**Plant Cuttings – June 2021**

# ‘Just fantastic’: Wollemi pine replanting effort wins global gong – The Sydney Morning Herald, 28 May 2021

A secret project to increase the odds of the Wollemi pine surviving in the wild has won international recognition from conservation groups hoping the lessons learnt will help pull other threatened species back from the brink of extinction. <https://www.smh.com.au/environment/conservation/just-fantastic-wollemi-pine-replanting-effort-wins-global-gong-20210526-p57vel.html>

# Preserving the Wollemi pine - The Sydney Morning Herald, 28 May 2021

## Threatened species ecologist, Berin Mackenzie, has been toiling on a project known only to a few close colleagues. In the process, interrupted by the Black Saturday bushfires, Mackenzie and his team have added to the storied efforts to preserve the Wollemi pine. [Image gallery] <https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/preserving-the-wollemi-pine-20210528-h1w47g.html>

# ‘Real sense of achievement’: The next step to preserve the Wollemi pine – 29 May 2021

Berin Mackenzie is used to hauling heavy loads, lugging 30-kilogram packs up and down remote canyons, with a 10-kilogram bucket in his free hand and the other gripping a taut rope. But his burden hasn’t merely been a physical one for the last few years. <https://www.smh.com.au/environment/conservation/real-sense-of-achievement-the-next-step-to-preserve-the-wollemi-pine-20210526-p57vef.html>

**The wattle war – Science Friction, 6 June 2021**

It's the green and gold of our sporting uniforms, the blaze of yellow wrapped around our coat of arms, and its seeds have provided bush food for millennia. Wattle — scientific name Acacia — is Australia's much-loved national flower. But across the Indian Ocean, Africa calls acacia its own too ... and their relationship with this iconic plant runs just as deep. <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/sciencefriction/acacia-name-africa-australia-wattle-war-botany-taxonomy/13372220>

**New ideas challenge traditional views about plant conservation and restoration – The Science Show, 12 June 2021**

The region around south-west Western Australia is known as a biological hotspot. It contains high diversity with many species found in small pockets. The landscapes are ancient and have existed with a stable climate due to the influence of the large Indian Ocean. Many theories about plant conservation come from the northern hemisphere where landscapes are young. Now scientists in Brazil, Australia, California and south Africa are challenging traditional views with new ideas about conservation and restoration appropriate to older landscapes. As Stephen Hopper explains, with this rich biodiversity comes increased sensitivity. Species offer low resilience to disturbance. Landscapes impacted by machinery or human recreation such as trail bikes can be damaged quickly and irreparably. <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/scienceshow/new-ideas-challenge-traditional-views-about-plant-conservation/13384122>

**Rare orchids found in City of London bank's rooftop garden – BBC News, 15 June 2021**

A colony of rare orchids has been discovered growing on the rooftop of an office building in the City of London. It is the first time the small-flowered tongue-orchid has been seen in the UK since arriving in Cornwall in 1989. <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-london-57439921>

**Botanists biased towards pretty plants more than the uglies – The Science Show, 19 June 2021**

Lockdowns around the world have stopped field trips. So how about some desktop research! Botanist Kingsley Dixon in collaboration with his locked down colleagues in Europe looked at the plant species from the European Alps of the southwest studied by botanists since 1975. There was a clear trend. How do botanists explain this clear bias towards the pretties? <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/scienceshow/botanists-biased-towards-pretty-plants-more-than-the-uglies/13399050>

# Kings Park Botanic Garden Perth great for a stroll with top-notch botanical and horticultural research – The Science Show, 19 June 2021

Kings Park Botanic Garden Perth is perched high on a plateau overlooking Perth.  Robyn Williams visits and hears about the range of botanical and horticultural research being carried out. Research scientist Carol Elliott specialises in rare plants. Carol and her colleagues advise mining companies when they remediate land after mining operations cease. Plant Breeder Digby Growns describes work on extending the life of cut flowers, and the development of new varieties of native plants more tolerant to the conditions found in suburban gardens. The new blue kangaroo paw should be available towards the end of 2021. <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/scienceshow/kings-park-botanic-garden-perth-great-for-a-stroll-and-does-top/13399056>

