



Annual Report 2022

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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.

Front cover: images clockwise from top left: ANPSA Biennial Conference in Kiama in September 2022, by Bruce Usher, *Styphelia setigera*, by Michelle de Mol, Pilliga tour by Ralph Cartwright and Costa Georgiadis at the Kiama Conference, by Bruce Usher

President's report



Figure 1: President Heather Miles at the ANPSA Conference, photo by B Usher

Despite COVID-19, we hosted a successful Conference in Kiama in September, hosted on behalf of the Australian Native Plants Society Australia (ANPSA), the national body of native plant societies. Over 280 people attended for either the whole week or individual days. Visitors from interstate were lower than expected, although this was supplemented by more local and NSW participants.

As part of the conference, we ran six tours to the Blue Mountains, Sydney, Pilliga and Lord Howe Island. Weather and floods heavily impacted some tours, although most participants were delighted with their tours.

I give a huge thanks to the conference committee and volunteers, particularly John Aitken, Sue Bowen, Ralph Cartwright, John Desmond, Sue Fredrickson, Margaret Gaul, Janice Hughes and Merle Thompson. The committee worked tirelessly over 4 years through the many stops and starts.

APS NSW is now the secretariat for ANPSA for the coming two years, with John Aitken - president, Rhonda Daniels - secretary and John Desmond - treasurer.

As well as the conference, in 2022 we held three gatherings and get togethers and hosted a trip to the Central West to visit farmers regenerating their land. We thank the Menai, Parramatta and Hills and Southern Highlands District Groups that

hosted these events, as well as the farmers who so generously gave their time and insights.

The district groups continue to be the bedrock of APS NSW with nearly 500 activities held in 2022. New membership processes are helping us welcome new members more quickly. Membership numbers grew slightly in 2022 to 1197 memberships for 1514 members. A new group started in the Illawarra, led by a strong team and Michael Swire as President. It is wonderful to have such a vibrant community and we look forward to supporting their passion.

Our Life Members and Conservation Award recipients make profound contributions to native plant knowledge. We welcomed two new Life Members in 2022 – John Aitken and Dr Robert Failes, and awarded the Conservation Award to Wendy Grimm for her work with orchids. Sadly, we farewelled Life Member Alex Floyd, a renowned expert in rainforest plants.

Two new members joined the board in 2022, Andrew Knop and John Desmond, bringing some excellent new skills and insights. Margaret Gaul and Dorothy Luther resigned from the board. Thank you both for your contribution.

Our financial performance was a good result, assisted by the conference which produced a surplus, and included the grant of \$22,000 from Destination NSW. In 2022, we donated \$6,000 from our Bequest Fund to the Australian Flora Foundation to support scientific research into native plants.

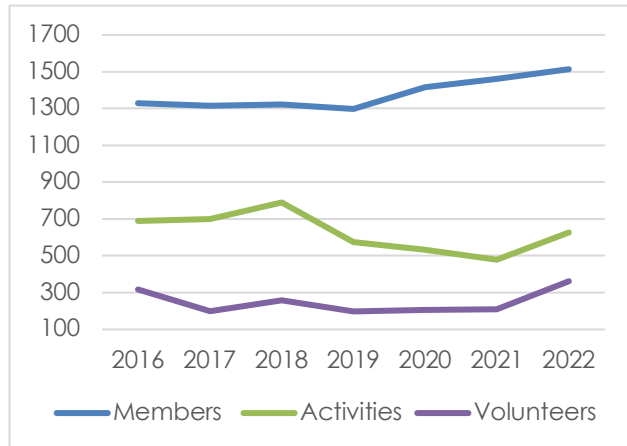
I'd like to thank all our members and volunteers as well as the board for their contributions. This edition of the annual report includes a special thanks to the state level volunteers as our unsung heroes who keep the organisation going: John Aitken, Glenda Browne, Ralph Cartwright, Dan Clarke, Lisa Godden, Jeff Howes, Harry Loots, Lindy Monson and Merle Thompson.

We look forward to a successful 2023.

