



# Australian Plants Society

## South East NSW Group

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*Corymbia maculata* Spotted Gum and  
*Macrozamia communis* Burrawang

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## Addendum re Next Meeting

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

### Paul and Anne Hattersley 58 Eucalyptus Drive Dalmeny

The following notes were provided by Paul for inclusion in the newsletter, but were unfortunately omitted.

The house was built in 2001, and the 1100 sq m block was well planted with a lot of natives and exotics when Anne and I moved here in January 2011. While the garden was well established, it is not landscaped, and still isn't!

We are only 150 m from Yabbarra Beach and near the Dalmeny Duckpond. Despite being close to the sea, we are sheltered from most sea spray by the hill and trees behind us to the south and the headland north-east of us.

Since 2011, I have planted over 250 plants and took out some exotics (eg Hibiscus, bamboos, Seaside daisy, Japanese honeysuckle, Plumbago). I have also removed what would have become very large *Eucalyptus*, butterfly plants and many, many *Pittosporum undulatum* (which

continues to come up everywhere) but have kept one *P. undulatum* to provide shelter to a little fern and 'rainforestry' area I am developing, and also kept the Bangalow palms and Coast Banksias.

I have a map of my plantings, in 4 garden sections. For native plantings, I have aimed at diversity and some favourites (tree ferns and other ferns, grass trees [still very small!], a cabbage palm, *Banksia robur*, lilly pillys, sea box, a Gynea Lily, blueberry ashes, a firewheel tree, a flame tree, a boobialla, Telopea, and of course Callistemons, Grevilleas, and Leptospermum). I have kept some exotics (eg *Metrosideros*! Magnolia, Camelia, Gardenia). I estimate I now have over 175 different species/varieties/selections in the garden.

I have a vague idea of a garden plan, and I have planted with this in mind somewhat. But some landscaping is needed! Much of the garden (behind its front Lomandra/lilly pilly/Murraya 'fence'!) is a bit of a builder's yard at present, because of recent repair and future 'earthwork'.

We look forward to hearing what Shane has to offer as advice, and also from members as to how the garden can be enhanced.



Here is the latest APS news, along with information on the upcoming Gatherings in March and the May.

## Gathering on Saturday 23 March, hosted by North Shore, featuring greenwalls

The next gathering is being kindly hosted by North Shore Group at Caley's Pavilion, Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden, 420 Mona Vale Rd., St Ives.

We are fortunate to have as our guest speaker, Mark Paul, Horticulturist and Founder of The Greenwall Company.

Mark created what is believed to be the very first greenwall in Australia over 30 years ago. His company is involved in greenwall design and construction, in a wide range of residential, commercial and public works. He will share his expertise with us on the design, construction and choice of plants suitable for greenwalls.



The program for the day is:

10.30 am Walks and talks: A choice of two guided walks around the gardens;

Walk 1 will visit the rare plants in the garden and the propagation area;

Walk 2 will look at the rainforest plants in the gardens.

12 - 1pm Lunch. Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be available. Plants will be on sale during lunch time.

1-3pm: Mark Paul's presentation on greenwalls, and afternoon tea

More information is available on the APS NSW website

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## Biennial ANPSA Conference in 2021 to be hosted by NSW



As some people will be aware, each state takes turns in hosting the Biennial ANPSA and in 2021, it is NSW's turn. We have an active committee already in place, comprising John Aitken, Merle Thompson, Alix Goodwin, Graeme Ingall and Heather Miles, along with a small but energetic group of volunteers including John Nevin, Ralph Cartwright, Sue Fredrickson, Rhonda Daniels, John Arney, and Leonie Hogue.

The theme is: *Australian plants: past, present, future*. Our thinking is that we will start the conference with a focus on the flora that existed prior to 1788, consider the current day environment with its opportunities and challenges and then look to the future, with the significant risks the world faces and identify solutions that we can implement.

We have been exploring regions and venues and think that the south coast is our best option. With a diversity of ecosystems to explore - coastal, escarpment, rainforest and plains - along with proximity of two universities and the airport, we think it will be an ideal location for us to host the conference. We are aiming to design the event to attract both members and non-members, particularly younger people.

We would love to hear from you if you are interested in volunteering. Jobs include: organising the conference itself, organising excursions and pre- and post-tours, marketing and promotions and helping during the conference. Please contact Heather Miles ([heather@heathermiles.com.au](mailto:heather@heathermiles.com.au)) if you'd like to know more.

## Gathering and AGM on Saturday 18 May, featuring 'Plants with a bite!'

After learning all about greenwalls in March, you'll be ready for carnivorous plants in May!

