

Blandfordia



North Shore Group
(ABN 87 002 680 408)

JULY 2020

Message from our President, Sue Bowen

It was so good to see so many of you at our June Zoom meeting. Daniel Clarke gave a fascinating presentation on some of APS NSW's conservation activities.

It is now July and, although restrictions on gatherings have eased, we still need to keep our distance from other people. It is for this reason, and the smallish size of Beatrice Taylor Hall, that we have decided to meet via Zoom in both July and August. We know that not everyone can join us on Zoom but suggest that you visit a nearby member who is on Zoom to join in the next meetings. **

Most of our activities are underway now, although in modified forms. We are propagating, our wildflower display at KWG is up and running, our Walks and Talks programme is continuing via walks and we have scheduled our first group outing in July. The KWG bushcare group has also recently gone back to work.

We will also continue selling plants at our KWG shadehouse during July. We are uncertain as to whether there will be a Wildflower, Art and Garden Festival at KWG this year.

Please remember that Spring will be here soon and many of our native plants will be flowering for your enjoyment!!!

Bushcare will be on 8th July and 22nd July and propagation is on 15th & 29th July.

** If you don't know a member who lives near you please contact Jan Williamson janw7531@gmail.com and the committee will try and assist you.

More plant sales

After seeing some happy customers during June we are continuing our plant sales at our KWG shade house during July.

Please book with Sue Bowen (0478 957 951) or suzanneebowen@gmail.com for a time slot between **1pm and 4pm** on **Wednesdays 15th and 29th July**.

Please bring your own boxes/bags and cash only.

These sales may form a major part of our income in 2020 if we don't have a wildflower festival!!!



Hardenbergia violacea 'happy wanderer'

Monday APS NSG Walks programme KWG – July 2020

at the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden (KWG)
420 Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Modified outdoor activity due to Covid 19

In July there will be two 'Walk Only' sessions (no lecture)

It is essential to book your place prior to the walk.

Please ring Wendy 0419 323 035 or email wagrimm@tpg.com.au

- Each walking group will contain no more than 20 people.
- Social distancing will be maintained as per NSW advice.
- All walks are easy. All sessions will run 10 am to 11.30 am.
- Please wear a hat, have suitable footwear and carry water with you.
- Sunscreen and insect repellent would also be a good idea.

Date Walk focus

July 20 Monday **Gum Trees –**
Eucalyptus, Angophora, Corymbia



Angophora hispida

July 27 Monday **Grevillea & Hakea**



Grevillea speciosa



Grevillea buxifolia

Images by Wendy Grimm

The Flower Display is back *Jan Marshall*



From Early March until the beginning of June, there hasn't been a Flower Display outside the Visitors Centre at Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden due to the restriction imposed because of COVID-19. Now it's back in all its glory. Even though it is still winter spring flowers like *Boronia ledifolia* and *Eriostemon australasius* are starting to bloom.

The Display is managed by volunteers from The North Shore Group of the Australian Plant Society. Once a week from February until early December volunteers collect, identify and record samples of the plants that are flowering in the garden.

The display is appreciated by many visitors to the garden. It gives them ideas of what they might see while they are out on their walk and also what they could plant in their gardens.

New volunteers are welcome. Helping to maintain the display is a great way to learn about identification and hone skills in identification. Volunteers usually commit to do the display once a month. Maintaining the display takes 3 to 4 hours.

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer contact Jan Marshall 0403 908 042 or janfig2m@gmail.com.





Next Meeting of North Shore Group 10th July 2020

On via a Zoom meeting on **Friday 10th July.**

Speaker: Judy Harrington Topic: Glossy Black-cockatoo

Background: Distribution maps of the rather elusive Glossy Black-cockatoo overlap with much of the east coast forests that have been devastated by wildfire this spring and summer. Our guest speaker will discuss the current concern felt by the birding and conservation communities about the plight of Glossy Black-cockatoos in the aftermath of widespread fires and in particular, the loss of Allocasuarina (She-oak) stands that support breeding families of Glossy blacks.

Judy Harrington is the president of Birdlife Southern NSW and has an extensive history of public education and participation in wildlife monitoring in her previous roles at SOPA, in her involvement with the highly-popular Sea-EagleCAM and the Birdlife Discovery Centre at Sydney Olympic Park and with the Frog & Tadpole Study Group.

PLANT ID: As at the June meeting we would like to include some images of native plants for a virtual plant ID session. Contribution/s are most welcome.

Please send them in the original file size to janw@7531@gmail.com by **MONDAY 6th July** . Include a brief note about the image/s- e.g. plant ID (if known), location, soil type, age of plant etc...

Join the meeting with a cuppa in the warmth of your own home dressed as comfortably as you like.

As is normal for the meetings the session will start at 7.30 pm with the meeting and speaker at 8 pm. It is recommended that people join well before 8 pm so that any technical concerns can be addressed. Please follow the instructions for the meeting in the email that came with your July *Blandfordia*. Sue Fredrickson will be co ordinating the meeting. If you have any queries about how to use Zoom please contact Sue on paulandsuefreddo@bigpond.com .

