cleared while the somewhat constraining *Native Vegetation Act* was being reviewed. From clearing 9,200 ha in 2013-14 and 20,200 ha in 2016-17, 27,100 ha were cleared in 2017-18, the first year of new legislation!
- NPWS has contracted with the private company, CO₂ Australia, for carbon offsetting in 17 national parks. These plantations, funded through government emissions and climate change funds, are designed for financial gain and prevail unlawfully over the nature conservation purposes of NSW national parks.

Directors' report

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Company for the period 1 January 2019–31 December 2019 have been promoting interest in the growing, conservation and use of Australian native plants.

Consolidated Profit and Loss

	2019	2018
State office	\$3,728	(\$3,609)
District groups	(\$3,594)	\$20,035
Bequest Fund	(\$3,792)	\$3,471
Net surplus/loss	(\$3,658)	\$19,897

Membership

The Australian Plants Society NSW is a Company Limited by Guarantee and without share capital.

The total membership of the Society at 31 December 2019 was 997 memberships, which represents 1,298 individual members compared with 1,003 memberships and 1,316 individual members as at 31 December 2018.

The total guarantee by members of the Company at 31 December 2019 is \$99,700 (997 x \$100).

Financial position – Treasurer's report

We recorded a small deficit of \$3,658 in 2019 compared to a surplus of \$19,897 in 2018 due to increased expenses incurred at district group level.

Our state office profit increased to \$3,728. Interest earned is due to the 2019 maturation of term deposits. This interest on term deposits will decrease in future. There is also a decrease in income from subscriptions to *Australian Plants* journal. Membership income has increased and we have decreased our operating expenses by publishing *Native Plants for NSW* online. Net profit should increase in 2020 as some *Native Plant*

printing costs are included in this 2019 report due to the printer submitting a late invoice. The annual deficit in our accounts has been slowly reduced after closing the our office at Constitution Hill and transferring our accounting operations to Accounting For Good.

There has been increased expenditure due to the outsourcing of some services that volunteers previously completed. Australia Post and accounting costs can be expected to rise. In 2019 there was no need to draw on the Society's administrative term deposit to cover losses, which in previous years occurred around October.

The Bequest Fund recorded a small loss of \$3,595 primarily due to our donation to the Australian Flora Foundation.

In 2019 expenditure by district groups on nursery expenses was considerably more than in previous years. Newcastle Group paid \$8,561 for a new concrete slab for its propagation area and Blue Mountains Group increased their grant to the Glenbrook Native Plant Reserve to \$14,500. This was the key contributor to the our overall loss for

the year. The state office paid the district groups' plant sale GST.

With total equity of \$1,094,716 our financial position is healthy. This amount includes district group and state equity. The state office equity is \$783,911.

A separate bank account has been established to finance and account for the 2021 ANPSA Biennial Conference's income and expenditure. Destination NSW has already made a considerable contribution of \$16,500 to this event. This appears as a current liability.

APS NSW accounts are digital. Invoices are sent digitally to ReceiptBank, processed online and paid by electronic funds transfer through the Society's ANZ business accounts. Using the ReceiptBank portal, the legitimacy and costing of all invoices is confirmed online. All APS NSW payments can be easily reviewed in the ReceiptBank archive. Almost all the state office income is paid digitally into its bank account. The digitisation of the Society's accounts has been most efficient and timely and I

encourage all members to conduct their financial transactions with us digitally if this is not already occurring.

We thank Jane Chen and her team at Accounting For Good for always being available to answer questions and present reports to APS NSW Board members as well as district group treasurers. A monthly financial statement is now presented to the Board. As a qualified Chartered Accountant, Jane's professional advice on financial compliance matters has been greatly appreciated.

Directors' benefit and insurance

In accordance with Subdivision 60-C of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, no director has received any benefit by way of dividend, bonus or other such advantage other than expenses due to carrying out of their duties. During 2019, we paid a premium of \$1,955 for insurance against Directors' liability for legal costs. This also included liability for the presidents, secretaries and treasurers of district groups.



Directors' attendance

Each director attended the following Board meetings during 2019 while a member of the Board.

