



Annual Report 2021

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, past, present and future. We aspire to learn from their knowledge and experience to conserve Australian native plants and their ecosystems now and into the future.

Photos on front cover show places we will be visiting on Biennial Conference tours in 2022 – from left clockwise: Hassan's Wall in the Blue Mountains; Pilliga and the Warrumbungles; North Head as part of the Sydney tour; and Horse Island as part of the South Coast tour. Images H Miles.

President's report



Figure 1: Waterfall at Stanhope, in my backyard

It's been another challenging year, with Covid-19 and new variants impacting our activities. However, it was also a year of reflection and direction setting for APS NSW.

After six years in the role, John Aitken stepped down as president and handed the baton to me. I'd like to express my deepest thanks to John for his contribution over that time, and the support he continues to provide to me and the Society in his role as vice president.

An additional three members joined the board in 2021: Lisa Godden, Dorothy Luther and Peter Olde. Jan Williamson assists with board minutes. I thank Graham Fry, who resigned in March, for his contribution.

Rhonda Daniels, our eNewsletter editor, also stepped down. Initially committing for one year, Rhonda edited the eNewsletter for 2.5 years and created a series of wonderfully informative newsletters for us. Thank you Rhonda.

I'd also like to acknowledge our treasurer, Harry Loots, membership officer, Merle Thompson and Glenda Browne for their long term dedication and hard work for APS NSW, on financial matters, membership and office administration respectively. Thanks also goes to Merle Thompson and John Aitken, co-editors of, *Australian Plants*, for their ongoing dedication to producing such a high quality journal.

Sadly six of our life members passed away this year: Gordon Brooks, Pat Pike, Betty Rymer, Kyrill

Taylor, Tess Taylor and Norm Kemble. Our thoughts are with their families.

Highlights for the year are:

- Modest growth in membership to 1,462. Despite Covid-19, groups held nearly 500 activities during the year.
- Development of a new five-year strategy, endorsed by the district groups and supported by work undertaken by a team of UTS students.
- Ongoing planning for the Biennial Conference in Kiama in September 2022. A wonderful committee is doing the planning – John Aitken, Rae Bassett, Sue Bowen, Ralph Cartwright, John Desmond, Margaret Gaul, Janice Hughes, Merle Thompson and me. We will be looking for volunteers to assist during the conference. Registration opens in March 2022.
- Improvements in our membership processes to ensure new members are made more welcome, particularly in a time when fewer meetings were held. Thanks to Merle Thompson for this initiative.
- Enhancement of our social media presence and skills with the creation of a members-only Facebook Group, update of our YouTube channel, access to Google Grants, development of Instagram and Facebook, and building of ICT skills. These initiatives are all thanks to Liz Aitken, Rae Bassett, Ralph Cartwright, Dorothy Luther and Lindy Monson.

Our financial performance shows a loss this year of \$14,696. This was primarily due to our pre-payments for the Biennial Conference for the venue and catering, infrastructure investments by several district groups and reduced event activity due to Covid-19.

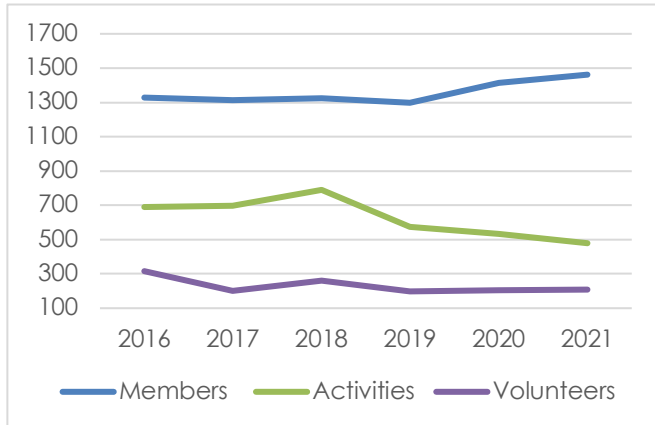
During the year, we donated \$3,000 from our Bequest Fund to the Australian Flora Foundation to support its scientific research on the biology and cultivation of Australian native plants.

We look forward to a successful 2022 for us all.

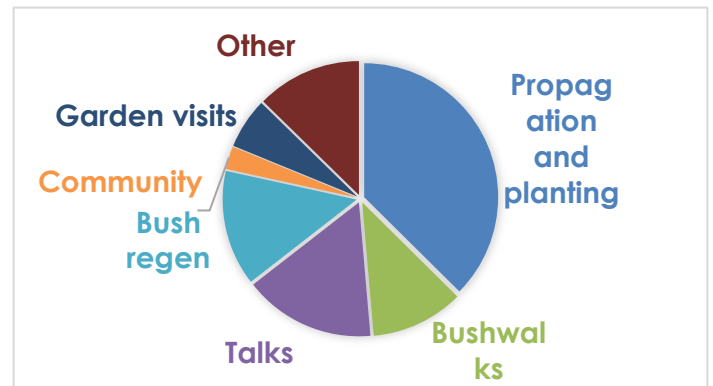
Heather Miles, President

2021 highlights

Memberships increasing, despite the impact of Covid-19 and reduced activities



Propagation, planting and bush regen are important activities across District Groups



Awards: Congratulations to Life Members, Leonie Hogue (Sutherland Group) and Kris Gow (Southern Highlands Group), and to John Arney (Sutherland Group) for the Conservation Award



Figure 2: Leonie Hogue, life member, image Liz Aitken



Figure 3: Kris Gow, life member, with John Aitken



Figure 4: John Arney, Conservation Award

Updated YouTube site, showcasing Biennial Conference tours, thanks to Ralph Cartwright and Liz Aitken

<p>Dramatic Warrumbungles Mt Kaputar and the Pilliga 3:25</p>	<p>Tour the majestic Blue Mountains in spring 3:24</p>	<p>South Coast tour 3:31</p>	<p>Lord Howe Island 2:35</p>
<p>Highlights of Pilliga tour Australian Plants Society NSW 52 views • 2 months ago CC</p>	<p>Blue Mountains tour Australian Plants Society NSW 20 views • 3 weeks ago CC</p>	<p>South Coast Tour Australian Plants Society NSW 38 views • 1 month ago CC</p>	<p>Lord Howe Island Australian Plants Society NSW 27 views • 3 weeks ago</p>

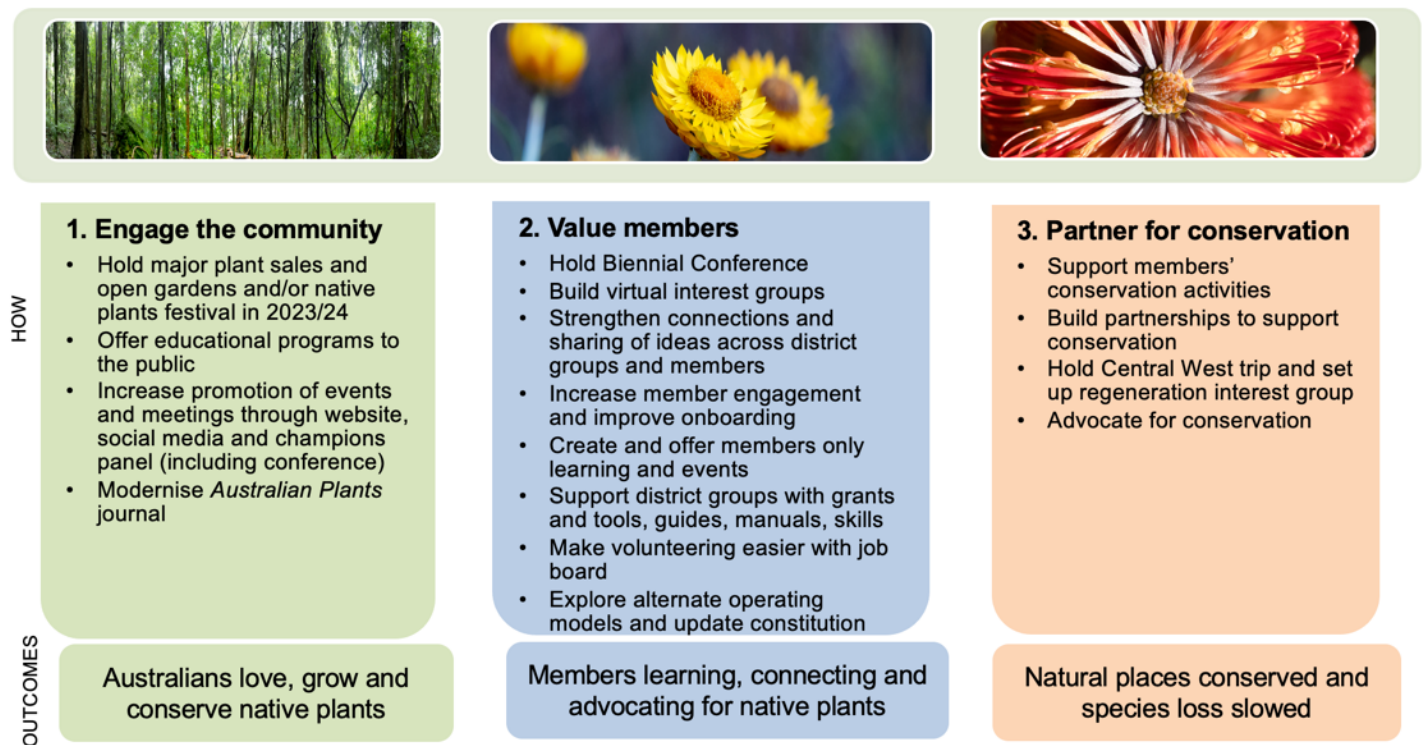
2021 outcomes

In 2021, we developed a new strategy which was endorsed by district group delegates in July and then further enhanced by a team of UTS students in October.

