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Central West Group Newsletter

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Calendar at a glance

March 26th: Tree Seminar, Orange Function
Centre, 12.45 pm to 4.00 pm

March 27th: Native Trees For Gardens, speaker
Val Williams, NSW Pres of SGAP
Explorer Motel, Bathurst - 10.00 am
Visit to local native gardens.

May 29th: Growing Bush Food
Speaker, Elizabeth Shannon,
Mudgee Bushfood Supplies.
Visit to local gardens growing bush
food, and bush food tasting.
Venue, Mudgee. (details in Mar. issue)

July 31st: Native Flowers of the Central West
Speaker, Bill Cox, venue at Bill and
Kays home (directions in May issue)
Visit to local native gardens.
Lunch and working bee at
Burrendong Arboretum.

Sept 18th: Mt Annan Botanical Gardens bustrip.
Wildflower Festival and Plant Sale.

Nov 27th: Oberon Field Trip.
Speaker, John Aitken on Native
Garden Design. BBQ at Black
Springs. Visit to nurseries/gardens.

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President's Report

I would like to welcome the newly elected President, Sue Wakefield, who is at present gathering her forces and will be in full wordpower in the next issue. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the splendid and capable outgoing Pres, Fiona, for all her work and effort over the past years, and may she rest in some new found peace and quiet.

So, we are priviledged to be able to look forward to more guidance and steerage from yet another mover and shaker, from our small community of environmental carers.



Letter from Betty Rymer.....

The Grevillea Study Group had a successful plant sale at Mt Annan Botanic Garden this year and propose to repeat it in 1999. Since people came from many places in New South Wales we want to have information about the plants that can be grown in the various climatic conditions around the state. We are asking for the Group's help.

Can the Group please provide a list of the top 20 plants that grow well on your area (chosen from all Australian plants - not only Grevilleas). If you have photographs of any of these plants and would allow us to copy them we would appreciate this as well. Any information about the soil type and temperature range in your area would also be helpful.

The study group was selling a number of more unusual grafted plants, and if you could provide information as to how grafted plants grow in your area we would appreciate it.

This information and photographs would always be available for your Group to borrow when you have a display or plant sale in your district.

Please return this information to:

Betty Rymer
48 Annangrove Road
Kenthurst NSW 2156

Thanks for your thoughts and help. If you have any questions you could phone me on 02 9654 1831.

Yours and Mine

Herewith is a list of library books that we can borrow. The flow of books is kindly being monitored by Chris Tolomeo, who can be contacted on 6337 5863.

It has been suggested that we as a group, buy a few reference type books which are specifically for our area.

'Wildlife in the Home Paddock', Roland Brechwoldt

Australian Nature Science Library

A practical guide: deals with private landholders and wildlife conservation; tree planting and regeneration; windbreaks and wildlife corridors; farm dams.

'Use of Trees and Shrubs in the dry Country of Australia', ed Norman Hall.

Department of National Development, Forestry and Timber Bureau.

Deals with soil erosion and prevention; shade and shelter; honey and beeswax production; Plant propagation and establishment.

'Eucalypts', Vol.1 & 2, Stan Kelly,

Botanically accurate illustrations of almost all species. Vol. 2 contains distribution lists keyed to a map of Australia.

'Australian Plants' Vol.4-11.

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'Australian Plant Genera'.Vol.1, James a Baines.

An Etymological Dictionary of Australian Plant Genera. Published by SGAP.

Gives generic name of plant, preferred pronunciation, botanist who set up the genus, origin of the name, number of species in the world, number in Australia and more.

'Flora of NSW' Vol 4

Deals with grasses and orchids.



A truly ethnic story

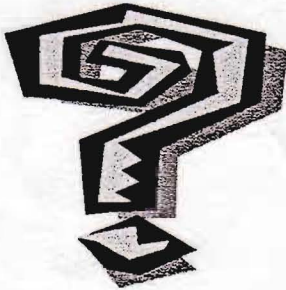
An old Danish friend Grete came to visit Isobel and Hans on her annual 'holiday' a couple of weeks ago. She arrived in Australia in 1939 fleeing the Nazis with her Austrian husband. After 60 years in Sydney her accent remains spectacular!

They were sitting in the garden and Grete spotted a newly planted tree (Acacia coveneyii). 'What is that strange bush', she asked. Hans answered, 'It's a wattle.' 'What?' she said, 'never heard of it.' 'A wattle', Hans tried a couple of times - same reaction. Finally he went in and found a book on Australian plants. Showed her several photos of flowering wattles. 'Oh', said Grete, 'you just can't pronounce it properly. You said 'rottle', but these are 'vottles.'

It Is Thought That.....

A question and answer section would be a good idea.

I have the first question.... will anyone send in any questions, that is the question???



So folks, dont be shy. Get out your pens or whatever, and send in a brainteaser and the collective consciousness of SGAP will work for you.

Report on Open Day at Mount Rankin...;....

Sometime way back in the past, around November, we had an open day at my place at Mt Rankin, which proved to be very enjoyable.

At that time, the Reserve land at the back of my place had emerged from its usual dormant state, and blossomed into a shy, but beautiful jewel. If people were able to see this display, then I'm sure the unwarranted misnomer of "scrub" would be discarded.

We found two species of *Thysanotus* and the Bearded Orchid, *Calochilus paludosus*, that hadn't been noted before, so it was very exciting. The understory of this patch of bushland is quite well developed, considering its proximity to Bathurst, about 12 km as the crow flies. It is Crown Land with a Trig Station on it, and for a long time had been leased out to a nearby farmer who fortunately didn't use it that much, so the understory remained intact. It has now been designated as a Reserve for Flora and Fauna, and is managed by Trust Board made up of various, interested, local people. Its approx 977m above sea level and 300m above Bathurst, and an area of about 30 hectares.

So after a leisurely stroll throught the Reserve (at a rate particular to plant persons), we walked/drove to my place and consumed the odd cuppa, and then did some plant propagation, ably assisted by Judy and Geoffrey Windsor. The propagation was focused on cuttings, and everyone had come prepared with some plant material. Lunch was partaken sitting on the green grass(now but a memory), in a shady spot in the garden, which thanks to everyone, agreeably ended a very pleasant day.

Not Megalomania !

BUT... there seems to be a lot of me and my in this newsletter, so feel free to join in.

BYNK Garden...

There is a project going on at the moment, at the new location of the Bathurst Neighbourhood Centre. It is being brought to fruition by Greg Lee of Central West SGAP, and it is the planting of the surrounding garden with local native plants.

So far, Geoffrey and Judy Windsor have kindly donated plants but if anyone has any to contribute, please contact Greg on 02 6337 7273. He is interested in small to medium shrubs, and ground covers, preferrably of this area. Also grasses and grass seed.

Local Native Nurseries

Blue Wren Bush Farm

Wattle Flat
Geoffery Windsor
Ph; 02 6337 7155
(includes local seed sales)

Glenbrook Native Plant Reserve

Great Western Highway
Glenbrook
Open 12 to 4pm Sat,Sun,Wed.
Discount to members

Kamaringi Native Nursery

Lowes Mount Road
Tarana
G. Tolomeo
Ph: 02 6337 5863
Open Thurs - Sun, Sept - May.
and they are having a

Giant Clearing sale due to

**Moving
Starting
Now!!**



Autumn Plant Sale

7-18 April 1999
Mt Annan Botanical Gardens
Lots of Plants and lots of things to do.