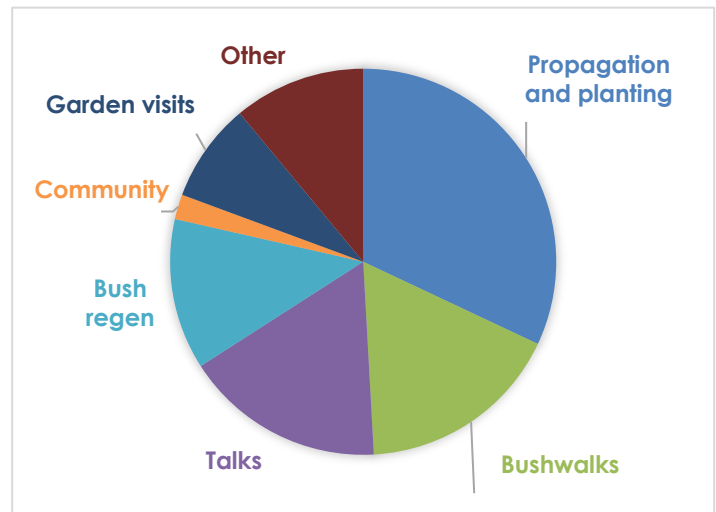
Heather Miles, President

2022 highlights

Memberships and volunteers increasing, and number of activities increasing



Propagation, planting and bush regen are important District Group activities



Our 19 district groups are the backbone of our organisation, delivering on-the-ground practical and relevant skills and insights about native plants in their areas. The 2022 highlights and challenges for each district group are on our website at <https://resources.austplants.com.au/stories/district-group-2022-highlights-part-1/> and <https://resources.austplants.com.au/stories/district-group-2...ighlights-part-2/>.

Awards: Congratulations to Life Members, John Aitken and Dr Robert Failes, and to Wendy Grimm for the Conservation Award.

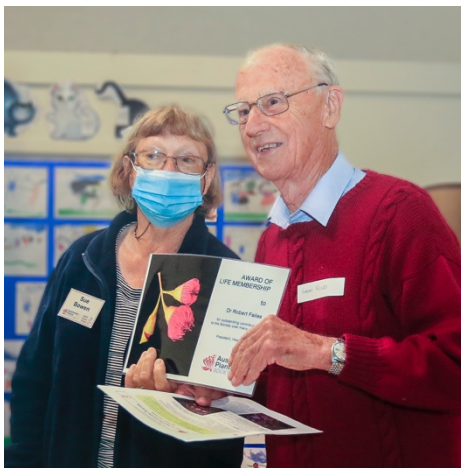


Figure 2: Dr Robert Failes with Sue Bowen, President North Shore Group



Figure 3: John Aitken with Leonie Hogue on right, President Sutherland Group, and Heather Miles on left



Figure 4: Wendy Grimm, North Shore Group, with Heather Miles on left

2022 outcomes

In 2022, most of our efforts at state level focused on the ANPSA Biennial Conference in Kiama as well as improving our focus on membership and conservation. We are increasing our attention on health and safety. As a fully volunteer organisation, we are not covered by WHS legislation. However,

we do have a duty of care for members and visitors and as such we need a robust WHS system.

Our direction is shown below.

Strategy 2023 - 2027

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



Membership – Merle Thompson OAM

The revised membership procedures initiated in 2021 and 2022 to coordinate APS NSW and District Group processes appear to be working well. Similarly, the improved procedures for engagement with new members are more welcoming and our reminders are more friendly. We held one online member induction session which was of value to those who participated. We hope to have more sessions in 2023.

In December we lost another special Life Member with the death of Alex Floyd. Alex was an acknowledged expert and published author on

rainforest plants, especially those of northern NSW. He had a major influence on the Coffs Harbour Botanic Gardens. Even in his 90s he was still inspiring others including leading walks through the Botanic Gardens at the annual get together hosted by Coffs Harbour Group.

Our membership numbers are relatively stable as shown in the following table. New member applications were lower than in recent years but still considerably higher than in the years before we implemented our online membership system.