Strategy – 2021–2026

Our mission is to inspire all Australians to love, grow and conserve native plants, to create a nation where native plants are loved and protected

Our values: Sharing knowledge, working together, involving community, engaging members



The strategy was developed with the support of the board, district groups and members as well as a team of postgraduate students from UTS. It focuses on three areas: community engagement, member value and conservation.

The overwhelming finding from the UTS work is that members value learning and access to experts, both face-to-face and increasingly through digital formats, given the pressures of time and access.

Our implementation of the strategy will be phased with the 2022 focus being the ANPSA Biennial Conference and building connections amongst our

members after some tough Covid-19 years. We are also reaching out to members with appropriate skills to see who is willing to assist to make it happen.

Membership – Merle Thompson OAM

The membership figures at 31 December 2021 show a modest but pleasing increase over the previous years. There were 1,462 members in 2021 compared with 1,415/1,097 in 2020 and 1,298/997 in 2019.

The number of new members is fairly constant with 244 individuals in 2021 and 240 in 2020. It is

interesting to note that the proportion of new members who are in concession categories has decreased significantly as has the proportion who are in joint memberships while the number in student categories continues to increase. There is also an increase in the proportion who pay for a three-year membership.

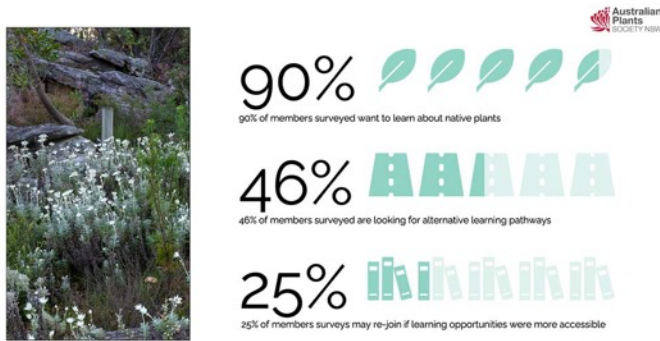


Figure 5: UTS findings on member interests i.e. 90% of members want to learn about native plants; 46% are looking for alternative learning pathways and 25% may re-join if learning opportunities were more accessible.

Towards the end of 2021, we added a question to the membership application. New members were asked to select which reasons for joining the Society applied to them. This information is only available for new members for two months but already a few observations can be made:

- A significant number select “meet like-minded people” which highlights the need for member engagement and the importance of making people welcome at NSW and district group activities.
- A high number select items which relate to learning, whether it is propagation, plant identification or “learn from experts”. This ties in with the findings of the UTS surveys that members are interested in educational opportunities.
- Most new members appear to have interest in both aspects of our Society aims – horticultural pursuits with native plants and the conservation of native plants and their habitats.
- The board has focused on trying to improve member engagement. Some initiatives have included re-wording renewal notices to make them friendlier, developing new procedures for welcoming new members and advising district groups immediately, rather than monthly, that they have a new member. We have also tried to

maintain contact with members in areas without an active group including the Central West area, although Covid-19 caused the cancellation of proposed activities. We re-connected people in the Illawarra area and linked them into Sutherland Group and invited those in the eastern and inner suburbs to become involved in East Hills Group, which is being re-named Harbour Georges River Group.



Figure 6: Acacia at sunset in Broken Hill, image H Miles

Sadly, this year we have lost six life members, five of whom were still involved or linked to our activities. We record the deaths of former president Gordon Brooks, Pat Pike, Betty Rymer, Kyrill Taylor and Tess Taylor. We also learnt of the death of Norm Kemble in Victoria.

The Australian Plants Society NSW is a Company Limited by Guarantee and without share capital. The total guarantee by members of the Company at 31 December 2021 is \$146,200 (1,462 members x \$100).

Treasurer’s report – Harry Loots

I am pleased to present the APS NSW Treasurer’s report for the 2021 financial year. This report is based on the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 prepared by Accounting For Good, the APS NSW accountants. The Financial Statements are attached to this annual report.

All company financial activities covering the State Office and the district groups are amalgamated in the Consolidated Income and Expenditure Statement.

The report below comments on the financial activities that come under the direct control of the

APS NSW' board of directors, that is the state office.

In 2021 the state office had a \$6,444 decrease in income compared to 2020. This was mainly due to a reduction in income from interest from term deposits. The Bequest Fund term deposit income is included in this decreased amount. The decrease in income from the APS NSW term deposits was predicted last year and the low interest rates will continue in the 2022 financial year. There have been smaller decreases in income from membership fees and *Australian Plants* subscription fees.

The major office expenditure is the accounting fees paid to Accounting For Good. These fees increased slightly in 2021. Website costs almost doubled in 2021 including costs paid to Highland Creative for technical assistance due to the increasing complexity and size of the APS NSW website. Expenditure for the APS strategy session in Parramatta (\$6,297) and for the 2022 Biennial Conference (\$10,000) mostly accounts for the \$15,788 under the heading of Event and Meeting Expenses. We expect to recover the conference event expenditure in the 2022 financial year. The Parramatta strategy session was funded by the Bequest Fund account.

The total Office equity continues to show a healthy balance of \$200,087. The Bequest Fund has a balance of \$533,420. We believe this equity gives APS NSW a secure financial future.

Conservation report – Dan Clarke

The Conservation Officer undertook a variety of projects in 2021.

The development of the Plant Profile Database on the APS NSW website continued. Approximately 800 native plant profiles have been drafted in 2021 by various authors, namely Jeff Howes, Heather Miles and myself, with editing and uploading of profiles continuing. This database continues to grow with a comprehensive combination of species information and cultivation tips provided for all plants listed.

Monitoring works for *Prostanthera densa* as part of the NSW Saving our Species program continued up until June 2021. Several press releases were published on NSW Government websites on our work on the species here:

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/news/turning-the-tide-for-rare-coastal-plant>

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/news/mint-bush-city-limits-as-royal-reveals-her-secrets>

Amazingly, a new and very small population was found at Nelson Bay, also by volunteers, which I recorded in detail in 2021. Nelson Bay now has three known populations. Monitoring of planted plants was undertaken at both Nelson Bay and South Cronulla in 2021, and will continue in 2022.



Figure 7: Australian Inland Botanic Garden, image H Miles

I aided the completion of several submissions by APS members on conservation issues. One of the major events was the new Draft Management Plan for the Royal National Park Estate, in addition to other conservation issues in other parts of NSW. I submitted objections due to the potential impact on some local bushland reserves in Sutherland Shire.

On behalf of APS, I gave a presentation to the Illawarra Beekeepers Association at Sutherland, promoting bee-attracting native plants and APS NSW in general.

I recently drafted an educational article on the flora of the Hawkesbury Sandstone which will appear in the *Australian Plants* journal.

In addition to the above, member Tony Maxwell has continued to undertake his excellent work on providing databases of known native plant species distributions in NSW. The maps and spreadsheets are on the APS NSW website for all to access. Tony's work is very comprehensive and I strongly recommend it as an excellent resource for finding out about plant records in your local area.

Report on the Annual Conference of the Nature Conservation Council of NSW – Margery Street

6 November 2021 via Zoom

The principal activities of the Nature Conservation Council during the year were to work for the conservation of nature, the protection of the environment and the attainment of an ecologically sustainable society. There are 176 member conservation groups, of which APS NSW is one.

