



Australian Network for
Plant Conservation Inc



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Prospectus

The national network that links people, research and action in plant conservation

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

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.

Our mission is to promote and develop plant conservation practice in Australia.

We are a national not-for-profit, non-government organization founded in 1991. We were incorporated in January 1999 in the ACT and are 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.

This prospectus sets out:

- What we do, and why we do it
- Our capabilities
- How you can help - membership, sponsorship, donations, bequests, project support, collaboration, volunteering

Looking for ways to help the ANPC?
Check the green boxes on each page to see how you can give us a hand.

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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.

Extinction or conservation – Australia's natural heritage is in our hands

Australia has the technical capacity and public support to arrest the decline of our native biodiversity. We have a vibrant non-government conservation and Landcare sector that aims to influence and improve government policy.

Yet conservation workers are often isolated by geographic and organisational boundaries: state, public/private, departmental and industrial. Research scientists publish results in highly technical journals, but there can be 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?

To overcome this, the ANPC has developed the capability to foster dialogue, knowledge flow and collaboration between scientists, land managers and the community on ways to identify emerging threats and reverse the decline in our plant biodiversity.

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
- Facilitate the collaboration on a wide range of plant conservation projects and events

We have 32 years of experience in the delivery of targeted training and in facilitating knowledge exchange. We have a demonstrated ability to anticipate future needs and to assemble teams of experts to develop best-practice standards for existing and emerging techniques.

The ANPC complements work by on-ground conservation organisations and agencies, land-acquisition NGOs, and other networks where their work is hampered by a lack of information and linkages or where skills gaps have emerged.



Training and demonstration

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 test 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 all states and territories. Topics have ranged from best-practice methods 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.

During the pandemic, we shifted to providing webinars and online events to meet public training needs while maintaining safety standards and accessibility. These events proved popular and we had high numbers of attendees as well as a large number of people accessing recordings of these events through our YouTube channel.

We have recently identified training needs in over 30 areas of plant conservation. Our highest unfunded priorities are for further modules in Germplasm Conservation (seed-banking and seed collection), Threatened Plant Translocation and Post-fire Recovery workshops.



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How you can help:

- Directly sponsor courses and training workshops of interest
- Sponsor online events so they are available to a wider audience
- Help us identify regional training needs and develop regional partnerships to meet them

We use a variety of digital and print methods to communicate with our audiences. These include our quarterly bulletin *Australasian Plant Conservation*, publications, an e-newsletter, website and social media.

Best practice publications

The ANPC has led the development and revision of a number of best-practice publications over recent years. These are available to download for free from our website or purchase as a hard copy (with a discount price for our members). These publications include:

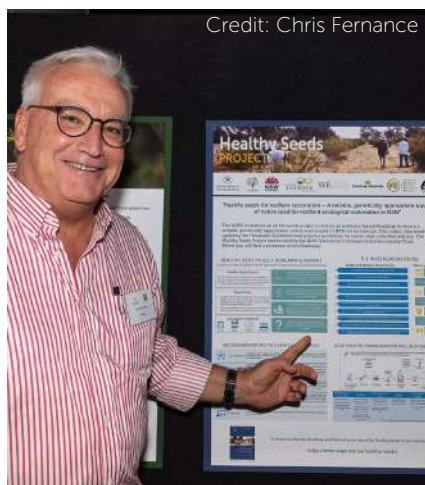
- Guidelines for Translocation of Threatened plants in Australia (Third edition, 2018): now ‘the bible’ for plant translocation, a strategy being increasingly used for highly endangered species and also relevant to a wider range of species in the face of climate change.
- Florabank Guidelines (Second edition, 2021) - best practice guidelines for native seed collection and use.
- Plant Germplasm Conservation in Australia – strategies and guidelines for developing, managing and utilising ex situ collections (Third edition, 2021): a comprehensive publication assembling lessons from the previous decade of research and experience in Australian seed banking and seed use for conservation, as well as other techniques such as propagation and cryopreservation.