Table 1: Current members, based on renewal dates of 1 December 2022 and later

Total members Membership Type	No. of memberships 2022	No. of individuals 2022	No. of memberships 2021	No. of individuals 2021
Ordinary	462	462	431	431
Joint Ordinary	170	340	170	340
Concession	314	314	313	313
Joint Concession	127	254	142	284
Student	49	49	56	56
Life memberships	31	41	29	38
Total	1153	1460	1141	1462
Due Oct/Nov 2022	44	54	28	32
Total	1197	1514	1169	1494

Table 2: New members in 2021 and 2022

New members Membership Type	No. of memberships 2022	No. of individuals 2022	No. of memberships 2021	No. of individuals 2021
Ordinary	104	104	114	114
Joint Ordinary	27	54	35	70
Concession	32	32	26	26
Joint Concession	3	5	1	2
Student	24	24	32	32
Total	160	219	208	244

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 2022 is \$146,000 (1,460 individual members x \$100).

Treasurer's report – Harry Loots

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's report for APS NSW for the 2022 financial year, that is January to December 2022 based on the Accounting for Good Financial Statement attached. APS NSW made a net profit of \$67,882 in 2022. The APS NSW State office, which includes administration and the Bequest Fund, made a net profit of \$58,848.

This unusually large profit reflects an unusual financial year for APS NSW in 2022. The biennial conference in Kiama and its associated tours greatly added to both the gross expenditure and income. As a result, the state office equity increased from \$769,304 in 2021 to \$794,023 in 2022 and our overall equity increased to \$1,167,849. This places us in a very secure position financially.

The state office pays GST on district group plant sales and other income. This explains the difference between the figures that groups submit to Accounting for Good and the figures that appear in the APS NSW financial statement.

Conservation report – Dan Clarke, Conservation Officer

Conservation activities included several submissions and letters to relevant authorities:

- We expressed our concerns about the Inland Rail Project that will impact vegetation communities in the Pilliga.
- We wrote to the NSW Minister of Environment about the need for harsh penalties for the pollution of Camp Creek Gully in Helensburgh in the Royal National Park.
- We wrote to both the NSW Premier and the Commonwealth Environment Minister about our opposition to any raising of the Warragamba Dam wall in western Sydney due to its predicted impacts on the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.
- We submitted our support to the Heritage Council on areas to be added to the Blue Mountains World Heritage Estate.
- We adopted position statements made by our national body on mountain biking trails and renewable energy developments across Australia.
- We made a submission on the new Gardens of Stone National Park Plan of Management.

Regarding on-the-ground works, we are still trying to determine the extent of the listed threatened

flora species *Prostanthera densa* at the recently re-discovered population at Nioka Ridge in the Royal National Park. Members of Sutherland Group volunteered in 2022 to search more habitat at Nioka Ridge, extending the known extent of the species.

Members also helped the conservation officer monitor littoral rainforest plots in the Royal National Park, all for the Saving our Species Project.

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

The conference in November 2022 was titled: *“For the Future We Can Win!”* and was well worth attending. Jacqui Mumford succeeded Chris Gambian as CEO, while Professor Don White remains as chair. The conference minutes on the NCC website name all the delegates and observers, the new Executive Councillors and the ten new member societies elected to the NCC.

Rob Pallin introduced the discussion on NCC’s revised Bushfire Policy, last updated in 2014. “Since then the face of fire management has been changing rapidly, particularly since the 2019–20 fire season. The revised policy wishes to address these changes, including new policies such as the rural boundary clearing code, Ignition Management Zones and the findings from the 2019–20 bushfire inquiry.” Section 8 of the policy now includes Cultural Burning. Hopefully a proposed amendment will be included “that specific reference be made to old growth forest”. This policy document is well formulated with a glossary, legislation cited and references.¹

Keynote speakers were The Hon. James Griffin, Minister for the Environment and Heritage, The Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, Shadow Minister for the Environment and Heritage, and Sue Higginson MLC, NSW Greens spokesperson for environment.

The Panel for the Reform and Advocacy Workshops included Gary Dunnett, National Parks Association of NSW; Dr Holly Parsons, Birdlife Australia; Andrew Snedden, Australian Institute of Environmental Education, NSW Branch; Asha Ramzan, the Sydney Community Forum and Ed Mortimer, Nature Conservation Council of NSW.