Environmental successes include the national parks estate now covering 7 million hectares thanks to the addition of more than 520,000 hectares by Environment Minister Matt Kean and the Menindee Lakes wetlands in the Far West getting a reprieve after the government delayed and modified plans to limit inflows.



Figure 8: Dillwynia floribunda, at Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden, image H Miles

The annual conference reflected the NCC's recognition that to solve Australia's ecological decline, we need continuing local momentum. Most of the submissions advocated action on climate, but planning, biodiversity, land management and mining attracted concern too. For example, the Saving Sydney Trees group requests that NCC identify the importance of attaching a dollar value to the loss of canopy, considering linked particulate, respiratory and mental health costs.

The NCC's Chris Gambian, who is speaking at the APS NSW quarterly gathering in March 2022 at Menai, and Jacqui Mumford presented 26 episodes of Voices for Nature video podcasts. I hope you watched some.

The NCC influences government policy by providing expert advice to parliament. An example was in April while politicians were on a tour of the

proposed Gardens of Stone conservation area near Lithgow which was threatened by the planned expansion of Angus Place colliery. The MPs were so moved by the beauty of the landscape revealed to them and appalled by the prospect of its destruction that they became the Gardens of Stone's most important advocates.



Figure 9: The Drift in the Gardens of Stone, image Heather Miles

The Forestry Corporation of NSW is making a loss on its native forest operations. The NCC successfully lobbied MPs to establish a parliamentary inquiry into the future of the timber industry, and then supplied strong evidence in favour of plantation forestry rather than native timber logging. The NCC holds regional conferences, and this year's in Batemans Bay used local groups' momentum to stop a new threat – woodchipping native forests for biomass burning and export. A total of 31 organisations signed its open letter opposing the Redbank biomass-fired power station and 4,500 supporters made submissions opposing the proposal.

Three members of APS NSW attended the annual conference this year. Anyone can attend and hear the keynote speakers – usually three environment ministers – and hear other reports.

Conservation submissions by members and Groups

Redraft Plan of Management for St Ives Showground, by North Shore Group

Development of Sports Fields at Westleigh Park-protection of rare bushland affected, North Shore Group

Raising the Warragamba Wall, by Blue Mountains Group

Redbank Power Plant, by APS NSW

District group highlights

Our 18 district groups are the backbone of our organisation, delivering on-the-ground practical and relevant skills and insights about native plants in their areas. Here are their 2021 highlights and challenges.

Armidale – Penelope Sinclair

Activities were curtailed due to early heavy rains and Covid-19 shutdowns. The highlights were provided by our working bees in the native plant section of the Armidale Bicentennial Arboretum and visits to members' gardens.



Figure 10: Lovely rainy day for a get together

Due to the wetter than usual conditions, three working bees had to be cancelled but as planting conditions were good, we planted 127 shrubs as well as carrying out the usual maintenance.

The two garden visits in April took place in persistent and at times heavy rain. The first, a smallish garden, had a good stream flowing through the grove of *Casuarina cunninghamiana* along the boundary. Some correas and callistemons were in flower and small birds were evident with their songs as they took shelter in the shrubberies. Rain continued during our visit to the second garden which was being established on a four-hectare property nearby. Of particular note was a flowering *Eremophila mackinlayi* from Western Australia, commonly known as Desert Pride! There were other unusual species such as *Pittosporum angustifolium* from inland NSW and the endangered *Pimelea venosa*. We did skip the usual afternoon tea as most folk had become rather wet.



Figure 11: Hakea multilineata, image Pat Laher

Later garden visits took place under sunny skies and introduced members to a range of garden sizes and challenges. A return visit in June to an urban garden in Uralla where planting had started eight years previously was notable for the impressive growth in the boundary species which provided privacy and bird habitat. Although it was early winter with members requiring warm clothing, there were beautiful blooms to enjoy such as *Grevillea lanigera* - tall, *Hakea multilineata* and *Banksia ericifolia*. This garden visit was followed by lunch together at the Top Pub, celebrating the Winter Solstice.



Figure 12: Grevillea lanigera, image Pat Laher

Blue Mountains – Margaret Gaul

The Glenbrook Native Reserve Nursery at 41 Great Western Highway, Glenbrook has been well

supported by the public, despite restricted openings due to Covid-19. More people are asking for information on creating native gardens and using species local to our area or areas where they live. For example, we get many enquiries and visits for people west of the Divide needing windbreaks for farm land but also plants suitable for their gardens. We also get customers from Sydney's eastern suburbs on their way home from visiting the mountains asking for container plants which tolerate salt to put on balconies. From the beach to the snow!

Significant donations of plants have gone to many groups including both Springwood and Blaxland High Schools and Leonay and St Marys Public Schools and to the Sydney Refugee Team to establish a Refugee Garden at Granville in Western Sydney. It's encouraging to see that the value of native plants as habitat is spreading through the community in a practical way rather than just awareness. Our yearly Spring Fair had to be cancelled as were events of many other groups, with a large impact on earnings from plant sales but we think we have just about made it up with the introduction of an electronic payment system, member sales and a gradual extension of opening hours for the nursery. For 2022, we are opening for longer hours to those fully vaccinated. APS members get a 10% discount.



Figure 13: Glenbrook Native Nursery – full of plants for sale, image Teresa Bernacki

Blue Mountains members gathered to celebrate the 90th birthdays of Helen Blattman and Dick Turner. Dick was presented with a special bottle of wine, while Helen received a beautiful bunch of native flowers. Both are longstanding members

who have devoted many days to Australian plants and especially to Glenbrook Native Plant Reserve.



Figure 14: Left to right, Phil Bendall, Helen Blattman and Dick Turner at Helen and Dick's 90th birthdays



Figure 15: Helen Blattman receiving flowers from Jeannie McInnes

Many of our members put in submissions against the raising of the wall of Warragamba Dam. Other members were overjoyed to hear the announcement that the Gardens of Stone had been declared a State Conservation Area since they had been advocating that for very many years.

In a small pandemic window we managed to again host the cadets from the nearby Air Force Base for the annual Clean Up Australia event, providing the hungry workers with a free sausage sizzle for their community-minded efforts.

A small group of members visited the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden at Mount Tomah and

were given a talk and tour by Greg Bourke as an update on bushfire recovery. Although many other excursions were cancelled due to the pandemic, another group managed to squeeze in a visit to the Australian Botanic Garden at Mount Annan.

All in all, the year was not as bad as it could have been.

Central Coast – Richard Street

This year has been another challenging one for the friendly and gregarious members of Central Coast Group. The various Covid-19 restrictions were the source of much frantic last-minute replanning but were ultimately effective it seems as all our members remained healthy.

This year we have a new activity. One of our members, Diane Warman, is an actual practising botanist and has been kind enough to undertake Basic Bush Botany sessions in the field with a group of members. I think all the participants have had their understanding and enjoyment of Australian plants enhanced and extended as a result. I am personally looking forward to a resumption and expansion of this sort of educational activity.



Figure 16: Bush botany walk at Warrah

Two online plant sales were conducted during the year and were terrifically successful. The propagation days (thank you especially to Graeme Ingall) were a popular social event, the buyers got great deals and the revenue back filled the losses from Covid-19 cancellations. Thanks to Cath Stofka and her happy band of workers.



Diana and Barry Dean were kind enough to donate to the group the considerable body of work they have compiled over many years. Their detailed lists of the species found in specific locations and habitats on the Central Coast greatly enhance and extend the activity of our bush walks.

Some interesting and educational talks were conducted at meetings between Covid-19 waves. Topics included rainforest plants, dune care, fungi, Easter show displays, and native ponds. Our members are now mostly adept at using the APS Zoom facility for online meetings.

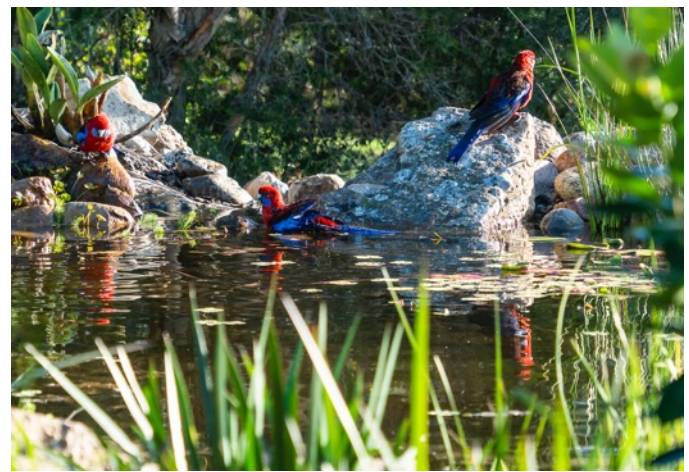


Figure 17: Native pond

Our dedicated team of bushwalk planners managed to plan and deliver some fabulous walks between lockdowns and isolations. They are greatly appreciated by the group as always. Thank you Barbara Melville, Joan Harden and Liz Hemphill. There is much more work put into the planning the right walk at the right place and time than people might imagine.