Director	Role	Meetings held while in office	Meetings attended
John Aitken	President	6	6
Graham Fry	East Hills Group delegate	6	6
Margaret Gaul	Blue Mountains Group delegate	5	4
Harry Loots	Treasurer Northern Beaches Group delegate	6	5
Tony Maxell	Parramatta and Hills Group delegate	6	4
Heather Miles	Secretary Hunter Valley Group delegate	6	6
Roger Starling	Northern Beaches Group delegate	5	4
Merle Thompson	Membership officer Central West Group delegate	6	6

Note: Margaret Gaul joined the board on 12 March 2019 and Roger Starling resigned on 20 November 2019.

Directors' qualifications and experience

John Aitken, President, delegate for Sutherland, BSc (Hons) Microbiology, Grad Dip Education, Dip Law (SAB/BAB)

John has had a passion for Australian native plants for over 40 years. He has held positions as a science teacher, virologist and barrister. He is former president of Sutherland Group, a director of APS NSW since February 2007, and has served as a delegate to ANPSA.

Graham Fry, delegate for East Hills

Graham has been a member of East Hills Group for many years and is its current president. He has a strong interest in natural history and has been an active bird bander for 35 years with projects at Munghorn Gap near Mudgee and Warraderry State Forest near Grenfell. He is a retired electrical engineer with a particular interest in energy efficiency. Graham joined the Board in 2017.

Margaret Gaul, delegate for Blue Mountains, MA(Hons) Arts, Dip Ed, Dip Theatrecraft

Margaret is a longstanding member of Blue Mountains Group and has grown Australian native plants for over 50 years. She has an academic background with extensive experience in research, management, teaching, curriculum design, program writing and consultancy work in the higher education sector. She has served on various Boards and committees and sub-committees, including the Kindergarten Union of NSW for an extensive period of time. She has acted in the role of President and Secretary for local schools. She has been a member of steering committees to implement institutional change and address racist behaviours as well as selection committees for staff for many educational organisations.

Harry Loots, Treasurer and delegate for Northern Beaches

Harry has been a member of the Australian Plants Society since 1991 when he joined Harbourside Group where he was group president from 1994 until its closure in 2010 and its newsletter editor from 2006 to 2009. Since 2011, he has been member and APS NSW delegate for Northern Beaches Group. He has been a member of the Special Projects Committee (Bequest Fund) from 2000. Harry has also been an Australian plant grower for the last 28 years with an award-winning endemic plant garden in North Sydney. He has been an active bushwalker for most of his life. Harry was vice president of APS NSW between 2009 and 2013 and had a day job as a High School teacher.

Tony Maxwell, delegate for Parramatta and Hills

Tony is a retired paint chemist and a member of Parramatta and Hills Group since 2006, holding roles as vice president and president. He became Parramatta and Hills Group delegate to the Board in 2011. Tony's interest is the distribution of native plants in southeast Australia.

Heather Miles, Secretary and delegate for Hunter Valley, BSc, MBA, Dip Landscape Design, Dip Photoimaging, GAICD

Heather is a member of the Hunter Valley and North Shore Groups and is director and secretary of APS NSW. She has extensive experience as a

director, executive and consultant across multiple industry sectors.

Roger Starling, delegate for North Shore

Roger spent his early life in the UK, followed by several years in pharmaceutical sales and subsequently in various other sales positions. He is a qualified horticulturalist with a Certificate 3 in Horticulture and completed the Diploma in Horticulture. He was actively involved with HG Kershaw Pty Ltd Seedsmen. Roger has been a director of APS NSW since 2005 and resigned in November 2019.

Merle K Thompson OAM, Membership officer and delegate for Central West, BA Grad Dip Psych (Counselling)

Merle has held office at local, state and national level for approximately 40 years. Her previous roles in the Australian Plants Society include federal secretary 1993–1995, federal treasurer 2007–2009, property officer and program convenor for APS NSW, secretary and president of Blue Mountains Group, NSW delegate to ANPSA conferences and the ANPSA council, tour manager for the 2007 conference and members of conference planning committees for both 1993 and 2007 conferences. Her professional career involved roles in counselling, administration and policy in the NSW public sector.

Signed in accordance with the Directors' resolution on 28 March 2020.