Gary Dunnett led the workshop on “30 by 30”, an intergovernmental group championing protection of at least 30 percent of the world’s land and ocean by 2030. Australia joined in July 2021.² A comment was that marine protection is easier. National Parks Association NSW is about to release its 5-year review on the management of our forests; and never has such a swathe of forest, 8 km by 200m, been cut in a national park, as in Kosciuszko recently. See Gary’s presentation and Birdlife Australia about second generation rodenticides killing birds.³

Here are examples of Conference Motions passed:

- Increase emissions reduction targets
- Binding clean energy targets
- Financial support for solar gardens
- Control of feral goats
- Wollie Creek Regional Park completion
- Mountain bikes in bushland areas
- Use of natural turf in sporting facilities
- Western Harbour Tunnel and Northern Beaches Link projects.

¹https://assets.nationbuilder.com/natureorg/pages/3467/attachments/original/1668574188/NCC_Bushfire_Policy_2022.pdf?1668574188

²On 19 December 2022 the Montreal COP 15 agreed to protecting 30 percent of the world’s land, water and marine areas by 2030.

³https://assets.nationbuilder.com/natureorg/pages/3920/attachments/original/1667802558/221102_AnConf_holdingSlides_WorkshopRoom.pdf?1667802558

Unsung heroes – State volunteers

Glenda Browne – office management

I look after the mailing lists and email addresses that we manage through Digital Pacific, along with Heather Miles.

I deal with the emails that come to our office email. I usually forward these to people who can answer them (e.g., district group newsletter editors) or to people who might be interested (e.g., district group secretaries). If we get requests for information about plants I forward these to our 'experts' group for their replies. We receive praise for our journals and website, and requests for permission to use photos from our plant database, including one from a Chinese science website for children. When I receive conservation-related news I forward this to our conservation email list. If you would like to be added to this list, please let me know at office@austplants.com.au.

Ralph Cartwright – social media and YouTube

For several years, I have been a volunteer working on the APS NSW website and Facebook pages and, over the past few years, our YouTube channel as well. With help from Liz Aitken and Heather Miles, we culled and updated all the videos, given them a modern and uniform look, and sorted them into different playlists.

During COVID, I recorded, edited and produced videos for various group meetings, but less so now that most groups have returned to face-to-face meetings.

Sessions at the ANPSA conference were recorded and they too have been edited and uploaded to our YouTube channel. This is a great resource for all groups and talks can be downloaded to be shown at district group meetings if required.

Lisa Godden, eNewsletter editor

I put together the APS NSW eNewsletter each month. It was going to be a temporary job but it seems to have stuck!

To do this, I compile articles from district groups (i.e., from their own newsletters), from members who submit pieces, or from other external sources that we think our members would be interested in. Each article is posted to the APS NSW website and the eNewsletter is a summary of these published pieces.

It's a combined effort to produce the eNewsletter. I have help from Heather Miles, Peter Geelan-Small (conservation articles) and Verna Aslin (Study group summary) as well as others and I am extremely grateful for their help.

I welcome any suggestions or submissions for the eNewsletter at enewsletter@austplants.com.au.

Jeff Howes – plant profiles

I joined APS NSW in 1977 and like a lot of older APS NSW members, I have undertaken many activities from state to group level over this time.

Alan Fairley, a prolific author and plant photographer, generously shared his vast NSW plant photo collection with APS NSW. Heather Miles, our President, and others decided it was a valuable resource that could not be wasted and as a result, we should create plant profiles for each of them and add them to our existing profiles on our website.

I draft individual plant profiles, forward them to Dan Clarke, our conservation officer and botanist, for review and editing and then Heather posts them on our website in the Plant Database.

These profiles have a strong emphasis on growing and propagating native plants. We currently have nearly 1,000 profiles, and aim to have at least

2,000 profiles on our website. This is a valuable resource for our members and an excellent method of attracting new members. The plant database is the most used part of our website, with over 17,000 views per month.

Explore this resource:

<https://resources.austplants.com.au/plant-database/>

Lindy Monson – website and event management

Since 2021 I have been a volunteer working on the APS NSW website. I now manage and post events on the main calendar and the Home page for all 19 district groups.

In 2022, 162 one-off events and a further 156 dates of recurring events were posted. It's interesting to see that March and August scored the highest number of group events across the state.

In 2022, I also built up the presence of the featured events on the Home page to an ever-changing display of 3 to 9 photos where specific events are highlighted. I invite all APS NSW members to take a look.