Our members are flexible and enthusiastic, adapting to the constantly changing rules and guidelines to safely indulge in our shared love of Australian plants.

Let's hope 2022 allows a return to relative normality as we once enjoyed it.

Coffs Harbour – Robert Watt

Once again it was a year dominated by Covid-19. And we got things wrong. We believed that to return to normal, we should act normally. This meant doing our best to have meetings – to carry on as we had done previously. What we failed to note was that while we on the committee were accepting of sitting through meetings with masks and the like, our ‘normal’ members were not.

While we cancelled only three meetings – July, August and October, our numbers attending plummeted for most of the meetings we held. While visits to local national parks and the like were fewer, the numbers were higher. Our visits to gardens dropped because many people just did not want outsiders in their gardens.



Figure 18: *Ficus* at North Coast Regional Botanic Gardens, image H Miles

This was not self-evident at the time and there were restrictions in movement making such trips difficult anyway. However, by the end of the year we had learned our lesson and in planning 2022, hopefully we had seen the light. We re-examined the number of meetings we need, and what sort of visits were the most popular. With practically all vaccinated, things ought to be a great deal easier.

A particular highlight of 2021 was the visit to the Glenugie Peak to see the extraordinary floral diversity created both by the altitude and dolerite rock intruding into the surrounding Mesozoic sandstone. Though quite a climb, it was well worth it.

Harbour Georges River (formerly East Hills) – Marie O’Connor

East Hills Group adopted a new name – Harbour Georges River – and sketched out a catchment area for our group to better reflect the distribution of our current members. We reached out to APS NSW members who lived within that catchment area and were not affiliated with a particular group. One of these has joined our committee, bringing fresh ideas.



Figure 19: *Styphelia triflora*

We provided advice and practical help for Picnic Point Public School, in the heart of the original East Hills Group catchment, to re-establish a native plant garden created in their school grounds about 40 years ago. David Crawford and Jan Douglas, and Lloyd Hedges (Menai Wildflower Group) visited the school, donated some tubestock including flannel flowers, and suggested suitable local species as replacement plantings.



Figure 20: *Isopogon anemonifolius*

Monthly meetings were changed from an evening time slot to the afternoon because the venue was

not available at night. The new time attracted quite high numbers of visitors, about 30–50% of the audience. Two meetings were cancelled because of Covid-19 lockdowns and three meetings were held on Zoom.

Karlo Taliana, our propagation officer for many years, stepped down from the position. His very significant contribution to our group's supply of flourishing plants and our income is much appreciated.

Our year ended on a sad note with the deaths of two very long-term stalwarts of our group – life member Kyrill Taylor and Graham Walters.

Hunter Valley – Michael Belcher

2021 was very challenging for the Hunter Valley Group. Between Covid-19 and inclement weather we had to cancel all but two of our activities. Even these had small attendance because of concerns over the transmission of Covid-19.

Our one significant event was to sponsor the Flora of the Hunter Region Exhibition at Brough House in Maitland. This was a joint exhibition of the Maitland Regional Museum, Newcastle Museum and the National Trust. We supplemented the enlarged plates of botanic illustrations with live plants and dried specimens. We also sponsored children's wildlife illustration classes and had a display and sale of plants endemic to the Hunter during the official opening. The exhibition was 10 April to 30 May, which fortunately fell between the waves of Covid-19, and it was visited by a large number of people. It was our only planned exhibition or display that proceeded.



Figure 21: Children undertaking the Hunter Valley Group sponsored children's botanical illustration classes



Figure 22: Part of the exhibition with live plants and other items loaned by members of APS NSW

Our major problem is that we have not been able to meet to hold an AGM. We have rolled over the executive positions now for two years with approval given at gatherings we were able to hold. However, it is definitely time for others to pick up the mantle.

Macarthur – Lesley Hook

Unfortunately Covid-19 had a major impact as our January, July, August and September meetings were cancelled.

However, we did not totally hibernate. In February and October we met at the Australian Botanic Garden at Mount Annan. After the meeting we toured the garden where the meeting was held to become more familiar with the plants. We viewed the wattles in February and the banksias in October.



Figure 23: The Australian Botanic Garden in full bloom

Socialising was the order of the day in March as we indulged in scones, jam and cream at the 102

café in the grounds of the University of Sydney (Veterinary section).

David and Malle Eden invited us to their property at Oakdale for a meeting and to view the regrowth of the bush after the 2020 bushfires.



Figure 24: Remembering Robin Davies

April saw the Wollondilly Shire Council provide a memorial and native plant garden at the Picton Botanic Garden for Robin Davies. Several of our members attended and participated in the planting. The food was great as well.

We revisited the Picton Botanic Gardens in November for a meeting and to see how the plants were surviving at Robin's memorial.

The APS NSW quarterly meeting at Kurnell in May was attended by five of our members. Several members attended the Picton Bowling Club for the final scientific report on the Thirlmere Lakes water problem. The report proved the mines were not the problem. The roast lunch provided was to die for!

Zoom meetings were attended by some members. A few of our members volunteer at the Wollondilly Community Nursery at Picton where we are involved in propagation.

We hope that 2022 will be a more productive year.

Menai – Peter and Margaret Olde

Our involvement in the Glossies in the Mist Project, an initiative co-ordinated by the Southern Highlands Group of the National Parks and Wildlife Service, continued throughout 2021. Pam Forbes and Marian Whatman met weekly to propagate trees which were donated and then planted in the Southern Highlands as food sources for the Black Cockatoos. Vice President Lloyd Hedges and member Anthony Jackson were also involved in a mass planting day at Penrose.

Other members of our group met weekly to propagate plants, which are donated or sold to finance the group's activities. When members visited both the Australian National Botanic Garden in Canberra and the Australian Botanic Garden at Mount Annan during early 2021, they were excited to see the impressive massed displays of *Actinotus forsythii* which had been propagated and donated by Menai Wildflower Group. It was pleasing to be told that they had not lost any of the plants at that stage.



Figure 25: Actinotus forsythii

Another one of the highlights of 2021 for Menai Wildflower Group was entering the Royal Agricultural Society's Flower Competition at the Royal Easter Show. A number of members cut flowers from their gardens and it was exciting to see these buckets of spectacular blooms being transformed by Helen Patience and her band of helpers into amazing creations to fit into the various categories. Even more exciting was winning prizes in 13 of the 17 categories entered, as well as winning the Grand Champion.



Figure 26: Lloyd Hedges on TV about waratahs

Finally, Lloyd Hedges became somewhat of a media personality when he appeared on Ten News and in the Sydney Morning Herald online. This was prompted by the interest in waratahs which were blooming fantastically this year. A single plant in the local area along Barden Creek had 19 blooms on it.

Newcastle – Mark Abell

It was another difficult year, but in spite of Covid-19 we managed to maintain a full calendar of excellent talks (many via Zoom). When arranging talks by Zoom we took the opportunity to use guest speakers from further afield who would not normally be able to attend in-person.

In-person activities were somewhat curtailed with the various restrictions. The midweekers walks made up a good proportion of the bush walks.

We also invested in a Square EFTPOS terminal, which ensures that we can now take all sorts of cards for our plant sales. This was trialled at our plant sale where it managed to handle about 40% of the total sales.

Another successful plant sale was held in March (see image). Covid-19 restrictions prevented another sale in the second half of the year.



Figure 27: Newcastle plant sale

The nursery (image below) is open on Thursday mornings for plant sales as well as being the morning when the propagation team does their work.



Figure 28: Nursery at Hunter Wetlands

Other activities included provision of plants to both the Hunter Wetlands and to the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens where we maintain a presence with the Parry Place garden.

North Shore – Sue Bowen

2021 was a difficult year for everyone. We held as many activities as possible under Covid-19 restrictions. Monthly meetings continued, either as face-to-face meetings or as Zoom meetings. Our fewer Walks and Talks were walks only, the wildflower display was updated at Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden when possible and plant propagation, maintenance of the Knoll garden and Bushcare also continued, when possible.

Despite the restrictions we carried out some much-needed improvements to our shadehouse: the entry path was gravelled and the shadecloth roof and walls were replaced.