AUGUST meeting also via Zoom *Speaker:* Michael Batley *Topic:* Looking for bees



New Members

A big welcome to new members Graham Hinton and Steve Cartland.

We hope that you enjoy your association with APS NSG and its members. We look forward to getting to know you and share with you knowledge and enjoyment of our wonderful native plants.

Native Plants of the Northern Beaches, Sydney <https://nbplantareas.com>

Editor's note: When I requested images for the June meeting Gillian Gutridge very kindly responded with 6 images which we all enjoyed at the ID session. One is shown again here:

Phylidrum lanuginosum - PHYLIDRACEAE - Woolly Frogmouth - Found in the Hanging Swamp area of North Head Sanctuary, Manly - flowering December.

There was a reference to a website in the corner of each image, so I checked with Gillian that these were all her images. Gillian replied: *I set up the website for my own sake as I kept forgetting what things were (& I still do). If you do publish the name in Blandfordia, please state that I am an amateur and I'm sure there are mistakes so any corrections and input will be welcome. Thanks, Gillian*



Gillian has not been idle over the past 10 years and I strongly recommend that members have a look at her website. <https://nbplantareas.com> . In my opinion, it is BRILLIANT: extremely comprehensive, well laid out and has a vast display of images. Thank you Gillian for sharing such a resource with us and the world.

Group Walk - The Bobbin Head Track -Saturday 11th July

After a Covid-19 induced break of four months, it will be great to be able to do a group walk once again! July's walk will be the Bobbin Head Track which starts at the North Turrumurra Ku-ring-gai National Parks gate and follows an old original unsealed road for 5 kilometres downhill to finish at Bobbin Head.

For the first half, the track is fairly level and passes through interesting open, low forest and includes some Aboriginal rock engravings. The road then starts to descend, not too steeply via some switchbacks and passing through taller different attractive forest. Views of the river are obtained just before the last couple of hundred metres which are a steeper rocky bush track that finishes at water level near the Empire Marina where refreshments can be purchased if desired or at the Bobbin Inn. We will have left a car or two at Bobbin Head before the walk so that walkers can get a lift back up to the starting point.

The time taken for the walk will be 2½ - 3 hours, allowing time for plant ID and photography. As usual, the pace will not be fast. The mostly wider track makes the required social distancing more possible.

It will be necessary to book with Sue Fredrickson, the walk leader, by Thursday 9th July. There will be contact-less signing on and numbers need to stay within the limits of group size that may apply at the time.

Contact person: Sue Fredrickson phone 0401 362 921, email paulandsuefreddo@bigpond.com

NB Please either phone or email by Thursday 9th to book in.

You will be required to give your name, phone number, emergency contact phone number and car registration number. This will mean that no form signing will be needed at the start of the walk. Also, on the day, if the weather is bad, please phone to see if the walk will go ahead.

Meeting place: Near the entry to Ku-ring-gai NP at North Turrumurra. Park outside if you do not have a National Parks Pass or just inside if you do. N.B. Sphinx Track **will NOT be used.**

Date and time: Saturday 11th July at 11 am

What to bring: Good walking shoes, hat, hand sanitiser, water, snacks, plant ID book (optional), lunch (if you prefer to BYO), money for coffee if desired, wet weather gear if needed, walking pole(s) if needed for the rubbly parts of the track.

All being well, there will be a walk in August (*see August Blandfordia*)

Notices and Reminders

NOTE: No decision has yet been made by Ku-ring-gai Council concerning the 2020 Wildflower, Art and Garden Festival which was scheduled for Sunday 23rd August.

13th FJC Rogers Seminar 2020 on Mint Bushes & Allied Genera. 24th & 25th October 2020.

There is now a new format and registration form. The lectures from 5 speakers will be available on line on week before the event. Please contact jcrogers@apsvic.org.au if you would like a registration form.

Please check these websites for updates:

<https://apsvic.org.au/documents/FJC%20Rogers/2020/13th%20FJC%20Rogers%20Seminar%20Mint%20Bushes%20Newsletter%202020-06-07.pdf>

<https://apsvic.org.au/fjc-rogers-seminar-2020/>

2021 Sunday 12th September to Thursday 17th September 2021



Australian flora - Past present future

ANPSA 2021 Biennial Conference - Kiama



Daniel Clarke Conservation work in APS NSW

Daniel spoke at the June meeting on his work in conjunction with volunteers in the APS Sutherland Group and the Wingecarribee Local Government Area in two species, *Prostanthera densa* and *Lasiopetalum joyceae*.

Dan is currently a botanical consultant undertaking vegetation surveys, threatened plant assessments and botanical advice in many parts of NSW. Dan also works weekly for TAFE NSW as a Conservation and Land Management teacher, teaching plant identification and bushland regeneration.

Daniel spoke mainly on the surveys of *Prostanthera densa*. He covered how and where the surveys were done and what was found at different locations. Daniel commented that when surveying plants it is important to note locations of sightings **AND** record all the locations which were surveyed.