All groups are invited to participate in the event postings by nominating a representative to contact me via the APS NSW email address. We then can communicate directly. I look forward to hearing from more of you.

Merle Thompson – membership officer, co-editor *Australian Plants*

I have been the membership officer for 13 years. The role is quite broad and detailed in its scope and includes both APS NSW members as well as subscribers to the *Australian Plants* journal. Activities include approving new members and subscribers, recording payments other than those online, liaising with members and responding to queries, processing credit card payments and reconciling receipts, updating emails, and creating mailing lists for the journal distribution. It also includes supporting the set up of new groups from time to time.

While many of the tasks are administrative, there is also contact by email and occasionally by phone with members and group representatives.

I prepare regular reports for the board on new members and do quarterly reports. For district groups, I prepare lists of new members and the status of existing ones so they can more quickly contact new members.

In association with John Aitken, I am also co-editor of the quarterly journal, *Australian Plants*. Together we decide on the theme of each issue, liaise with authors and photographers to source and proof content, prepare layouts and organise distribution to other states and subscribers.



Figure 5: ANPSA conference participants, photo by Bruce Usher

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
2022	John Aitken
	Dr Robert Failes

* Deceased

Directors' report

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Company for the period 1 January 2022–31 December 2022 have been promoting interest in the growing, conservation and use of Australian native plants.

Consolidated Profit and Loss

	2022	2021
State Office	\$58,848	(\$8,828)
District groups	\$14,844	(\$2,316)
Bequest Fund	\$5,810	(\$3,553)
Total APS NSW net surplus/loss	\$67,882	(\$14,696)
Total equity	\$1,167,849	\$1,099,968

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 2022, we paid a premium of \$2,665 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, 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, a Life Member, and President of Australian Native Plants Society (Australia) since the ANPSA conference in September 2022.

John Desmond, delegate for Southern Highlands

BCom, BA, GradDip, MEnvLaw, FCPA

John has a keen interest in native plants as a key element of a functioning biodiverse environment. As well as gardening with native plants his

interests include bushwalking and birdwatching. His career encompassed the public sector, finance industry, and consulting to a range of entities at various levels of government. He joined the board on 6 December 2022.

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 North Shore Group's monthly walks and trips away. She loves the Australian bush and enjoys plant propagating with the group.

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. Margaret resigned from the board in February 2022.

Lisa Godden, delegate for Sutherland

Lisa 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 4 years ago which led her to join APS. She works in financial advice and currently does a number of volunteer roles across different community services organisations.

Andrew Knop, non titled director

Andrew is an APS member on Wiradjuri country in central western NSW. He and wife Jennifer are committed to the conservation of native flora, fauna and ecosystems and the restoration of sustainable, resilient landscapes with two registered conservation properties protecting a variety of threatened species and woodland communities. Andrew has 30 years experience in seed collection, propagation and revegetation. He joined the board on 16 August 2022.

Harry Loots, Treasurer, delegate for Northern Beaches

Harry has been a member of APS NSW since 1991 when he joined Harbourside Group where he held positions as president and newsletter editor. Since 2011, he has been a board member and delegate for Northern Beaches Group and has held roles of vice president and is currently Treasurer on the Bequest Fund committee. Harry has been an Australian plant grower for over 30 years with an award-winning endemic plant garden in North Sydney. Harry was formerly a high school teacher.

Dorothy Luther, delegate for Harbour Georges River

Dorothy has a Master's degree in computer science and has worked in many large companies over 30 years as an information and communications technology expert. After stepping

back from business, Dorothy has been teaching at universities, sharing her experiences with postgraduate ICT students. Dorothy resigned from the board in August 2022.

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, 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 Groups. She is president and secretary of APS NSW and manages various projects including the successful 2022 ANPSA Conference. Heather has extensive experience as a director, executive and consultant across multiple industry sectors.

Peter Olde OAM, delegate for Menai

BA (Languages) and Graduate Dip. Ed

Peter has held many positions in the Society since 1979, including president of Sutherland Group and president and vice president of APS NSW. He was awarded the Australian Plant Medal in 2015 and the OAM in 2020 and is a Life Member of APS NSW. He has considerable experience as a company director and business owner. Peter is currently an honorary research scientist with the National Herbarium of New South Wales where he concentrates on the taxonomy of Grevillea.