Figure 29: New shadehouse set up

We also held two very successful plant sales, with attendance by invitation only.



Figure 30: Successful plant sales

One activity that continued despite Covid-19 was the awarding of our 13th Val Williams scholarship in April 2021. We sponsor the scholarship every year in memory of our former esteemed member, Val Williams (1937–2004). Applications are sought firstly from Honours students but also from Masters or PhD students doing research at universities in the Sydney region. The scholarship is currently worth up to \$3,500.

The project must contribute to the knowledge of the ecology, conservation or propagation of native plants in the Sydney and surrounding regions.

Our scholarship winner for 2021 was Harriet Simpson-Southward. Harriet is a PhD candidate in biological sciences at the University of Wollongong working in the Centre for Environmental Risk Management of Bushfires (CERMB). Her topic is 'Effects of climate change on resilience of fire prone eucalypt communities'.

Each scholarship winner is required to present the findings of his or her research to a meeting of our group in the year following the awarding of the scholarship.

We always find the findings of the research fascinating, with amazing technology used to collect and analyse data. We are also pleased that every winner is very appreciative that our scholarship allows them to do essential data collection and analysis.



Figure 31: Cards for sale at the October plant sale

Northern Beaches – Harry Loots

Northern Beaches Group has faced the same problems as other APS groups during 2021. Group activities were disrupted by Covid-19 restrictions and members were required to be vaccinated and bring their own drinking vessels. The restrictions mostly curtailed night-time meetings at Stony Range Regional Botanic Garden, however Anne Gray was able to organise quite a few successful Saturday morning walks in the local bushland.

In February the group completed the 1.2 km circuit walk on the northern side of Manly Dam. There was

a lunch at a local café. Unfortunately, the March walk on the Challenger Track in Ku-ring-gai National Park was cancelled due to rain.



Figure 32: *Cymbidium suave*, Snake orchid, image Harry Loots

In April the group visited Penny Hunstead's garden in Newport. Penny is a trained botanist and runs her own gardening business. Penny kindly provided an impressive buffet lunch that was abundant in variety, quality and quantity.

On the first Thursday meeting at Stony Range Conny Harris and Russell Beardmore presented photos of the plant regeneration on North Head after the fire. Russell also spoke about the lesser plant family Euphorbiaceae.

A few Northern Beaches members made it to Kurnell to attend the APS NSW quarterly gathering hosted by Sutherland Group in May.

One of the best talks of the year was presented in June by geologist John Martyn. His topic 'Rocks and trees of the Northern Beaches' was based on his research for his recently published book *Rocks and Trees*.

Also in June the group was fortunate to receive an invitation from Marina Grassecker to Harvest Native Plants Nursery at 281 Mona Vale Road, Terrey Hills for a presentation of plant propagation methods.



Figure 33: *Dipodium roseum*, Hyacinth orchid, image Harry Loots



Figure 34: *Cryptostylis subulata*, Tongue orchid, image Harry Loots

Because of Covid-19 restrictions the next group walk was not until October when we met for the Cooyong-Aumuna Trail at Terrey Hills. Later there was a brief morning tea at the small park opposite the Terrey Hills shops.

The group was delighted to see three different orchid species when walking along the Slades Trail in Duffys Forest in November.

Luck was again with us when we were able to hold our Christmas party uninterrupted at Stony Range on a December Sunday.

Financially the group broke even in a roundabout way. The annual Stony Range Spring Fair was cancelled so we missed a fundraising opportunity, but due to the small number of activities the group's outgoings have been minimal.

Nowra – Janice Hughes, Kathy Beckenham

The two evening meetings in our hall were warmly appreciated. The first, in June, was a talk given by our highly qualified biologist, Ruari Carolin, on the life of Joseph Banks. The biography of Banks by Grantlee Kieza was discussed and Ruari imagined a sailor's life 250 years ago which made for a very entertaining evening.

The chance to have another meeting in the hall was taken with a firm favourite of many years standing. This was a show and tell for all members, featuring three plants, weeds to identify, cuttings to swap plus photos and questions.



Figure 35: Plant propagation

In March our propagation day was as popular as ever at Berry Public School and very efficiently run by Lyn Clark at her Nature Studies and Plant Propagation Centre.

Other highlights were the day out for walking, talking and a personal plant identification game challenge devised by a group member in Booderee Botanic Gardens in July.

Social distancing has been a problem but throughout the year visits to three members' gardens were managed and our closeness to the bush has helped to keep us sane! Bomaderry Creek Reserve and the Coolendel Lookout in Budgong National Park were memorable.

Wirrecoo Native Gardens in Huskisson, maintained so well by our members, has had working bees throughout the year.



Figure 36: Nowra Group

Wollongong Botanic Garden invited us to their 50th year celebrations and Clarence Slockee showed a group of us the Aboriginal knowledge of the local plants, and the wonderful nursery where so many native plants are given free to residents to green Wollongong.

Our Christmas party was held at the picnic area adjacent to Moona Moona Creek at Vincentia in December as a much needed catch up for many of our members.

Looking back, although Covid-19 curtailed many activities, we were pleased to have been able to achieve a fairly full and rewarding year.

Parramatta and Hills – Jennifer Farrer

This year was again disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our program of bushwalks and talks was held in the first half of the year without interruption. Unfortunately, we were not able to return to the Council Nursery for our propagation activities until April and this activity ceased very soon afterwards with the four month lockdown which began in July.

The lack of propagation experience at the nursery was compensated for by an excellent workshop led by one of our members, Lesley Waite.



Figure 37: Cranstons Road Trail, Dural

The second half of the year was disrupted by the lockdown. The July meeting and August bushwalks were cancelled. In September we held a Zoom meeting with the theme “How I survived lockdown” Members contributed slides for a Powerpoint presentation showing new gardens, spectacular flowers and craft activities. Most of our members have not embraced Zoom so this meeting was not as well attended as our face-to-face meetings.

The highlights of this year were the bushwalk in October along the Cranstons Road fire trail at Dural and the final members’ meeting in November where Malcolm Johnson gave an illustrated talk about his canoe trip down Cattai Creek from Castle Hill to the Hawkesbury River.

The group appreciates the excellent editions of our monthly newsletter Calgaroo, produced by Ian Cox, which have kept us in touch and informed us when we could not meet in person.



Figure 38: Enjoying a visit to Boongala Gardens



Figure 39: Malcolm Johnson at Boongala Gardens

South East – Dianne Clark

Looking back on 2021 it surprises me that our APS South East Region Group managed to meet together eight times during the year. Even when we did not meet, every month during the year our members were sent a newsletter full of information and articles to keep everyone inspired and in touch. The newsletter was a vital part of our communication.

The year began as normal with our AGM at a member’s house and we were delighted to hear about Lyndal Thorburn’s travels around Western Australia with her husband Tom Jordan. At the time we did not realise what a special adventure this was. Lyndal’s knowledge, enthusiasm and her obvious determination to learn as much as possible about her environment was impressive.



Figure 40: Lyndal Thorburn, York to Mt Talbot

One of the aims of this group is to be active in the local community and to encourage others to grow native plants. This past year we were involved in the Guerilla Bay Bioblitz, where some of our members gave guided walks and others participated in other activities that were on offer, such as animal monitoring and bird watching. It was a very enjoyable day.



Figure 41: Proteaceae working bee at Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden

The South East Region Group has an ongoing relationship with the local Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden (ERBG) and this year this relationship was strengthened by an agreement to work together in the garden. We began the Proteaceae Project, which involves the growing, planting and maintenance of a garden bed at the ERBG. We have had four propagation and preparation days and will be continuing this work in 2022. The aim is to have a definite project for our members to contribute to, to aid the ERBG in their fire recovery and to have a learning experience for all. We also hope to raise the profile of our group in the community.

Our group is looking forward to continuing with these activities and more in 2022.

Southern Highlands – Kim Zegenhagen

Southern Highlands Group had a Covid-19 enforced recess from July to September. Despite this, we still had several well patronised and successful functions and an increase in membership to 90.

- We had four successful garden visits, with up to 35–40 attendees each time.
- We had a very successful propagation workshop with 26 participants which has resulted in several members now propagating rare and endangered acacias. Our intention is



Figure 43: New logo

to distribute these as tubestock to members to grow in their own gardens.

