**Plant Cuttings – April 2022**

# Discovery of rare orchid halts $10m funeral home development in NSW – ABC News, 31 March 2022

The discovery of a rare species of orchid on the New South Wales South Coast has stymied plans for a multi-million-dollar crematorium development. Murphy Funeral Homes has withdrawn its proposal after 101 leafless tongue orchids were found on the 60-acre property on The Wool Road at St Georges Basin. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-03-31/discovery-of-rare-orchid-stymies-10m-crematorium-development/100954222>

**03 Shifting Cultures | Saving our species – ABC RN, 25 April 2022**

Australia is famous for its unique wildlife and landscapes. But we also have the highest mammal extinction rate in the world, and there are big declines in frogs, reptiles, and birds caused by introduced predators and land clearing. Some species are hanging on in small numbers on private land. Could paying farmers and Indigenous landowners to return parts of their properties to nature or turn them into carbon farms help solve our biodiversity crisis? <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/earshot/saving-our-species/13809204>

**Shifting Cultures | Healing with fire on koala country – ABC and BBC World Service18 April 2022**

Australia’s Black Summer bushfires killed billions of native animals and brought one of the country’s most iconic species closer to the brink of extinction. But another legacy of the bushfires has been a groundswell of support for traditional Aboriginal fire management practices. On sacred country, in the land of the Yuin people, cultural burning is being reintroduced to protect the habitat of the last known koala population on the far south coast of NSW. This story travels to the lands of the Yuin people with Lesley Walker-Briggs to learn how fire can bring the land back to life. <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/earshot/healing-with-fire-in-koala-country/13809152>

**‘I’ve never seen that before’: Lord, how do you get rid of 200,000 rats on an island? – The Sydney Morning Herald, 22 April 2022**

The rats were relentless, said Hank Bower, who has lived on Lord Howe Island for 15 years. At night, they would run up and down the trees, eat food, destroy gardens, destroy the native environment and push animals to extinction. As if to taunt those on the island, they would also leave paw prints in the sand in the morning. <https://www.smh.com.au/environment/sustainability/i-ve-never-seen-that-before-lord-how-do-you-get-rid-of-200-000-rats-on-an-island-20220421-p5af7s.html>

**The Where and What of Howe – Gardening Australia, 22 April 2022**

# Jane Edmanson visits Lord Howe Island, located 600km off the Australia Coast east off Port Macquarie and is part of NSW.  The island formed nearly 7 million years ago when there was a volcanic eruption and is 11km long by 2km wide, and its estimated to be eroded to just a reef in 200 million years’ time, which is quite quick in geological terms.

 <https://www.abc.net.au/gardening/factsheets/the-where-and-what-of-howe/13848208>

**Advice to the minister – April 2022 DAWE**

‘Fire regimes that cause declines in biodiversity’ as a key threatening process came into effect under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 from 21 April 2022. Find out more here <https://www.awe.gov.au/environment/biodiversity/threatened/key-threatening-processes/fire-regimes-that-cause-declines-in-biodiversity>

 **Events and Opportunities**

**Plant Treasures Webinar 2 – Recording available**

If you missed the 2nd Plant Treasures webinar last month you can watch the recording now at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w66DJBrIxFY&list=PLuPMH5OJZz0H4sZRy3vJ9nussmfStAIon&index=9>

**SER Webinar Library**

Have you seen the Society for Ecological Restoration’s webinar library? All SER members have access to the library with a range of webinars presented by SER, regional chapters and partners. Check it out at <https://www.ser.org/page/WebinarLibrary>

**Grassy Ecosystem Grants – closes Fri 13 May**

Friends of Grasslands is offering a small number of grants of up to $1500 each in 2022 to support projects that promote investment in the understanding, conservation and management of native grassy ecosystems. Any individual or organisation can apply. Information for applicants and the 2022 Application Form are available from <https://www.fog.org.au/supportedprojects.htm>. **Closing date for applications is Friday 13 May 2022.**

**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/>

**Botanic Gardens Day - 29 May 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>

**BGANZ Registration Grants – closes 31 May**

Registration grants are available to BGANZ members to attend the BGCI/BGANZ 7th Global Botanic Gardens Congress, 25 – 29 September 2022 Melbourne, Australia. BGANZ is offering grants to facilitate attendance by botanic gardens’ staff, particularly from regional or distant gardens, at the forthcoming Congress. 7 Grants are being offered up to the value of AU$1500 towards covering Congress registration fees.  Application form: <https://www.bganz.org.au/assets/uploads/2021/03/BGANZ-BGCI-Grants-Application-Form-2022_Final.pdf>

**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>

**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. <https://www.esascbo2022.org.au/>