John Aitken
President

Harry Loots
Treasurer

Life members

Year	Name
1957	Thistle Harris AM*
1967	John Wrigley AM*
1972	William H. Payne*
1974	H Max Hewett*
	Pearce Parry OAM*
	Olive Parry OAM*
	Joyce Ward*
1978	Susan Heins*
1981	Don L McNair*
1982	Joan Doney OAM*
1984	Errol Thurston*
	Ruth Overton*
1986	Frank Hatfield*
	Jean Hatfield*
1987	Ray Page*
1990	Les Taylor
	Tess Taylor
1991	Betty Rymer
1992	Dr Patrick Verney Lightfoot OAM
1993	Geoff Blyton *
	Marjory Blyton*

Year	Name
1993	Brother Pat Stanley*
1994	Irene Vale Lane*
	Hugh Stacy*
1995	Alec Hansen
	Maria Hitchcock, OAM
1996	Gordon Brooks
	Norm Kemble
	Shirley Kemble*
1997	Eric Packer*
	Brian Walters
1998	Peter Olde
1999	Ross Doig*
2001	Mary Hancock*
	Royal Pullen*
2002	Jim Webb*
2003	Edna Devlin
2004	Harry Brian*
	Laurel Kathleen Wray
2005	Jennifer Lewis
	Barbara Burke

Year	Name
2006	Maureen McGuire
2007	Audrey Taggart
	Barry Kemp
2008	Carolyn Gillard
	Bill Hicks
2009	Kyrill Taylor
2010	Jean Mott*
	Bill Hardin*, Sonya Hardin
2011	John Nevin
	Merle Thompson
2013	Graeme Ingall
2015	Robin Davies, Ron Davies
	Pat Pike
2016	Alexander Floyd
2017	Mark Abell
	Dick Turner
2018	Gloria Sheather
	Warren Sheather*
	Angela Speering
2019	Barry Lees
	Lloyd Hedges

* Deceased

Financial accounts

Consolidated Income and Expenditure Statement AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD For the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2019

	31 Dec 19	31 Dec 18
Income		
Advertising	\$ -	\$ -
Events/Meetings	\$ 15,980.11	\$ 17,121.78
Fundraising Income	\$ 6,940.89	\$ 6,337.58
Interest Income	\$ 18,949.05	\$ 7,852.94
Membership Income	\$ 48,188.49	\$ 49,236.44
Merchandise Sales	\$ 113,016.26	\$ 117,161.87
Subscriptions	\$ 4,685.11	\$ 6,618.27
Sundry Income	\$ 1,119.99	\$ 920.00
Total Income	\$ 208,879.90	\$ 205,248.88
Less Cost of Sales		
Purchases	\$ 57,069.38	\$ 54,322.00
Total Cost of Sales	\$ 57,069.38	\$ 54,322.00
Gross Profit	\$ 151,810.52	\$ 150,926.88
Less Operating Expenses		
Administration		
Administration Costs	\$ 29,005.57	\$ 25,468.88
Advertising and Marketing	\$ 1,183.52	\$ 89.07
ANPSA Levy	\$ 1,612.80	\$ 1,589.60
Bank Fees	\$ 673.90	\$ 1,426.48
Consulting Fee	\$ -	\$ -
Depreciation	\$ -	\$ 1,943.27
Donations	\$ 8,964.35	\$ 9,736.96
Employment Expenses	\$ -	\$ (24.75)
Finance Costs	\$ 25,286.77	\$ 24,529.08
Legal Costs	\$ -	\$ -
Office Expenses	\$ 6,371.54	\$ 5,320.49
Postage	\$ -	\$ -
Subscriptions Paid	\$ 30.00	\$ 152.00
Sundry Costs	\$ (78.73)	\$ -
Transport and Travel	\$ (0.01)	\$ 671.82
Website Costs	\$ 3,606.94	\$ 2,570.24
Total Administration	\$ 76,656.65	\$ 73,473.14

Consolidated Income and Expenditure Statement
AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD
For the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2019

	31 Dec 19	31 Dec 18
Event and Meeting Expenses		
Conservation Committee	\$ 31.82	\$ -
District Group Gathering	\$ -	\$ -
Event Costs	\$ 337.00	\$ 216.75
Hire of Halls	\$ -	\$ -
Meeting Catering - Board	\$ 40.59	\$ -
Meeting Expenses	\$ 14,234.52	\$ 15,449.33
Nursery Expenses	\$ 12,449.25	\$ 688.87
Projects Committee	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Scholarship Expense	\$ 2,727.27	\$ 2,727.28
Speakers Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 135.46
Total Event and Meeting Expenses	\$ 32,920.45	\$ 19,217.69
Membership and Subscription Costs		
Editorial Costs	\$ -	\$ -
Freight and Postage	\$ 8,602.13	\$ 8,003.87
Inserting and Dispatch	\$ 2,503.04	\$ 2,208.94
Journal Enveloping	\$ -	\$ -
Printing - Journal	\$ 19,286.35	\$ 18,126.28
Publication Costs - Others	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Total Membership and Subscription Costs	\$ 31,391.52	\$ 29,839.09
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 140,968.62	\$ 122,529.92
Operating Profit/(Deficit)	\$ 10,841.90	\$ 28,396.96
Non-operating Expenses		
Glenbrook Reserve Expenses	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 8,500.00
Total Non-operating Expenses	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 8,500.00
Net Profit/(Deficit)	\$ (3,658.10)	\$ 19,896.96