- We had a talk on landscaping for small gardens with 29 participants.
- One indoor talk was given by an environmental employee of Wingecarribee Shire Council discussing an app called Naturemapr.
- On three occasions talks were given by several members on a local community radio station. Sessions were 10–15 minutes in a question-and-answer format broadcast live at about 1 pm on Fridays. We will resume this when sitting unmasked in a small studio is allowed.
- We had a very enjoyable Christmas function incorporating a visit to a native plant nursery, a bush walk to Carrington Falls and then lunch in Moreton National Park which was attended by about 25 members.
- We continue to publish a newsletter every second month. We have asked members to submit articles and/or photos, which has been met with an enthusiastic response.

Figure 42: New logo

- Two members continue to maintain several large planter boxes outside Coles Bowral. These boxes include contact details for our group.



Figure 44: Planter boxes outside Coles

- We have a new mission statement, as of September 2021. Please see our website for full details.
- We now commence all our meetings with an Acknowledgement of Country:

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this continent, never ceded, their grief at loss of country, languages and culture, and their struggle for survival on their own terms. We especially acknowledge the Gundungurra and Dhawaral peoples, traditional owners of the land where we live today.



Figure 45: Members at Carrington Falls

Southern Tablelands – Jen Ashwell

2021 has brought a change in president for the group with Peter Wauchope retiring after having done a sterling job of running the propagation and sale of plants for the last few years, as well as keeping things running smoothly for the last three years with the constant changes happening.

We have had an increase in membership and have lost a few members, however we have to recognise that quite a few of our members live a long way from Goulburn and thus find it difficult to be involved in many activities. The most popular activity was the visit to Ben and Ros Walcott's garden in Red Hill, Canberra.



Figure 46: Ettrema Gorge

Pauline Husen has continued her amazing dedication to the APS Gardens at the Goulburn Wetlands with a little help from others and no help from the torrential rain that has washed mulch as well as plants away. The aim of these gardens is to showcase Australian native plants that will grow happily in this region. Several of our members also continue to propagate species that are indigenous to the area for the plantings of the Wetlands themselves.

Even when we went into lockdown Peter was able to sell plants we had propagated (328 tubes) by leaving orders at the gate of his place for collection by members.



Figure 47: Ettrema Gorge

Our final walk in early November was the best outing to me personally, as we went to the top of Ettrema Gorge to see the recovery from the fires in early January 2020. The rain had made a huge impression on the flora with *Dampiera stricta* forming a carpet of blue and *Actinotus helianthi* standing out to a much greater height than I had ever seen before. And the sun even shone for us.



Figure 48: *Dampiera stricta* in abundance

Here's hoping that as we progress through the coming year we will have fewer disruptions to our activities.

Sutherland – Rhonda Daniels

In 2021, Sutherland Group was very pleased to celebrate our president Leonie Hogue being awarded APS NSW life membership and John Arney receiving the Conservation Award at the AGM and quarterly gathering we hosted at Kurnell in May. At the AGM, John Aitken stepped down after six years of great service as APS NSW president, and continues as vice president.

We held five face-to-face monthly meetings in the first half of the year (on WA wildflowers, Woronora cemetery, flowers to fruits, pipeworts and Mungo National Park), then five by Zoom in the second half of the year. Similar to 2020, in general, we had about the same number of members attending online as at our face-to-face meetings. Our Zoom meetings continued our plant table feature with photos and videos of plants in members' gardens.

This allowed a wide range of plants to be seen in great detail. We added recordings of our plant table photos to the APS NSW YouTube channel.



Figure 49: Woronora River Walk, May 2021

We continued our monthly working bees at Joseph Banks Native Plants Reserve in the first half of the year, but not during Covid-19 restrictions. Fortunately, we were able to hold our usual end-of-year gathering at the reserve in December. In the first half of the year, our week-long trip to Charlotte Pass was well-attended and we also had two local bushwalks. Once again, we won prizes with our Australian plant entries at the Royal Easter Show and made a donation to the Australian Flora Foundation.



Figure 50: A Sutherland Group entry at Easter Show, image by Joan Zande

Sutherland Group members continued to strongly support APS NSW with John Aitken as president (to May 2021), Rhonda Daniels as newsletter editor (retired in December 2021 after 30 issues), Dan Clarke as conservation officer and Ralph Cartwright on the ANPSA biennial conference organising committee. John is also co-editor of the *Australian Plants* journal.

Tamworth – Martin O'Rourke

2021 started off with a full program planned. Due to Covid-19 hampering activities some of the meetings and activities planned were cancelled.

In late 2019 the Tamworth Friends of the Botanic Garden secured a grant for \$5,000 to spend on the Threatened Species plot in the Botanic Garden that is jointly run by The Friends and APS Tamworth Group. As some members are members of both groups the lines between the two groups get a bit blurred. The money had to be spent by December 2020, but due to Covid-19 it was extended to 30 June 2021 by which time all the money was spent. The area was sprayed for weeds in September 2020 and a second spraying by a professional occurred in March 2021.



Figure 51: Working bee, image Martin O'Rourke

We had two planned working bees to plant trees, install plastic tree guards and irrigation lines. The first was on 20 June where 13 *Hakea macrorhyncha*, 20 *Callitris oblonga* (Pygmy Cyprus Pine) and 2 *Acacia pycnostachya* (Bolivia Wattle) were planted. All of these had been grown by one of the members.

An unplanned working bee was held in late July 2021 at the Botanic Garden to replace some of the plastic tree guards that had been disturbed by goats. Wire guards were placed around the *Hakea macrorhyncha* and some of the *Callitris oblonga* that had been planted in June 2021.



Figure 52: Working bee, image Martin O'Rourke

At a second planned working bee on Sunday 17 October 2021 at the Botanic Garden 20 *Homoranthus prolixus*, 20 *Melaleuca tortifolia* and 20 *Callistemon pungens* 'Gibraltar Pink' were planted by six people in about 3.5 hours. The plants were grown on consignment.

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Life members

We pay tribute to our life members, who have contributed their passion, skills and deep experience to APS NSW over the last 60 years.

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*
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 OAM
1999	Ross Doig*

Year	Name
2001	Mary Hancock*
	Royal Pullen*
2002	Jim Webb*
2003	Edna Devlin
2004	Harry Brian*
	Laurel Kathleen Wray
2005	Jennifer Lewis
	Barbara Burke
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 OAM
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
2020	Ian Cox
	Leigh Cousins, Chris Cousins
2021	Leonie Hogue
	Kris Gow

* Deceased

Directors' report

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Company for the period 1 January 2021–31 December 2021 have been promoting interest in the growing, conservation and use of Australian native plants.

Consolidated Profit and Loss

	2021	2020
State Office	(\$8,828)	\$15,724
District groups	(\$2,316)	\$11,988
Bequest Fund	(\$3,553)	(\$7,763)
Total APS NSW net surplus/loss	(\$14,696)	\$19,948
Total equity	\$1,099,968	\$1,114,664

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 2021, we paid a premium of \$2,475 for insurance against Directors' liability for legal costs. This also included liability for the presidents, secretaries and treasurers of district groups.

Directors' qualifications and experience

John Aitken, President, Vice President

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 APS NSW and Sutherland Group, a director of APS NSW since February 2007, and vice president of Australian Native Plants Society (Australia).

Heather Miles, President, 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 district groups and is a director and

secretary of APS NSW. She has extensive experience as a director, executive and consultant across multiple industry sectors.

Sue Fredrickson, delegate for North Shore

Sue is retired and formerly worked for the NSW government in the field of analytical chemistry. She has been a member of APS NSW for around 20 years and for most of that time has been the main organiser of the group's monthly walks and trips away. She loves the Australian bush and enjoys plant propagating with the group.

Graham Fry, delegate for East Hills

Graham has been a member of East Hills Group for many years and president for a number of years. 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 and resigned in March 2021.

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 and has extensive management and consultancy experience as well as serving on boards and committees of not-for-profit organisations.

Lisa Godden, delegate for Sutherland

Lisa is a member of Sutherland Group and joined the board in December 2021. She developed a keen interest in learning about native plants both in the wild and in her own garden since moving near the Royal National Park three years ago, and this led her to join APS. She has previously worked in finance and operations management and currently does a number of volunteer roles across different sectors such as community services and youth.

Dorothy Luther, delegate for East Hills (now Harbour Georges River)

Dorothy joined the board of APS NSW in 2021. She has a Master's degree in computer science and looks forward to applying her skills and experience to enable APS to have more impact and achieve its goals by using Information & Communication Technologies (ICT).

As an ICT expert, Dorothy has worked in many large companies over 30 years. Working as a contractor alongside senior executives, Dorothy's role was to devise strategies for using ICT to gain a competitive advantage for the company. After stepping back from the hurly burly of business, Dorothy has been teaching at universities, sharing her experiences with postgraduate ICT students, who appreciate her reality stories.

