**Plant Cuttings – March 2022**

## **Tiny mite shows promise as biological control agent to fight Australian swamp stonecrop in UK and Europe – CABI News, Feb 8 2022**

A new study led by CABI scientists has confirmed that a tiny mite, Aculus crassulae, shows promise to be used as a more environmentally-friendly biological control agent against the aquatic weed [**Crassula helmsii**](https://www.cabi.org/isc/datasheet/16463) in the UK and Europe. <https://www.cabi.org/news-article/tiny-mite-shows-promise-as-biological-control-agent-to-fight-australian-swamp-stonecrop-in-uk-and-europe/>

**Interstate rivalry heats up among gum tree enthusiasts for Eucalypt of the Year title – ABC News, 10 March 2022**

There’s a heated competition between states in Australia at the moment, vying to take out the title of Eucalypt Of The Year for 2022. Western Australia is a favourite, home to defending champion the "sexy gum" (*Eucalyptus salubris).* Ecologist Michael Whitehead campaigned for the eucalypt, found in WA's Great Western Woodlands last year. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-03-10/interstate-competition-heats-up-for-tree-eucalypt-of-the-year/100893346>

**Write a poem to plant a tree with Poem Forrest Prize – RN Breakfast, 25 March 2022**

The Poem Forrest Prize is an annual youth nature-writing competition, where a tree is planted for every poem written by students across the country. The project is in it's second year, last year five-thousand trees were planted thanks to five-thousand poems. <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/breakfast/write-a-poem-to-plant-a-tree-with-poem-forrest-prize/13812412>

**Insider blows whistle on Australia's greenhouse gas reduction schemes – ABC News, 24 March 2022**

There are few people in the world of carbon credits and emissions reduction policy with the credibility of Andrew Macintosh. He's also been a go-to expert for the Coalition government, serving on its bushfires royal commission panel, the Climate Change Authority and its review into offsetting emissions by heavy industry and agriculture. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-03-24/insider-blows-whistle-on-greenhouse-gas-reduction-schemes/100933186>

**Roadside trees stitch the ecosystems of our nation together. Here’s why they’re in danger – The Conversation, 29 March 2022**

You may know of marvellous tree-lined roads that lead into your favourite rural and regional towns. Sometimes they have an arched, church-like canopy, while others have narrow ribbons of remnant vegetation. But have you noticed they’ve changed over the past decade? Some have gone, some have thinned and others are now declining. This is because in general, [roads are not safe places](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10980-019-00930-8) for plants and their ecosystems. <https://theconversation.com/roadside-trees-stitch-the-ecosystems-of-our-nation-together-heres-why-theyre-in-danger-175337>

**Events and Opportunities**

**Roadside Environment Committee Forum 2022 – Tues 17 May 2022**

The NSW Roadside Environment Committee is holding a forum titled *Can Do Corridors: Highlighting Good Practices in Linear Reserve Environmental Management.* The forum will be held on Tues 17 May 2022 in Surry Hills, NSW. This forum is primarily for linear reserve managers including local councils and government agencies. It features speakers with a mix of research and practical linear reserve experience. The day includes presentations on improving practices and case studies on themes. An interactive panel session will complete the day and allow participants to ask questions to the experts in the field. <https://www.molinostewart.com.au/roadside-environment-committee-forum-2022/>

**BGANZ call for articles – closes Mon 11 April 2022**

BGANZ is looking for 800-2000 word articles for the winter edition of THE BOTANIC GARDENer on the theme ‘What’s new in your botanic garden’. Please contact Rebecca Harcourt **managing.editor@bganz.org.au** if you are intending to submit an article or have a contribution to other sections, or **secretariat@bganz.org.au** if you intend to submit an article/news item

**April BCARM Plant Forum – Thurs 14 April 2022 1pm AEST**

BCARM Plant Forums aim to connect with others in botanic gardens and promote living collections. The April speakers for their forum include: **Martin Weaver** from Eastwoodhill Arboretum talking about their conservation forest project, **Clare Shearman** from Wellington Gardens talking about their Outdoor Gallery Space: enhancing sculpture using plant design and **Jenny Patrick** from Geelong Botanic Gardens with a favourite plant of the month. To get the meeting link head to <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Save-the-date---BCARM-Plant-Forum----14th-April---1pm-AEST--3pm-NZT.html?soid=1109591060709&aid=00G3PtrjPqI>

**Red Gum festival – Sat 23 April 2022**

​Nestled on the banks of the Wannon River, in the heart of red gum country, Cavendish will host the second Red Gum Festival in April 2022. Once again, this event will include something for everyone...young, old and families. Through a diverse range of activities, visitors to the festival will be able to enjoy, explore and learn about our unique local environment. <https://www.cavendishredgumfestival.com/>
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**Botanic Gardens Day 2022**

BGANZ have organised a number of webinars and forums to celebrate Botanic Gardens Day in May. Aimed at plant lovers and professionals there is something for everyone with presentations on carnivorous plants, paleobotany, plant hunting and interpretation stories. For dates and speaker information, be sure to sign up to BGANZ’s e-newsletter for more information.

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Get-ready-for-Botanic-Gardens-Day-2022-.html?soid=1109591060709&aid=u0t1MTOz_7U>

**7th Global Botanic Gardens Congress - Melbourne - Sept 2022**

The 7th Global Botanic Gardens Congress will be a joint BGCI/BGANZ Congress, hosted by Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre in Melbourne, Australia. To be held 25 – 29 September 2022. For more information and to register your interest please visit the congress website [**www.7gbgc.org/**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001YhJ2dtoHLthQkk_rAiM9KueuZaVRhA1yfxpKqUyDihQMQFdth6iATZecuK_40Q5rcm6-eD-2najs0R9cDz4i7mhjWxDgfDrCrx0SBpnjZzjXM1zMOohtV4sQcK8mIGX8QsfteU94O2w=&c=k_p5rPCckPJ21Yix7eyAmTq7KoE5c6OzAlPMiKHbFfOtrbYyuqJP4Q==&ch=YEdIxbBfMa6OaxthasknbJw8e31m8TLSSIo2nL9Nky14Z01wLVtXkA==)

**ESA Conference**

This year the Ecological Society of Australia are partnering with the Society for Conservation Biology Oceania to host their annual conference on the theme ‘Reconnecting’. The conference will be held from 28 November to 2 December 2022 in Wollongong, NSW. They have opened the call for symposia, with submissions closing 8 April 2022. <https://www.esascbo2022.org.au/>

**AABR events**

The Australian Association of Bush Regenerators have an array of exciting events scheduled for the months ahead. Head to their website to get involved. <https://www.aabr.org.au/events/?mc_cid=63ca370cc9&mc_eid=dce52669a1>