Merle K Thompson OAM, Membership officer

BA, Grad Dip Psych (Counselling)

Merle has held numerous roles at local, state and national level for over 40 years including federal secretary and treasurer, membership officer for APS NSW, secretary, president and newsletter editor of Blue Mountains Group, NSW delegate to ANPSA conferences and the ANPSA council, membership of conference planning committees and tour manager for the 2007 and 2022 conferences. She is a Life Member of APS NSW.

Her professional career involved roles in counselling, administration and policy within the NSW public sector. In 2019 she was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for “services to the

community through a range of organisations”, principally APS, Polio NSW and the Australian Federation of Graduate Women.

Directors' attendance

Each director attended the following board meetings during 2022 while a member of the board*.

Director	Role	Meetings held while in office	Meetings attended
John Aitken	Vice President	8	8
John Desmond	Southern Highlands delegate, joined December 2022	1	1
Sue Fredrickson	North Shore delegate	8	7
Margaret Gaul	Blue Mountains delegate, resigned February 2022	1	1
Lisa Godden	Sutherland delegate	8	7
Andrew Knop	Non titled director, joined August 2022	2	2
Harry Loots	Treasurer, Northern Beaches delegate	8	8
Dorothy Luther	Harbour Georges River delegate, resigned Aug 2022	2	2
Tony Maxwell	Parramatta and Hills delegate	8	8
Heather Miles	President, Secretary, Hunter Valley delegate	8	8
Peter Olde	Menai delegate	8	5
Merle Thompson	Membership officer	8	8

A special thanks to Jan Williamson who attends the board meetings and takes the minutes.

Signed in accordance with the Directors' resolution on 30 March 2023

Heather Miles, President

Harry Loots, Treasurer

Financial accounts (Consolidated)

Consolidated Income and Expenditure Statement

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	31 DEC 2022	31 DEC 2021
Income		
Advertising	25	-
Book sales	122	1,520
Conference and Tours	217,679	-
Donations Received	3,385	944
Events/Meetings	6,755	3,558
Fundraising Income	3,211	1,480
Government Grants	22,000	-
Interest Income	3,030	8,253
Membership Income	54,268	58,286
Plant Sales	119,456	86,028
Publishing Sales - Journal	12,014	13,596
Royalties	6,905	-
Subscriptions	4,833	5,061
Sundry Income	(40)	999
Total Income	453,643	179,726
Total Income	453,643	179,726
Cost of Sales		
Purchases	57,490	41,201
Total Cost of Sales	57,490	41,201
Gross Profit	396,152	138,525
Operating Expenses		
Administration		
Administration Costs	408	-
Advertising and Marketing	300	481
ANPSA Levy	-	2,034
Bank Fees	2,434	1,325
Consulting Fee	3,700	-
Depreciation	387	10,769
Donations	3,850	3,656
Equipment	-	1,429
Finance Costs	27,690	26,783
Legal Costs	-	66
Library	434	171
Office Expenses	10,260	11,504
Postage	1,217	1,474
Repairs and Replacements	1,028	446
Subscriptions Paid	1,921	1,559
Transport & Travel	644	782

	31 DEC 2022	31 DEC 2021
Website Costs	6,219	6,742
Total Administration	60,492	69,222
Events and Meetings Expenses		
Event Costs	9,460	13,354
Fundraising Expenses	755	495
Hire of Halls	1,859	1,310
Meeting Catering - Council	64	11
Meeting Expenses	3,291	7,762
Nursery Expenses	18,439	17,569
Projects Committee	6,000	3,000
Scholarship Expense	3,182	2,045
Speakers Expenses	1,565	780
Total Events and Meetings Expenses	44,616	46,327
Membership and Subscription Costs		
Editorial Costs	1,000	250
Freight and Postage	6,707	5,719
Inserting & Dispatch	2,418	3,105
Printing - Journal	10,868	15,086
Publication Costs - Others	426	113
Total Membership and Subscription Costs	21,419	24,273
Conference and Tour		
Booking Fees	7,704	-
Conference - Event Costs	73,735	-
Conference - Marketing and Advertising	9,230	-
Excursions Catering	9,261	-
Excursions Bus Hire	12,682	-
Excursions Miscellaneous	300	-
Formal Cocktails	20	-
Tour Expenses	74,912	-
Total Conference and Tour	187,843	-
Total Operating Expenses	314,371	139,821
Operating Profit/(Deficit)	81,782	(1,296)
Non-Operating Expenses		
Glenbrook Reserve Expenses	13,900	13,400
Total Non-Operating Expenses	13,900	13,400
Net Profit/(Deficit)	67,882	(14,696)

Note: 'Conference and tours' is the ANPSA Biennial Conference and pre- and post-conference tours. Excursions were included as part of the conference.