Harry Loots, Treasurer, delegate for Northern Beaches

Harry has been a member of the Australian Plants Society since 1991 when he joined Harbourside Group where he was 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 over 30 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.

Peter Olde OAM, delegate for Menai

Peter joined the SGAP as it was then around 1979 and soon became president of Sutherland Group (3 years) and later president of NSW Region (3 years), subsequently holding the position of vice president for many years. He was the exhibition manager of Wildflower Shows held at Peakhurst in the 1980s. Peter is currently the president and delegate of Menai Wildflower Group. His tertiary qualifications include BA (Languages) and Graduate Dip. Ed. (University of Sydney). After leaving university he was called up to national service and served in the Vietnam War as an intelligence operative. He was awarded the Australian Plant Medal in 2015 and the OAM in 2020. He has had considerable experience as a company director, managing a private business for over 30 years after leaving his teaching career after two years. Peter is currently an honorary research scientist with the National Herbarium of New South Wales where he concentrates on the taxonomy of Grevillea, the third largest genus in the Australian flora. Peter joined the board in December 2021.

Merle K Thompson OAM, Membership officer

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 member of

conference planning committees for 1993, 2002 and 2007 conferences. Her professional career involved roles in counselling, administration and policy in the NSW public sector.

Directors' attendance

Each director attended the following board meetings during 2021 while a member of the board*.

Director	Role	Meetings held while in office	Meetings attended
John Aitken	President to May 2021, Vice President from May 2021, Board member, Sutherland delegate	8	8
Sue Fredrickson	Board member, North Shore delegate	8	8
Graham Fry	Board member, East Hills delegate Resigned from the board 17 March 2021	2	2
Margaret Gaul	Board member, Blue Mountains delegate	8	7
Lisa Godden*	Board member, Sutherland delegate	0	0
Harry Loots	Treasurer, Board member, Northern Beaches delegate	8	8
Dorothy Luther	Board member, East Hills delegate, joined 17 August 2021	3	3
Tony Maxwell	Board member, Parramatta and Hills delegate	8	8
Peter Olde	Board member, Menai delegate, joined 7 December 2021	1	1
Heather Miles	Secretary, Board member, Hunter Valley delegate	8	8
Merle Thompson	Membership officer, Board member	8	8
Jan Williamson	Non-board, minutes, participated from 17 August 2021	2	2

*Lisa Godden joined the board on 9 December 2021 and attended the 7 December board meeting as a visitor.

Signed in accordance with the Directors' resolution on 30 March 2022

Heather Miles, President

Harry Loots, Treasurer

Financial Accounts



Consolidated Income and Expenditure Statement

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	31 DEC 2021	31 DEC 2020
Income		
Book sales	1,520	808
Donations Received	944	3,422
Events/Meetings	3,558	4,106
Fundraising Income	1,480	1,748
Interest Income	8,253	14,431
Membership Income	58,286	58,241
Merchandise Sales	86,028	82,892
Publishing Sales - Journal	13,596	12,714
Royalties	-	519
Subscriptions	5,061	6,150
Sundry Income	999	318
T-Shirts	-	162
Total Income	179,726	185,511
Total Income		
	179,726	185,511
Cost of Sales		
Purchases	41,201	37,244
Total Cost of Sales	41,201	37,244
Gross Profit		
	138,525	148,267
Operating Expenses		
Administration		
Administration Costs	-	92
Advertising and Marketing	481	135
ANPSA Levy	2,034	1,994
Bank Fees	1,325	1,393
Depreciation	10,769	387
Donations	3,656	8,398
Equipment	1,429	254
Finance Costs	26,783	25,998
Legal Costs	66	340
Library	171	1,767
Office Expenses	8,096	8,469
Postage	1,474	1,072
Repairs and Replacements	446	109
Subscriptions Paid	1,559	1,145
Sundry Costs	3,408	2,355
Transport & Travel	782	91
Website Costs	6,742	8,317
Total Administration	69,222	62,317

	31 DEC 2021	31 DEC 2020
Events and Meetings Expenses		
Event Costs	13,354	1,332
Fundraising Expenses	495	433
Hire of Halls	1,310	2,889
Meeting Catering - Council	11	18
Meeting Expenses	7,762	1,159
Nursery Expenses	17,569	14,268
Projects Committee	3,000	3,000
Scholarship Expense	2,045	2,727
Speakers Expenses	780	1,237
Total Events and Meetings Expenses	46,327	27,063
Membership and Subscription Costs		
Editorial Costs	250	1,250
Freight and Postage	5,719	8,118
Inserting & Dispatch	3,105	1,899
Printing - Journal	15,086	13,850
Publication Costs - Others	113	1,121
Total Membership and Subscription Costs	24,273	26,238
Total Operating Expenses	139,821	115,619
Operating Profit/(Deficit)	(1,296)	32,648
Non-Operating Expenses		
Glenbrook Reserve Expenses	13,400	12,700
Total Non-Operating Expenses	13,400	12,700
Net Profit/(Deficit)	(14,696)	19,948

Balance Sheet

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD As at 31 December 2021

31 DEC 2021 31 DEC 2020

Assets

Bank Accounts

APS NSW Funds

APS NSW - ANZ TD	179,048	177,620
APS NSW - ANZ Working Account	12,844	6,171
APS NSW - CBA Administration	5,202	15,256
APS NSW - Paypal	2,963	3,117
State Office - Petty Cash	30	30
Total APS NSW Funds	200,087	202,194

Bequest Funds

ANZ Bequest Account	23,326	35,545
Bequest Funds - CBA Term Deposit #7663	55,028	55,028
CBA Term Deposit #8046	200,000	200,000
CBA Term Deposit #8054	200,000	200,000
CBA Term Deposit #8062	78,195	78,195
CBA Term Deposit #8257	12,668	12,574
Total Bequest Funds	569,217	581,342

District Group Funds

District Group Cash	152,845	153,872
District Group Investments	153,795	152,585
District Group Petty Cash	4,156	5,238
Total District Group Funds	310,796	311,695

Total Bank Accounts

1,080,100 1,095,231

Current Assets

Trade Debtors	1,638	-
Total Current Assets	1,638	-

Fixed Assets

District Group Assets	23,983	24,371
Total Fixed Assets	23,983	24,371

Non-Current Assets

Stock on hand	11,930	12,480
Total Non-Current Assets	11,930	12,480

Total Assets

1,117,652 1,132,082

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Grant in Advance	16,500	16,500
GST	613	898

	31 DEC 2021	31 DEC 2020
Trade Creditors	572	20
Total Current Liabilities	17,684	17,418
Total Liabilities	17,684	17,418
Net Assets	1,099,968	1,114,664
Equity		
Retained Earnings	1,099,968	1,114,664
Total Equity	1,099,968	1,114,664

Changes in Equity

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD

For the year ended 31 December 2021

1. State Office

	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2020
Opening balance	\$ 226,930	\$ 211,207
Net Total Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	\$ (8,828)	\$ 15,724
Closing Balance	\$ 218,102	\$ 226,930

2. Bequest Fund

	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2020
Opening balance	\$ 536,973	\$ 544,737
Net Total Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	\$ (3,553)	\$ (7,763)
Closing Balance	\$ 533,420	\$ 536,973

3. District Groups

	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2020
Opening balance	\$ 350,760	\$ 338,773
Net Total Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	\$ (2,316)	\$ 11,988
Closing Balance	\$ 348,445	\$ 350,760
TOTAL EQUITY	\$ 1,099,968	\$ 1,114,664

Income and Expenditure Statement - State Office

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	31 DEC 2021	31 DEC 2020
Income		
Book sales	1,393	731
Donations Received	440	209
Events/ Meetings	292	-
Interest Income	6,084	11,972
Membership Income	47,563	48,823
Merchandise Sales	76	-
Publishing Sales - Journal	13,596	12,714
Royalties	-	519
Subscriptions	5,061	6,150
Sundry Income	486	318
Total Income	74,991	81,435
Total Income	74,991	81,435
Gross Profit	74,991	81,435
Operating Expenses		
Administration		
Administration Costs	-	92
Advertising and Marketing	-	(150)
ANPSA Levy	2,034	1,994
Bank Fees	711	1,355
Donations	273	-
Equipment	116	-
Finance Costs	26,783	25,998
Legal Costs	66	340
Library	-	1,718
Office Expenses	5,917	5,101
Postage	385	37
Subscriptions Paid	420	30
Sundry Costs	169	-
Transport & Travel	701	-
Website Costs	6,742	3,513
Total Administration	44,318	40,028
Event and Meeting Expenses		
Event Costs	9,091	-
Hire of Halls	127	-
Meeting Expenses	6,570	100
Total Event and Meeting Expenses	15,788	100
Membership and Subscription Costs		
Editorial Costs	250	1,250