Balance Sheet
AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD
As at 31 December 2019

	31 Dec 2019	31 Dec 2018
Assets		
Bank		
APS NSW Funds		
APS NSW - ANZ TD	\$ 174,584.49	\$ 172,841.03
APS NSW - ANZ Working Account	\$ 16,435.30	\$ 17,423.55
APS NSW - CBA Administration	\$ 3,499.31	\$ 4,151.55
APS NSW - Paypal	\$ 2,124.50	\$ 2,984.52
State Office - Petty Cash	\$ 30.00	\$ 100.00
Total APS NSW Funds	\$ 196,673.60	\$ 197,500.65
Bequest Funds		
ANZ Bequest Account	\$ 41,564.76	\$ 16,019.76
Bequest Funds - ANZ TD #7464	\$ -	\$ 64,000.00
Bequest Funds - CBA Term Deposit #7663	\$ 55,027.58	\$ 55,027.58
CBA Term Deposit #8046	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
CBA Term Deposit #8054	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
CBA Term Deposit #8062	\$ 78,194.84	\$ 11,847.00
CBA Term Deposit #8257	\$ 12,449.85	\$ 12,145.00
Total Bequest Funds	\$ 587,237.03	\$ 559,039.34
District Group Funds		
District Group Cash	\$ 152,563.99	\$ 176,801.13
District Group Investments	\$ 146,630.88	\$ 119,200.56
District Group Petty Cash	\$ 3,690.80	\$ 3,625.35
Total District Group Funds	\$ 302,885.67	\$ 299,627.04
Total Bank	\$ 1,086,796.30	\$ 1,056,167.03
Current Assets		
Trade Debtors	\$ -	\$ 4,661.25
Tax Receivable	\$ -	\$ 53.00
Total Current Assets	\$ -	\$ 4,714.25
Fixed Assets		
District Group Assets	\$ 24,758.20	\$ 27,087.26
Fixtures and Equipment	\$ -	\$ -
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 24,758.20	\$ 27,087.26
Non-current Assets		
Stock on Hand	\$ 11,290.00	\$ 14,480.00
Total Non-current Assets	\$ 11,290.00	\$ 14,480.00
Total Assets	\$ 1,122,844.50	\$ 1,102,448.54

Balance Sheet
AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD
As at 31 December 2019

	31 Dec 2019	31 Dec 2018
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Grant in Advance	\$ 16,500.00	\$ -
GST	\$ 2,737.04	\$ 3,155.56
Trade Creditors	\$ 8,891.72	\$ 338.46
Historical Balancing	\$ -	\$ 580.68
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 28,128.76	\$ 4,074.70
<hr/> Total Liabilities	<hr/> \$ 28,128.76	<hr/> \$ 4,074.70
<hr/> Net Assets	<hr/> \$ 1,094,715.74	<hr/> \$ 1,098,373.84
<hr/> Equity		
State Office		
Opening balance	\$ 207,478.86	\$ 211,087.83
Net Total Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	\$ 3,727.69	\$ (3,608.97)
Closing Balance	\$ 211,206.55	\$ 207,478.86
District Groups		
Balance at 1 January	\$ 342,366.40	\$ 327,932.35
Net Total Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	\$ (3,593.88)	\$ 20,035.24
Prior Year Equity Adjustment	\$ -	\$ (5,601.19)
Balance at 31 December	\$ 338,772.52	\$ 342,366.40
Bequest Fund		
Balance at 1 January	\$ 548,528.58	\$ 545,057.89
Net Total Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	\$ (3,791.91)	\$ 3,470.69
Balance at 31 December	\$ 544,736.67	\$ 548,528.58
<hr/> Total Equity	<hr/> \$ 1,094,715.74	<hr/> \$ 1,098,373.84