**The AGM** and second gathering of the year will be hosted by Blue Mountains Group at Blaxland Community Hall, 33 Hope St, Blaxland.

Our guest speaker is Greg Bourke, who will share all about Australian carnivorous plants, what they are, what they eat, how they capture their prey and how to grow and maintain them in cultivation.

So little is known about these plants, yet Australia has one of the world's richest carnivorous plant floras.

Greg is co-author of the authoritative book, **Australian Carnivorous Plants**. He is currently Curator-Manager, Blue Mountains Botanic Garden, Mt Tomah and is Vice President for Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand.

### Program for the day

**9.45am for 10am start:** Short walk to Pippa's Pass, led by Jim Ward. Meet at Blaxland Library car park, 33 Hope St., Blaxland at 9.45am for 10am start.

**10am:** Glenbrook Native Plants Reserve and Nursery, 41 Great Western Highway, Glenbrook (Opposite Tourist Information Centre), for a guided walk around the reserve and an opportunity to buy plants. The walk is a little rough at the start with a few uneven steps and may be slippery if wet but it then levels out and becomes easier. We would expect to see some of the common Blue Mountains species (see [www.apsbuelmntsgroup.org](http://www.apsbuelmntsgroup.org) and click on Bushcare, Reserves and Walks, Pippas Pass, for a plant list). *Xanthosia pilosa* and the Green Grevillea, *Grevillea mucronulata*, occur near the start of the walk

**12.00 – 12.30pm Lunch.** Bring your own, Tea and coffee will be provided.

**12.30 – 1.00pm** AGM

**1.00 – 2pm** Greg Bourke: 'Plants with a bite'

**2.00 – 2.30pm** Afternoon tea and plants sales

**2.30 – 3.00pm** Greg Bourke on growing and maintaining Australian carnivorous plants.

More information about the gathering is on the APS NSW website

See below for more information about the AGM and proxy forms.

**Just in case you haven't had enough of AGMs yet the NSW Region invites all members to come along and hear how the Society has performed over the past year, and discover what is planned for the future.**

## Australian Plants Society NSW Ltd, Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Plants Society NSW Limited will be held on Saturday, 18 May, 2019, commencing at 12.30 pm at the Blaxland Community Hall, 33 Hope Rd., Blaxland.

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Apologies



3. Declaration of proxies
4. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting held 26 May 2018
5. Business arising from previous Annual General Meeting
6. President's report
7. Other reports
8. Financial reports
9. Election of Life Members
10. Conservation Award
11. Election of officers

A proxy form for the AGM is can be found on the website at [www.austplants.com.au](http://www.austplants.com.au).

The proxy form is for members who are unable to attend the AGM but who wish to nominate a proxy to vote in their absence

Please note that members will NOT receive a copy of the Annual Report, unless they have specifically requested the Office to send one either by email or post. A copy of the annual report will be available for members to view on the APS NSW website late April.

Any questions of a financial nature arising from the Annual Report are to be forwarded to the Australian Plants Society NSW Ltd. office by either email, or post by midday, Wednesday, 15 May 2019. All responses will be given to members at the AGM.

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## Keeping the Society running - help sought

Image on right: 'Kingfishers by Ralph Cartwright'

**The Board of APS NSW** is looking for help to keep the Society growing and operating. While financial management has been successfully outsourced to Accounting for Good, there are still many jobs to be done.

Our quite small board along with a small number of non-board members, manages both governance of the Society (strategy, risk, financials) as well as operations (marketing, website, gatherings, membership).

**Are you willing to assist with any of the jobs listed below, either as a Board member or in a non-Board capacity?**

Being in Sydney is not required. Jobs include:

- Assisting with managing the website and developing content including fact sheets and plant profiles
- Developing communications to members as well as online content
- Overseeing organisation of Gatherings and Get togethers (ie Program Officer)
- Editing the *Australian Plants* journal
- Developing promotional and marketing communications and materials for non-members



- Engaging other stakeholders with similar aims and ambitions to APS NSW
- Being part of the Board of APS NSW. Our board are both board members (governance) as well as do operations of the organisation. Roles include event coordination, risk management, secretarial responsibilities

Please contact either John Aitken ([johnstaceaitken@gmail.com](mailto:johnstaceaitken@gmail.com)) or Heather Miles ([heather@heathermiles.com.au](mailto:heather@heathermiles.com.au)) to discuss ideas and options.

**Together, we can keep the Society successfully operating for the next 60 years or so.**

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