	31 DEC 2021	31 DEC 2020
Freight and Postage	5,719	8,036
Inserting & Dispatch	3,105	1,899
Printing - Journal	14,640	13,523
Publication Costs - Others	-	875
Total Membership and Subscription Costs	23,714	25,583
Total Operating Expenses	83,819	65,711
Operating Profit/(Deficit)	(8,828)	15,724
Net Profit/(Deficit)	(8,828)	15,724

Income and Expenditure Statement - Bequest Fund

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD For the year ended 31 December 2021

	31 DEC 2021	31 DEC 2020
Income		
Interest Income	13	28
Total Income	13	28
Total Income	13	28
Gross Profit	13	28
Operating Expenses		
Administration		
Bank Fees	1	-
Donations	350	325
Postage	10	-
Subscriptions Paid	30	-
Website Costs	-	4,466
Total Administration	391	4,791
Events and Meetings Expenses		
Meeting Expenses	175	-
Projects Committee	3,000	3,000
Total Events and Meetings Expenses	3,175	3,000
Total Operating Expenses	3,566	7,791
Operating Profit/(Deficit)	(3,553)	(7,763)
Net Profit/(Deficit)	(3,553)	(7,763)

Income and Expenditure Statement - District Groups

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD For the year ended 31 December 2021

	31 DEC 2021	31 DEC 2020
Income		
Book sales	127	77
Donations Received	505	3,213
Events/Meetings	3,265	4,106
Fundraising Income	1,480	1,748
Interest Income	2,156	2,431
Membership Income	10,724	9,419
Merchandise Sales	85,952	82,892
Sundry Income	513	-
T-Shirts	-	162
Total Income	104,722	104,048
Total Income	104,722	104,048
Cost of Sales		
Purchases	41,201	37,244
Total Cost of Sales	41,201	37,244
Gross Profit	63,521	66,804
Operating Expenses		
Administration		
Advertising and Marketing	481	285
Bank Fees	613	38
Depreciation	10,769	387
Donations	3,033	8,073
Equipment	1,313	254
Library	171	49
Office Expenses	2,178	3,369
Postage	1,079	1,035
Repairs and Replacements	446	109
Subscriptions Paid	1,109	1,115
Sundry Costs	3,239	2,355
Transport & Travel	82	91
Website Costs	-	338
Total Administration	24,514	17,498
Events and Meetings Expenses		
Event Costs	4,263	1,332
Fundraising Expenses	495	433
Hire of Halls	1,183	2,889
Meeting Catering - Council	11	18

	31 DEC 2021	31 DEC 2020
Nursery Expenses	17,569	14,268
Scholarship Expense	2,045	2,727
Speakers Expenses	780	1,237
Total Events and Meetings Expenses	26,347	22,904
Membership and Subscription Costs		
Freight and Postage	-	81
Printing - Journal	446	327
Publication Costs - Others	113	246
Total Membership and Subscription Costs	559	655
Event/Meeting - Meeting expenses	419	242
Meeting Expenses	598	817
Total Operating Expenses	52,437	42,116
Operating Profit/(Deficit)	11,084	24,688
Non-Operating Expenses		
Glenbrook Reserve Expenses	13,400	12,700
Total Non-Operating Expenses	13,400	12,700
Net Profit/(Deficit)	(2,316)	11,988

District Group Profit & Loss Report

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	ARMADALE	BLUE MOUNTAINS	CENTRAL COAST	COTTS HARBOUR	EAST HILLS	HUNTER VALLEY	MACARTHUR	MONA	NEWCASTLE	NORTH SHORE	NORTHERN RIFLES	NORON	PARRAMATTA	SOUTH EAST	SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS	SOUTHERN TABLELANDS	SUTHERLAND	TAMWORTH	TOTAL
Income																			
Book sales	-	-	240	-	-	-	-	-	-	281	-	-	127	-	-	-	-	-	127
Donations received	-	-	399	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	399
Event/Meetings	-	2,866	234	8	132	35	81	246	286	-	-	138	59	44	750	5	390	142	2,000
Fundraising income	-	-	234	-	-	-	-	37	91	1,578	-	69	44	-	-	-	-	-	1,880
Interest income	89	-	102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200
Membership income	420	1,664	880	450	90	330	230	420	900	1,320	120	460	400	750	680	390	810	10,724	2,156
Merchandise Sales	2,404	54,139	3,141	105	302	-	-	4,515	10,721	8,000	446	-	-	-	584	1,294	-	-	85,932
Sundry income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	446	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	513
Total Income	2,812	58,720	5,008	564	584	385	311	5,819	12,008	12,664	387	667	750	750	1,270	1,684	1,282	200	104,222
Cost of Sales																			
Purchases	3,320	33,567	697	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,040	-	273	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,201
Total Cost of Sales	3,320	33,567	697	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,040	-	273	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,201
Gross Profit	(498)	25,153	4,309	564	584	385	311	5,819	12,008	8,624	387	394	750	750	1,270	1,380	1,282	200	63,821
Operating Expenses																			
Administration	273	4,164	1,483	-	-	420	36	763	13,094	844	54	-	122	115	1,024	247	624	421	24,514
Events and Meetings Expenses	-	8,738	420	182	394	-	351	1,078	5,805	9,137	-	114	424	27	228	30	409	-	27,584
Membership and Subscription Costs	382	-	-	-	-	-	-	382	-	-	-	-	-	-	64	-	113	-	559
Total Operating Expenses	655	13,103	1,914	182	394	420	388	1,841	18,489	9,982	54	114	566	142	1,296	281	1,176	421	52,487
Operating Profit/(Deficit)	(1,043)	12,051	2,395	382	190	(69)	(77)	3,777	(7,481)	(1,358)	333	280	184	609	(2)	1,099	83	(221)	11,884
Non-Operating Expenses																			
Charitable Bequest Expenses	-	13,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,400
Total Non-Operating Expenses	(1,043)	13,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,400
Net Profit/(Deficit)	(1,043)	(1,349)	2,395	382	190	(69)	(77)	3,777	(7,481)	(1,358)	333	280	184	609	(2)	1,099	83	(221)	(2,316)

Statement of Cash Flows

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD
For the year ended 31 December 2021

	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2020
Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers		
- State and Bequest Funds	\$ 75,798	\$ 76,409
- District Groups	\$ 112,822	\$ 111,779
Payments to suppliers and employees		
- State and Bequest Funds	\$ (96,123)	\$ (80,853)
- District Groups	\$ (117,741)	\$ (101,266)
Interest received	\$ 8,253	\$ 14,431
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	\$ (16,991)	\$ 20,500
Investing Activities		
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant & equipment	\$ -	\$ -
Payments for financial assets	\$ (2,732)	\$ (9,114)
Payment for property, plant & equipment	\$ (10,382)	\$ -
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	\$ (13,114)	\$ (9,114)
Financing Activities		
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	\$ -	\$ -
Net Cash Flows	\$ (30,106)	\$ 11,386
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	\$ 216,112	\$ 219,909
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	\$ 201,366	\$ 216,112
NET CHANGE IN CASH FOR THE PERIOD	\$ (14,746)	\$ (3,796)

Notes to the Financial Statements

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

The financial statements cover the business of Australian Plants Society NSW Ltd and have been prepared to meet the needs of stakeholders. Comparatives are consistent with prior years unless otherwise stated.

1. Basis of Preparation

The Company is non-reporting since there are unlikely to be any users who would rely on the general purpose financial statements.

The special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies described below and do not comply with any Australian Accounting Standards unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis starting from 2018 versus an accrual basis prior to 2018. Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Cash and Cash Equivalents - Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, demand deposits and short term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Revenue and Other Income - Revenue is recognised when the business receives it. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST). Interest Revenue is recognised using the effective interest method.

Other Income - Other income is recognised on a cash basis when the Company receives it.

Membership rebates between State Office and Districts - The treatment of rebates of the consolidated Income Statement changed in 2018 versus 2017 and previous years, where it was treated as income and expenses. It is now accounted for as inter-entity transfers. This change has no impact on the Company's overall surplus/(deficit).

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is classified as operating cash flows.

Australian Plants Society NSW Limited Directors' Declaration

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

- 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.
- The attached financial statement gives a true and fair view of the Company's position as of 31 December 2021 and its financial performance for the financial year ended on that date.
- There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.