



Australian Network for Plant Conservation Inc



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Our mission

*To promote and develop
plant conservation
practice in Australia.*

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- » Participants at the 2012 Workshop on the Translocation of Threatened Plants walking through the Australian National Botanic Gardens after a nursery tour. Photo: T. Hogbin
- » Scarlet Banksia (*Banksia coccinea*) is endemic to south western WA including the Stirling Ranges. Photo: Helena Mills

Introducing the Australian Network for Plant Conservation (ANPC) Inc.



2014 national ANPC conference, Hobart - Orchid field trip | Professor Ian Lunt giving the Keynote address at the 2014 national ANPC conference. Photos: Royal Tasmanian Botanic Gardens (RTBG)

The ANPC is an association of people and organisations dedicated to the conservation of Australia's native plant species and vegetation communities, which are part of our living national heritage and underpin the health and productivity of our continent.

Corporate information

- » A national not-for-profit, non-government organisation founded in 1991
- » Incorporated January 1999 in the ACT
- » Membership open to individuals and businesses, agencies/councils and community groups
- » On the Commonwealth Register of

**Environmental Organisations,
with Deductible Gift Recipient and
Charity Concessions status with the
Australian Taxation Office**

- » Our Public Fund is the *ANPC Public Fund*
- » Accounts are audited annually
- » ABN: 70 861 480 818

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What we do and why we do it



A selection of seeds at an ANPC seed collection, storage and use workshop. Photo: T. Hogbin | Threatened Plants Tasmania vice president Viv Muller showing an orchid to 2014 national ANPC conference delegate. Photo: RTBG

Extinction or conservation – Australia’s heritage is in our hands

Australians are losing ground in the quest to conserve our native species and ecosystems. Enormous progress in conservation science and practice over recent decades is only slowly being integrated with land use practices and on-ground biodiversity management.

Australians have the technical capacity and public support to arrest the decline of our native biodiversity. We have a vibrant non-government conservation and landcare sector with strong public support and at times able to influence and improve government policy.

Yet conservation workers are often isolated by State, public/private, and departmental and industrial boundaries. Research scientists publish results in highly technical journals, but there is a failure of communication in translating and transmitting those results to end-users. Government support for the community conservation sector is uneven and often short-term. How do we address these problems?

The ANPC exists to:

- » **Facilitate linkage and information flow across boundaries**
- » **Provide a knowledge network with long-term continuity**
- » **Disseminate scientific knowledge and practical skills and insights**
- » **Encourage dialogue and contact across the conservation sector**

We have 24 years of experience in the delivery of targeted training and in facilitating knowledge exchange. We have a demonstrated ability to anticipate future needs for specialised techniques not being addressed by managers and to assemble volunteer teams of experts to develop best-practice standards for these techniques.

Most importantly, we have the capability to foster dialogue and knowledge flow between scientists, managers and the community about ways to stop and reverse the decline in our plant biodiversity.

The ANPC complements work by on-ground conservation organisations and agencies, land-acquisition NGOs, and other networks where their work is hampered by information and skills gaps or where linkages are lacking. This is our area, our role and our mission.



Pelargonium sp. (G. W. Carr 10345) a small herb in the plant family Geraniaceae. Yet to be formally named, it was first discovered at one site in north-east Victoria in the 1990s, where it is known as ‘Omeo Stork’s Bill’. It is now also known from just four sites in the New South Wales southern tablelands. Photo: R.O. Makinson

Training and demonstration



Participants at the Wimmera plant identification workshop in 2013. Photo: T. Hogbin | Endangered plant *Grevillea acropogon*. Photo: A. Cochrane | Botanist Isobel Crawford demonstrating how to collect a specimen at the Wimmera plant identification workshop. Photo: T. Hogbin

The ANPC has over two decades of experience in presenting training courses and bringing the best science and practical experience together in a form accessible to on-ground practitioners.

Our events bring experts in conservation science and practice into dialogue with on-ground practitioners, using local case studies and field trips to illustrate general techniques and issues and testing these against local knowledge and experience.

Courses and workshops are typically held in regional centres, and content is determined in consultation with local stakeholders. Attendance includes local public and private land owners and managers, staff of natural resource and conservation agencies, local government officers, consultants and community conservationists.

Since 2003, the ANPC has held over 60 courses or workshops (excluding those at our national conferences) in six States. Topics have ranged from best-practice for conserving native vegetation and species in remnant patches, through to strategies for conservation seed-banking and specialised techniques for the translocation of threatened plant species. **Further details** of past and current training events can be found at <http://anpc.asn.au/workshops>

We have identified training needs in over 30 areas of plant conservation skills. Our highest unfunded priorities are for further modules in Germplasm Conservation (seed-banking and seed collection), Plant Provenance and Plant Identification workshops.