More information: <https://www.anpc.asn.au/product-category/publications/>

Other recent publications include:

- The Australian Native Seed Survey Report (2020).
- Healthy Seeds Roadmap (2022) - a strategic plan to improve native seeds supply for ecological restoration in NSW.



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Supplied by the Threatened Species Commissioner



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ANPC E-news

We deliver an open-subscription email newsletter once every month. It provides project updates, information on conferences, submissions, events and opportunities and links to the latest news on plant conservation and research from across Australia. We currently have over 1,000 subscribers. If you would like to join them and have the latest plant conservation news delivered straight to your inbox please subscribe at <https://www.anpc.asn.au/anpc-news/>

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 edited to a high scientific and production standard with friendly peer review.

More information: <https://www.anpc.asn.au/apc/>



ANPC website

Our website is an information hub, providing current plant conservation news, and in-depth information on selected themes such as Myrtle Rust and plant responses to fire.

Social media

The ANPC keeps subscribers up to date with the latest plant conservation news through channels such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn. We also produce high quality video content shared via these channels. Recent video highlights feature plant translocation, ex situ germplasm conservation and Myrtle Rust.



How you can help:

- Sponsor issues or series of Australasian Plant Conservation
- Sponsor hard-copy and digital production of other ANPC publications
- Contribute articles, news briefs and web resources
- Arrange cross-links between the ANPC website and other suitable organisations
- Help us expand our web information resources through page sponsorships, or through funding for us to develop new resources, such as videos.

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

Our conferences bring together conservation and bushland restoration practitioners and researchers who have very few other opportunities to mingle and exchange experience and knowledge. Conferences typically span 3-4 days, providing an opportunity to exchange knowledge and experience.

Conference papers and workshops are drawn from community practice and the science and land management sectors. Conference themes are typically broad, inviting a wide range of contributions and diversity of 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-apcc14/>



How you can help:

- Sponsor conference and forum events (refer to separate conference sponsorship documents at <http://anpc.asn.au/sponsorship>)
- Sponsor attendance costs for target groups (e.g. interstate, community, students, First Nations presenters and participants)
- Recommend sponsors and partners for these events
- Participate in ANPC conferences and forums



ANPC specialist working groups

ANPC assembles highly regarded working groups to produce and review guidelines on themes such as translocation, germplasm conservation and seed-based ecological restoration. Continuing collaboration underpins the rollout of training events and provides a mechanism for implementing high priority projects across organisational boundaries



The contributors to these teams and projects are unpaid – but funding for project coordination is critical to the success of our working groups. Regular online and occasional face-to-face meetings help to maintain momentum, and are crucial to accurate scoping of issues and conservation issues. Project funds also enable contract design, editing and videography to ensure high quality publications and outreach.

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 of existing and emerging threats to 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, Australia experienced the arrival of Myrtle Rust, an introduced fungal disease, which continues to be a major threat to Australia's flora. It infects hundreds of species in the Myrtaceae family, which includes our bottlebrushes, paperbarks, lilly pillies, and eucalypts. Since this disease was introduced to Australia in 2010, at least five native plants have jumped straight to the 'Critically Endangered' category as a direct result of the disease, and are faced with extinction in the wild in the very near future. A further 20 to 30 Australian native species are known, or suspected, to also be in decline, and over 300 more are known to be susceptible to a lesser degree.

The environment sector was unprepared for this disease, and the ANPC remains the only organisation to have developed a comprehensive training module, which we have delivered nationally. We have also developed an information hub on our website. An ANPC Pathogens Working Group would be a big contribution to being prepared for the next serious disease.



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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 to develop scoping studies for new issues
- Fund the coordination of a working group and preparation of reports or submissions

The ANPC is a not-for-profit organisation so we survive on income from membership fees, grants, and small surpluses from courses and conferences. We are proud to have an impact which extends beyond our modest resources.

Yet what we do falls far short of the need.

To meet the conservation challenge, Australia needs more consistent and extensive 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. You can help us achieve this goal through donations, sponsorships or bequests.

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, to ensure the best result for you and us.

Event and publications sponsorships

Event and publications sponsorships have enabled many organisations to support 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 outlined at <http://anpc.asn.au/sponsorship> but negotiated options are available.