Daniel also commended the research by Wendy Grimm on *Genoplesium baueri*.

APS NSW is involved with conservation of plant species in the following ways:

- Conservation of natural bushland areas and our flora.
- Submissions: ecological issues and impacts
- Research
- Identify projects where APS members can contribute.

Daniel spoke on several matters and the links are below:

The 2016 changes to legislation in NSW: Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 & Amended Local Land Services Act 2016. <https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/2016/64/sch1>

The NSW Saving our Species Program. \$110 Million was allocated to it from 2016-2021.

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/threatened-species/saving-our-species-program>

Information of threatened species:

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/threatened-species>

Australian Virtual Herbarium: <https://avh.chah.org.au/>

NSW Wildlife Atlas: <http://www.bionet.nsw.gov.au/>

Free surveying site: https://www.qgistutorials.com/en/docs/automating_map_creation.html

APS NSW: <https://resources.austplants.com.au/information/conserving-native-plants-and-habitats/>

Hunter Regional Botanic Gardens <https://www.huntergardens.org.au/> – Daniel suggested that this location is worth a visit.

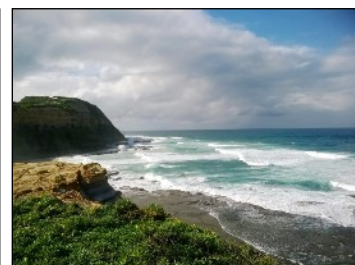
Message from APS NSW president, John Aitken

At each ANPSA Biennial Conference, two Australian Plants Awards are presented by ANPSA to people who have made an outstanding contribution to the knowledge of Australian plants, in each of the following categories:-

1. contribution has been made by the recipient in the course of a **notable professional career** in a natural science field;
2. contribution has been made by the recipient through **primarily amateur or voluntary work or interest** in Australian plants.

The awards are open a person who may or may not be members of the Society.

APS NSW has been invited to nominate two people. I am hoping that your group may be able to suggest a person or persons who deserve to be considered for nomination, which can only be made by APS NSW. If you know such a person/s could you please email their names an brief outline of their contributions to the office at office@austplants.com.au



A beautiful day at Bar Beach, Newcastle recently.

Brian Roach at Westleigh Native Plants has plants for sale.

If you are interested please contact Brian on westleighnativeplants@gmail.com

To see the current catalogue:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kplwSKE5cr75YrefP2HRbaffDpTBAArK/view?usp=sharing>

Please contact the coordinators prior to any attendance. Check NSW Government restrictions as well

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules>

Plant Propagation at KWG on Wednesdays 2019

Margaret Hamilton on 9488 5234 & Sue Bowen on 0478 957 951

Ku-ring-gai Council Bushcare at KWG Sue Bowen on 0478 957 951

Modified Walks Programme: see page 2

Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden St Ives

Wendy Grimm 0419 323 035

W&T Notes are still on website: Please note the information on the walks is as on page 2, NOT as displayed on the website. [Walks and Talks](#)

The Knoll KWG Contact:

Michael Griffith michaelgriffith1@gmail.com

Members and friends will be most welcome at these activities when the situation improves.

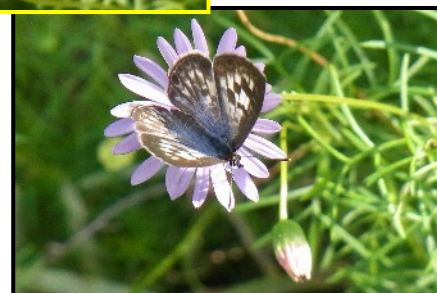
June 2020 Committee Notes

Meeting was a virtual meeting using Zoom technology

- 2021 Biennial Conference (APS NSW has since informed members that a decision will be made by 1st August 2020)
- Situation regarding Covid 19 restrictions on APS NSG activities.
- July and August general meetings will be via Zoom technology
- KWG situation: (i) No news regarding Wildflower, Art and Garden Festival.
(ii) KC bushcare resuming
(iii) Location of Wildflower display
- Group activities: Return of walks
- APS NSW delegate reported on recent board meeting.
- APS NSW website and updating APSNSG information.

Three photos on the Brachyscome daisies include two of the Zebra Blue butterfly (under wing & above wing) and one of a Skipper.

Pam Lawler



Editor's note: At the Zoom meeting, a person from Tamworth commented that, after some rain, there have been more butterflies this autumn. This is occurring later this year than when they are normally observed.

Committee Contacts

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The preferred method for Membership Applications & Renewals is to go to the APS NSW website and follow the instructions at <https://austplants.com.au/Join-APS/>

If joining or renewing online presents any problems assistance can be given at any general meeting. Please speak to Genevieve Meares or Helen Ray. Alternatively email your query to membership@blandfordia.org.au

For your convenience, an EFT payment option is now available.

Treasurer: Helen Ray treasurer@blandfordia.org.au

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Newsletter submissions: Deadline for submissions is the third Friday of the month.

For the August 2020 edition this will be 17th July 2020 Editor: janw7531@gmail.com

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