**Plant cuttings – November 2021**

**Calls to better protect wild sandalwood amid fears of extinction – ABC News, 20 November 2021**

As a young man, Badimia elder Ashley Bell made money from harvesting sandalwood, but now he's so concerned about the sustainability of wild sandalwood he's calling for a ban on removing it from his traditional lands. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-11-20/fears-australian-native-sandalwood-pushed-to-extinction/100606076>

**Hidden in plain sight, the endangered button wrinklewort makes a revival – ABC News, 21 November 2021**

As trains rattle past, daisies are pushing up through the soil on three vacant blocks next to the Sunbury line. So precious are the small plants, the state government does not want their location revealed and they are secured behind 2-metre high fences. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-11-21/endangered-button-wrinklewort-re-emerges-in-melbourne/100624324>

**Unidentified seeds go directly to secure waste and destroyed under new biosecurity policy – ABC News, 23 November 2021**

Online shopping company eBay has been working with the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment (DAWE) to weed out unidentified seeds and live plants coming into the country in the mail. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/rural/2021-11-23/unidentified-seeds-go-directly-to-secure-waste-destroyed/100640670>

**AUDIO: Invasive plants and animals number one threat to Australia's biodiversity – ABC News Radio, 23 November 2021**

Australia's rich plant and animal biodiversity is facing threats on many fronts, but the number one threat is invasive weeds and animal pests. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-11-23/invasive-plants-and-animals-number-one-threat-to/13644894>

**VicForests accused of 'spying' on protesters and environmentalists – ABC News, 25 November 2021**

Sarah Rees had no idea she was being followed. VicForests hired a private investigator to spy on environmental protesters, court documents show. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-11-25/victoria-forests-agency-accused-of-spying-on-campaigner/100613342>

**Events and Opportunities**

**Research opportunity – Honours student**

Ryan Tangney has an exciting opportunity for an Honours student who could be based at UNSW in Sydney or UWA in Perth. The project is titled ‘When, why, how, and how much: The ethical, philosophical, and practical considerations required before undertaking post-fire seeding in Western Australia.’ Applications close 10 January 2022, contact Ryan for more information r.tangney@unsw.edu.au

**ESA Applied Forest Ecology Scholarship – Honours or Masters student**

The ESA and an anonymous donor are providing an **Honours or Masters level student scholarship**in the field of applied forest conservation science. The scholarship supports a student conducting research into issues important to the management and sustainability of forests. Applications close 28 February 2022. <https://www.ecolsoc.org.au/awards/student-awards/applied-forest-ecology-scholarship>

**Australian Flora Foundation Grants**

Applications have opened for grants to support original scientific projects on the biology and cultivation of Australian plants are invited from research workers in Australia. Applications must be either for a Malcolm Reed (Large) Grant or a Small Grant. Preliminary applications due 18 March 2022. <http://aff.org.au/grants/grant-criteria/>

**Landcare Webinar Series**

The Landcare Webinar Series brings people interested in sustainable land management and conservation activities together. It showcases the rich diversity of knowledge, passion and expertise within the landcare community. The next two webinars will be held on 2 and 10 December, register or watch recordings of previous webinars here <https://landcareaustralia.org.au/webinars/>

# International Society for Seed Science – September 2022

The seventh edition of the Seed Ecology Conference of the International Society for Seed Science will take place in Gijón/Xixón, Asturias (Spain) from September 6 to September 9, 2022. Seed Ecology VII will accept presentations dealing with all aspects of seed ecology, with a special focus on the variation of seed functions in world ecosystems. The meeting is planned to be face-to-face, assuming the COVID situation is improving globally. <http://www.unioviedo.es/seedecol7/>

# ANBG Photographic Group exhibition & awards – Recovery 25 Nov – 12 December 2021

The Friends Photographic Group encourages you to come and view their special exhibition “Recovery” being held in the Visitors Centre at the ANBG. This year there are several different categories with awards presented to the winners of each category as well as other awards. The Award winners will be on display and for sale to the public. <https://friendsanbg.org.au/recovery_2021>

**DAWE Podcast – Detect and Protect**

In addition to the National Biosecurity Series webinars, the department has recently launched Detect and Protect – the new Australian biosecurity podcast. The discussions include the key components of Biosecurity 2030, the significant pest and disease threats facing Australia, how innovation and collaboration is helping strengthen the biosecurity system and the important role of the public in supporting biosecurity. <https://www.awe.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/australia/public-awareness/detect-protect>

**13th Australasian Plant Conservation Conference 'Seeds to recovery'** - **3-7 April 2022, Albury, NSW**
The themes for the conference are seeds, bushfire recovery, threatened species & communities, and engaging people with conservation & restoration. Partnership opportunities are now available. Please visit the conference webpage for more information <https://www.anpc.asn.au/conferences/apcc13/>

**1st International Plant Translocation Conference**

After it has been postponed due to the pandemic the 1st International Plant Translocation Conference is now ready to resume in a hybrid format, with in person sessions and the possibility to follow the whole programme online. The University of Roma Tre will host the 1st International Plant Translocation Conference from June 20-23, 2022 in Rome. The conference will be a unique occasion for conservation biologists from around the world to share their experiences, successes and misfortunes in restoring threatened plant species.  <https://host.uniroma3.it/eventi/IPTC2022/>

**In case you missed it…**

**NESP video Myrtle Rust**

Myrtle Rust is an invasive fungus introduced to Australia in 2010 and it has since impacted over 360 species. This video features Geoff Pegg, who managed the Fire and Rust project for the ANPC. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGzEPWtRuLg>

**NESP Webinar on wildfires**

Webinar title ‘Coordinating to protect culture & biodiversity in the heat of wildfires’. Held on 9 November 2021, this webinar brought together perspectives on what systems or responses are needed to better protect biodiversity and empower Indigenous leadership in the heat of bushfire events. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s9YCWX3mgdM>

**Millennium Seed Bank Partnership Newsletter**

the international newsletter of the Millennium Seed Bank Partnership has now moved to an online only format. The e-newsletter is published three times a year in March, June and September, starting September 2021. It aims to share up-to-date news and stories from across the Millennium Seed Bank Partnership (MSBP) as well as share information of relevance to the partnership. Sign up here <https://brahmsonline.kew.org/msbp/Samara/ENewsletter>

**Australian Biosecurity Webinar Series**

This webinar series covers a range of biosecurity topics, such as Australia’s priority biosecurity risks and how they are being managed, preparedness and response activities, innovation, and collaboration, as well as priorities and challenges for biosecurity. Watch a webinar to hear from government and industry experts about current priorities for our biosecurity work. Watch recordings here <https://www.awe.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/australia/public-awareness/webinar-series>