Income and Expenditure Statement
AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD
State Office
For the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2019

	31 Dec 19	31 Dec 18
Income		
Events/Meetings	\$ 1,018.19	\$ 1,091.28
Fundraising Income	\$ 1,099.45	\$ 1,152.37
Interest Income	\$ 16,081.57	\$ 1,255.18
Membership Income	\$ 47,884.49	\$ 41,418.88
Merchandise Sales	\$ 12,085.64	\$ 14,385.08
Subscriptions	\$ 4,685.11	\$ 5,656.46
Sundry Income	\$ 490.83	\$ 550.00
Total Income	\$ 83,345.28	\$ 65,509.25
Less Cost of Sales		
Purchases	\$ 63.64	\$ -
Total Cost of Sales	\$ 63.64	\$ -
Gross Profit	\$ 83,281.64	\$ 65,509.25
Less Operating Expenses		
Administration		
Administration Costs	\$ -	\$ 6.32
Advertising and Marketing	\$ 1,183.52	\$ 89.07
ANPSA Levy	\$ 1,612.80	\$ 1,589.60
Bank Fees	\$ 673.89	\$ 1,426.48
Depreciation	\$ -	\$ 1,943.27
Employment Expenses	\$ -	\$ (24.75)
Finance Costs	\$ 25,286.77	\$ 24,529.08
Office Expenses	\$ 6,371.54	\$ 5,320.49
Subscriptions Paid	\$ 30.00	\$ 152.00
Transport and Travel	\$ (0.01)	\$ 671.82
Website Costs	\$ 3,158.94	\$ 2,570.24
Total Administration	\$ 38,238.72	\$ 38,273.62
Event and Meeting Expenses		
Conservation Committee	\$ 31.82	\$ -
Event Costs	\$ 337.00	\$ 216.75
Meeting Catering - Board	\$ 40.59	\$ -
Meeting Expenses	\$ 1,342.30	\$ 653.30
Speakers Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 135.46
Total Event and Meeting Expenses	\$ 1,851.71	\$ 1,005.51
Membership and Subscription Costs		
Freight and Postage	\$ 8,602.13	\$ 8,003.87
Inserting and Dispatch	\$ 2,503.04	\$ 2,208.94
Membership Rebates	\$ 8,072.00	\$ -
Printing - Journal	\$ 19,286.35	\$ 18,126.28
Publication Costs - Others	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00

Total Membership and Subscription Costs	\$ 39,463.52	\$ 29,839.09
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 79,553.95	\$ 69,118.22
Net Profit/(Deficit)	\$ 3,727.69	\$ (3,608.97)

Income and Expenditure Statement
AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD
Bequest Fund
For the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2019

	31 Dec 19	31 Dec 18
Income		
Interest Income	\$ (18.90)	\$ 3,795.69
Total Income	\$ (18.90)	\$ 3,795.69
Gross Profit	\$ (18.90)	\$ 3,795.69
Less Operating Expenses		
Administration		
Bank Fees	\$ 0.01	\$ -
Donations	\$ 325.00	\$ 325.00
Website Costs	\$ 448.00	\$ -
Total Administration	\$ 773.01	\$ 325.00
Event and Meeting Expenses		
Projects Committee	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Total Event and Meeting Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 3,773.01	\$ 325.00
Net Profit /(Deficit)	\$ (3,791.91)	\$ 3,470.69

Income and Expenditure Statement
AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD
District Groups
For the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2019

	31 Dec 19	31 Dec 18
Income		
Events/Meetings	\$ 14,961.92	\$ 16,030.50
Fundraising Income	\$ 5,841.44	\$ 5,185.21
Interest Income	\$ 2,886.38	\$ 2,802.07
Membership Income	\$ 875.00	\$ 7,817.56
Membership Rebates	\$ 7,501.00	\$ -
Merchandise Sales	\$ 100,930.62	\$ 102,776.79
Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ 961.81
Sundry Income	\$ 629.16	\$ 370.00
Total Trading Income	\$ 133,625.52	\$ 135,943.94
Cost of Sales		
Cost of Plants	\$ 57,005.74	\$ 54,322.00
Total Cost of Sales	\$ 57,005.74	\$ 54,322.00
Gross Profit	\$ 76,619.78	\$ 81,621.94
Operating Expenses		
Administration Costs	\$ 29,005.57	\$ 25,462.56
Donation and Fundraising	\$ 8,639.35	\$ 9,411.96
Meeting and Event Costs	\$ 12,892.22	\$ 14,796.03
Nursery Expenses	\$ 12,449.25	\$ 688.87
Scholarship Expense	\$ 2,727.27	\$ 2,727.28
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 65,713.66	\$ 53,086.70
Operating Profit /(Deficit)	\$ 10,906.12	\$ 28,535.24
Non-operating Expenses		
Glenbrook Reserve Expenses	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 8,500.00
Total Non-operating Expenses	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 8,500.00
Net Profit/(Deficit)	\$ (3,593.88)	\$ 20,035.24