Balance Sheet

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD As at 31 December 2022

31 DEC 2022

31 DEC 2021

Assets

Bank Accounts

APS NSW Funds

APS NSW - ANZ TD	179,227	179,048
APS NSW - ANZ Working Account	24,508	12,844
APS NSW - CBA Administration	7,795	5,202
APS NSW - Paypal	2,988	2,963
State Office - Petty Cash	30	30
Total APS NSW Funds	214,548	200,087

Bequest Funds

ANZ Bequest Account	43,546	23,326
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	12,706	12,668
Total Bequest Funds	589,475	569,217

District Group Funds

District Group Cash	175,593	152,845
District Group Investments	150,733	153,795
District Group Petty Cash	2,017	4,156
Total District Group Funds	328,342	310,796

Total Bank Accounts

1,132,365 1,080,100

Current Assets

Trade Debtors	2,105	1,638
Total Current Assets	2,105	1,638

Fixed Assets

District Group Assets	23,596	23,983
Total Fixed Assets	23,596	23,983

Non-Current Assets

Stock on hand	12,700	11,930
Total Non-Current Assets	12,700	11,930

Total Assets

1,170,765 1,117,652

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Grant in Advance	-	16,500
GST	2,916	613

Trade Creditors	-	572
Total Current Liabilities	2,916	17,684
Total Liabilities	2,916	17,684
Net Assets	1,167,849	1,099,968
Equity		
Retained Earnings	1,167,849	1,099,968
Total Equity	1,167,849	1,099,968

Changes in Equity

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD For the year ended 31 December 2022

1. State Office

	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021
Opening balance	\$ 218,102	\$ 226,930
Net Total Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	\$ 59,057	\$ (8,828)
Closing Balance	\$ 277,159	\$ 218,102

2. Bequest Fund

	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021
Opening balance	\$ 533,420	\$ 536,973
Net Total Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	\$ (6,019)	\$ (3,553)
Closing Balance	\$ 527,401	\$ 533,420

3. District Groups

	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021
Opening balance	\$ 348,445	\$ 350,760
Net Total Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	\$ 14,844	\$ (2,316)
Closing Balance	\$ 363,289	\$ 348,445
TOTAL EQUITY	\$ 1,167,849	\$ 1,099,968

Statement of Cash Flows

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY NSW LTD For the year ended 31 December 2022

Note: Cash balance includes APS NSW - ANZ Working Account, APS NSW - CBA Administration, State Office - Petty Cash, APS NSW - Paypal, ANZ Bequest Account, District Group Cash, and District Group Petty Cash.

	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021
Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers		
- State and Bequest Funds	\$ 347,186	\$ 75,798
- District Groups	\$ 148,488	\$ 112,822
Payments to suppliers and employees		
- State and Bequest Funds	\$ (291,323)	\$ (96,123)
- District Groups	\$ (133,015)	\$ (117,741)
Interest received	\$ 3,030	\$ 8,253
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	\$ (74,367)	\$ (16,991)
Investing Activities		
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant & equipment	\$ -	\$ -
Payments for financial assets	\$ 2,845	\$ (2,732)
Payment for property, plant & equipment	\$ -	\$ (10,382)
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	\$ 2,845	\$ (13,114)
Financing Activities		
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	\$ -	\$ -
Net Cash Flows	\$ 77,212	\$ (30,106)
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	\$ 201,366	\$ 216,112
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	\$ 256,476	\$ 201,366
NET CHANGE IN CASH FOR THE PERIOD	\$ 55,109	\$ (14,746)

The full financial report, including breakdown by State office, District Groups and Bequest Fund, is found on our website in About>Governance.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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

Interest 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 has 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 2022 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.