How you can help:

- » **Sponsor courses and workshops directly**
- » **Sponsor printing costs of course notes**
- » **Help us identify regional training needs and develop regional partnerships to meet them**
- » **Assist us to develop a wider range of training events**



Participants at the 2015 Yass Provenance Workshop. Photo: J. Lynch

ANPC publications and website – *Communicating good science in plain English*



Materials and tools at an ANPC seed collection, storage and use workshop. Photos: T. Hogbin

Australasian Plant Conservation (APC)

This is the ANPC's quarterly bulletin, covering plant conservation issues in the Australasian region. APC is a plain-English forum for practitioners from across the sector; it is intentionally not a peer-review journal for primary research, although it is edited to a high scientific and production standard.

More information:

<http://anpc.asn.au/apc>

ANPC best-practice publications:

- » ***Guidelines for the translocation of threatened plants in Australia (2nd edition, 2004): now 'the bible' for plant translocation, a strategy being increasingly used for highly endangered species and also relevant to a wider range of species in the face of climate change.***
- » ***Plant germplasm conservation in Australia – strategies and guidelines for developing, managing and utilising ex situ collections (revised edition, 2009): the only publication assembling the lessons of the previous decade of research and experience in Australian seed-banking and seed-use for conservation.***
- » ***Plant conservation – approaches and techniques from an Australian perspective (2003): key materials from ANPC training courses.***

Myrtle Rust

A new threat to Australia's biodiversity

- » ***(2011 and updates): a comprehensive manual to accompany ANPC's one-day course on this disease.***

More information:

<http://anpc.asn.au/publications>

ANPC News

This is a monthly open-subscription email newsletter.

ANPC website

This is an information hub, providing current plant conservation news, and more in-depth information in selected areas. We would like to greatly expand the information on the website and to increase its interactivity—to do this we need salary resources for research and design.

Social media

The ANPC also keeps subscribers up to date with the latest plant conservation news through various social media channels such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

How you can help:

- » ***Sponsor issues or series of Australasian Plant Conservation***
- » ***Sponsor hard-copy and CD production of other ANPC publications***
- » ***Contribute articles, news briefs and web resources***
- » ***Arrange cross-links between the ANPC website and other suitable organisations***
- » ***Support our website through page sponsorships, or through funding for us to develop new resources***

ANPC conferences and forums – *Linking people and practice with science policy*



Silver Banksia (*Banksia marginata*). | Dr Neil Davidson from Greening Australia leading 2014 national ANPC conference field trip to Tasmanian midlands. Photos: J. Lynch

The ANPC holds biennial national conferences, typically attracting 150+ people from the community, government and private sectors.

Our conferences allow three to four days of interaction between conservation and bushland restoration practitioners and researchers who have very few other opportunities to mingle and exchange experience and knowledge.

Conference papers and workshops are drawn from community practice and the science and management sectors. Conference themes are typically broad, allowing a wide range of contributions and invited speakers.

Planning for the next conference has begun with dates to be confirmed soon. Please go to the conference website for more information <https://www.anpc.asn.au/conferences/apcc13/>
A separate sponsorship document for this event is also available.

More information:

<http://anpc.asn.au/conferences>



In some intervening years we hold national forums, on more tightly focussed issues, e.g. 'Conservation on private land' (Halls Gap, 2009), and 'The role of soil biota in the health and rehabilitation of native vegetation' (Canberra, 2007).

How you can help:

- » **Sponsor conference and forum events (see sponsorship options and benefits at <http://anpc.asn.au/sponsorship>)**
- » **Sponsor attendance costs for target groups (e.g. interstate, community, students, indigenous)**
- » **Help us find sponsors and partners for these events**
- » **Participate in ANPC conferences and forums**

ANPC Committee member, Bob Makinson, teaching at an ANPC Plant ID workshop. Photo: T. Hogbin



Anticipating needs for plant conservation skills and education



The endangered Swamp Orchid (*Phaius bernaysii*). Photo: L. Simmons | Participants at the Hunter plant identification workshop in 2014. Photo: T. Hogbin

ANPC specialist working groups

Some of the ANPC's most successful projects have been based on specialist working groups. We have produced two editions of 'Translocation guidelines for threatened species' and 'Germplasm conservation guidelines'. Each involved the assembly of national teams of expert contributors and content reviewers, and external review of content. Each project has resulted in continuing national working groups on these important issues, rolling out training events and working in collaboration with relevant State agencies.