District Group Profit & Loss Report

For the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2019

District Group	Income	Expenses	Net Profit (Loss)
Armidale District Group	\$ 1,454.71	\$ 2,093.46	\$ (638.75)
Blue Mountains District Group	\$ 65,164.45	\$ 71,634.76	\$ (6,470.31)
Central Coast District Group	\$ 4,415.87	\$ 5,315.93	\$ (900.06)
Central West District Group	\$ -	\$ (330.00)	\$ 330.00
Coffs Harbour District Group	\$ 1,199.40	\$ 1,286.04	\$ (86.64)
East Hills District Group	\$ 964.65	\$ 992.82	\$ (28.17)
Hawkesbury District Group	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Hunter Valley District Group	\$ 246.37	\$ 45.72	\$ 200.65
Macarthur District Group	\$ 61.82	\$ 287.27	\$ (225.45)
Menai District Group	\$ 4,602.29	\$ 2,192.49	\$ 2,409.80
Newcastle District Group	\$ 18,677.81	\$ 22,853.28	\$ (4,175.47)
North Shore District Group	\$ 14,824.10	\$ 11,047.77	\$ 3,776.33
Northern Beaches District Group	\$ 1,722.10	\$ 960.55	\$ 761.55
Nowra District Group	\$ 4,618.83	\$ 2,292.65	\$ 2,326.18
Parramatta and Hills District Group	\$ 1,675.85	\$ 2,518.76	\$ (842.91)
South East District Group	\$ 137.89	\$ 114.77	\$ 23.12
Southern Highlands District Group	\$ 1,988.59	\$ 1,786.19	\$ 202.40
Southern Tablelands District Group	\$ 797.72	\$ 840.44	\$ (42.72)
Sutherland District Group	\$ 3,487.53	\$ 2,787.13	\$ 700.40
Tamworth District Group	\$ 84.54	\$ 998.37	\$ (913.83)

Statement of Cash Flows
For the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2019

	2019	2018
Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers		
- State and Bequest Funds	\$ 73,990.08	\$ 70,679.48
- District Groups	\$ 143,813.05	\$ 146,456.06
Payments to suppliers and employees		
- State and Bequest Funds	\$ (91,659.66)	\$ (83,120.50)
- District Groups	\$ (150,941.34)	\$ (127,499.57)
Interest received	\$ 18,949.05	\$ 7,852.94
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	\$ (5,848.81)	\$ 14,368.40
Investing Activities		
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment		
Proceeds from sale of financial assets	\$ -	\$ 65,483.70
Payments for financial assets	\$ (61,573.24)	\$ -
Payment for property, plant & equipment	\$ (1,227.27)	\$ (807.27)
Bequests Received	\$ -	\$ -
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	\$ (62,800.51)	\$ 64,676.43
Financing Activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	\$ -	\$ -
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	\$ -	\$ -
Net Cash Flows	\$ (68,649.32)	\$ 79,044.83
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	\$ 250,842.63	\$ 171,797.80
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 219,908.66	\$ 250,842.63
Net change in cash for period	\$ (30,933.97)	\$ 79,044.83

Australian Plants Society NSW Limited

Directors' Declaration

In the opinion of the directors of Australian Plants Society NSW Limited ("the Company"):

- (i) The directors have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the Company is a non-reporting entity because there are no end users who are dependent on its general purpose financial statements. The Company is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under the Australian Accounting Standards. The attached financial statement complies with needs of the members.
- (ii) The attached financial statement gives a true and fair view of the Company's position as at 31 December 2019 and its financial performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- (iii) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.



Kurri sand swamp woodland – endangered ecological community (Heather Miles)