# Eucalypts in a time of climate change – Blueprint, 19 June 2021

Throughout the Australian continent's history, the Eucalypt has been there… for millions of years. The remarkable and resilient species continues to withstand intense fire, severe droughts, and overwhelming rains. But increasingly, we're seeing Eucalypts in a state of transition, with the impacts of climate change forcing the species to adapt again. <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/blueprintforliving/blueprint-living-with-eucalypts-amid-climate-change-greg-moore/13395822>

# Australia or Africa? The botanical controversy over who can call their plants 'Acacia' – ABC Science, 20 June 2021

As chilly winds sweep across south-eastern Australia, the first wattles of the season are preparing to burst into fluffy pom-poms of resplendent gold and pale cream. Wattle — scientific name Acacia — is synonymous with this land. Yet Australia is not alone in having a deep connection to acacias. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/science/2021-06-20/acacia-name-debate-botany-taxonomy-africa-australia-plants/100221938>

**Events and Opportunities – June 2021**

**Project Phoenix Newsletter**

Each fortnight, Greening Australia’s Project Phoenix releases a newsletter providing project updates and details of upcoming consultations in the seed sector. To subscribe to the newsletter head to their website. <https://www.greeningaustralia.org.au/project-phoenix-seed-network/?utm_source=Project+Phoenix&utm_campaign=7afdd5f676-project+phoenix+2_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_cb37192e46-7afdd5f676-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D&ct=t%28project+phoenix+28+May_COPY_01%29>

**Landcare Webinar Series**

Landcare Australia is working with groups, organisations and individuals to create an engaging [series of webinars](https://landcareaustralia.org.au/national-landcare-conference-webinar/) for people interested in sustainable land management and conversation activities. The next webinar titled ‘The Power of Landcare Partnerships’ will be held at 2pm AEST on Thursday 29 July, or you can watch previous webinars on the website.

<https://landcareaustralia.org.au/national-landcare-conference-webinar/>

**2021 National Landcare Conference (4-6 August 2021 – with free online option)**

This national event brings together Landcare groups and volunteers, landholders and farmers, Indigenous land and sea managers, landcare facilitators and coordinators, educators, research agencies, natural resource management professionals, and other community environmental groups and individuals to share insights, learn and connect. In person numbers are at capacity, visit the website to join the waitlist or register as a free online delegate. <https://nationallandcareconference.org.au/>

**Combined NSW and VIC Weeds Conference – 23-26 August 2021, Albury NSW**

Jointly supported by the weeds societies of New South Wales and Victoria – weeds without borders, the Conference will be held in the Albury Entertainment Centre from 23-26 August, 2021. The conference will focus on skills development, recognition and has planned four field trips. Early bird registrations are open until 23 July 2021. More info: <https://www.nswweedsconf.org.au/>

**ASSC 2021 – 6 to 10 September 2021**

The Australasian Seed Science Conference will be held as a virtual event from the 6 – 10 September 2021 as a result of the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 virus. With abstract submissions now closed, we now extend a warm invitation to register and join us for ASSC 2021. <https://seedscience2021.com.au/>

**Revegetation Industry Association of WA Seminar – 13 and 14 October 2021**

Later this year RIAWA are holding a seminar on “The Revegetation Cycle” in Perth. We are excited to announce Dr Lucy Commander will be giving a keynote presentation on the Florabank Guidelines. Registrations have not yet opened but the call for abstracts has begun. More information on their website. <https://www.riawa.com.au/events/the-revegetation-cycle>

**Entwined – Free Exhibition**

The State Library of Queensland is currently holding a free exhibition titles ‘Entwined: Plants and People’. Head to the library to explore stories about people and plants in Queensland and discover their botanical illustration collections. Exhibition on until 14 November 2021. <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/entwined?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Entwined%20Exhibition_expression&utm_content=Entwined%20Exhibition_expression+Version+B+CID_b3c407ec97c0f23c0408609eaea0d890&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Entwined%20plants%20and%20people>

**APCC13**  
Save the date for the 13th Australasian Plant Conservation Conference (APCC13) to be held in Albury, NSW, 19-23 April 2022. <https://www.anpc.asn.au/conferences/apcc13/>