What the ANPC can offer sponsors

- Advertising in the quarterly APC bulletin, 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 and events
- Inclusion on ANPC social media
- Reference on sponsored YouTube videos

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 <https://www.anpc.asn.au/bequest/>

Membership

ANPC Membership is open to individuals and businesses, libraries, agencies/councils and community groups. More information on the benefits of each membership type and current fees can be found on the next page. To join visit our website: <https://www.anpc.asn.au/membership/>

ANPC membership benefits include:

- A one-year subscription (four editions) to the ANPC's quarterly bulletin Australasian Plant Conservation
- Discounts to ANPC workshops, conferences and forums
- A 10% discount when giving ANPC membership as a gift
- Tax deductible donations
- Being part of a thriving network of plant conservationists
- Staying updated on the latest plant conservation information

Your membership fees support our projects and events in Australian native plant conservation. In 2023 this includes:

- Developing a five-year strategic plan for the ANPC.
- Commence planning our 14th Australasian Plant Conservation Conference to be held in 2024.
- Continue undertaking surveys of threatened epiphytic orchids and other plant species affected by the Black Summer fires.
- Planning for Stage 2 of the Healthy Seeds project to improve the quality and supply of native seed in NSW.
- Organising a webinar on our saving Native Guava project, with a focus on Myrtle Rust and how ex situ conservation can help tackle this threatening process.
- Convening a post-fire plant recovery symposium.
- Undertake fundraising to build on our work on the Myrtle Rust threat.
- Seeking further funding for essential projects and the ANPC Project Manager roles.
- Writing up a scientific paper on exceptional species following the Fenner Conference Day 2.
- Seeking funding to update and maintain the Australian Plant Translocation Database that the ANPC hosts for free on our website.
- Publicising and promulgating the ANPC's Translocation Guidelines, Germplasm Guidelines and FloraBank Guidelines.

Being a member is one of the most solid contributions you can make to our conservation work. Membership fees are an essential part of our financial base, and members and member organisations are the lifeblood of our network.

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ANPC member types and fees

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Membership types and benefits

Memberships are open to individuals (with a concession rate available) and organisations (with categories for community groups, small business, libraries and corporate/government agencies).

Individual

- A one-year subscription (four editions) to the ANPC's quarterly bulletin Australasian Plant Conservation
- Discounts to ANPC workshops, conferences and forums
- A 10% discount when giving ANPC membership as a gift
- Tax deductible donations

Concession

- Same as individual but at a concession rate for full time students, pensioners and unemployed people

Small business, community group or library

- A one-year subscription (four editions) to the ANPC's quarterly bulletin Australasian Plant Conservation receiving 2 hard copies and/or the e-version delivered to up to 2 email addresses)
- Discounts to ANPC workshops, conferences and forums
- Tax deductible donations
- Small business members acknowledged by name and logo on the membership page of the ANPC website
- Opportunities to highlight your organisation in APC member profiles, articles and project promotion templates

Corporate/ government agency

- A one-year subscription (four editions) to the ANPC's quarterly bulletin Australasian Plant Conservation, receiving 7 hard copies and/or the e-version delivered to up to 7 email addresses)
- Discounts to ANPC workshops, conferences and forums
- Tax deductible donations
- Corporate members acknowledged by name and logo on the membership page of the ANPC website and by logo in each monthly e-newsletter
- Receive free advertising in Australasian Plant Conservation (1 quarter page ad per year - template available)
- Your logo in each edition of APC
- Opportunities to highlight your organisation in APC member profiles, articles and project promotion templates

Membership fees (2023)

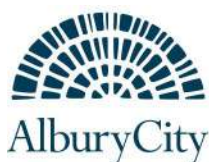
Membership/subscriptions are for a single calendar year or three calendar years.

Membership Type	1 year membership cost	3 year membership cost
Individual	\$85	\$210
Individual concession (full time students, pensioners, unemployed)	\$50	\$120
Community group/small business less than 20 employees/library	\$130	\$320
Corporate/government agency	\$680	\$1,650

Our corporate members

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