The contributors to these teams and projects are unpaid – but such teams and projects require funds to be effective. Occasional face-to-face meetings help to maintain momentum, and are crucial to accurate scoping of issues and conservation problems, and contract design and editing are sometimes needed.

We want to create new national working groups to tackle new issues – to anticipate and scope emerging threats in cases where this is not being done by government agencies or the private sector, so that Australia is better prepared. Such expert working groups help the ANPC to make informed and useful contributions to government policy reviews and industry sectoral planning, to prepare education modules, and to help assess the consequences for native biodiversity.

One priority is for a new national ANPC working group on Plant Pathogens (introduced plant diseases that threaten Australian species and ecosystems). In 2010-11, Australia experienced the arrival of Myrtle Rust disease that is already infecting over 200 native plant species and is likely to cause severe decline in some plants – or even extinctions. The environment sector was unprepared for this disease, and ANPC remains the only organisation to have developed a comprehensive training module, which we are delivering nationally. An ANPC Pathogens Working Group would be a big contribution to being prepared for the next serious disease.

How you can help:

- » Sponsor a specific national working group's operations, or a specific event (e.g. a national expert meeting)
- » Sponsor working group outputs (e.g. printing costs for books or training materials)
- » Sponsor a research officer salary for development of scoping studies for new issues
- » Sponsor a contract salary for the preparation of reports or submissions



Myrtle Rust pustules and spore masses on *Agonis flexuosa* (willow myrtle) cv. 'Afterdark'. Photo: CSIRO

Donations, sponsorships, bequests, and membership



Past ANPC Committee member David Taylor speaking at an ANPC Translocation of Threatened Plants workshop. Photo: T. Hogbin | *Styphelia angustifolia*. Photo: R.O. Makinson

Do you care about Australia's unique native plants? Your support can help us promote and develop plant conservation throughout Australia.

The ANPC is a not-for-profit organisation. We survive on income from membership fees, grants, and small surpluses from courses and conferences. From these, and drawing on the volunteered energy of our members and member organisations, we are able to sustain a national office (with three part-time employees), our quarterly print bulletin, and a limited number of courses and publications.

Yet what we do falls far short of the need. To meet the conservation challenge, Australia needs more and better training programs, better anticipation of coming conservation threats, an informed business sector and a stronger community sector. Our ability to "Promote and develop plant conservation in Australia" depends on our members and supporters. Your donations, sponsorships or bequests will help us achieve this goal.

Membership of ANPC

Memberships are open to individuals (concession rate available) and organisations (categories of Community Group, Small Business, and Corporate/Government Agency). Joining is one of the most solid contributions you can make to our work – membership fees are an essential part of our financial base, and members and member-organisations are the lifeblood of our network.

Donations

Donations of \$2 or more, and bequests, made to the ANPC Public Fund are tax-deductible. **Special donations** of money or property are also welcome – these may include large amounts or non-monetary donations, and may be either for general support of ANPC goals, or for an agreed fixed purpose. We ask that such special donations be discussed with us beforehand, as they may need special management to ensure the best result for you and us.

Event and publications sponsorships

Event and publications sponsorships are a means by which many organisations have supported the ANPC's work.

Sustaining sponsorships

Recognise the unique role of the ANPC in furthering the conservation of Australia's native plant heritage and provide ongoing staffing, expertise or infrastructural support.

Sponsorship categories are given at <http://anpc.asn.au/sponsorship> but negotiated options are available.

Bequests

Bequests of money or property as a lasting gift in support of plant conservation are of great value in sustaining our work. We ask that proposed bequests, particularly of specified uses, be discussed with us prior to finalising your Will, to ensure that what you have in mind is both practicable and within the rules of the ANPC. Bequests information can be found at <http://www.anpc.asn.au/bequest>

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- » Advertising in APC, ANPC News, publications, conference programs and on the ANPC website
- » Discounted or free ANPC membership
- » Discounted or free conference registration
- » Inclusion in relevant media releases
- » Inclusion on ANPC social media (eg. Facebook, Twitter)
- » Reference on sponsored You Tube videos and Flickr slideshows

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WORKING TO SAVE AUSTRALIA'S NATIVE PLANTS

Benefits from ANPC membership include:

- » receive four editions of Australasian Plant Conservation per year, Australia's top bulletin for those involved or interested in plant conservation
- » be eligible for discounts at ANPC conferences, workshops and forums
- » keep up with the latest plant conservation information
- » help us with implementing our projects such as the Orchid Conservation Program and the Bring Back the Banksias project, and running workshops on topical issues such as seed supply and provenance
- » be part of a thriving network of plant conservationists



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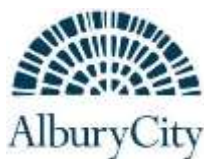
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