



ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference, Newsletter. February 2024, Issue 6.

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Gardens for Life ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference Melbourne

Within eight months the Australian Plants Society Victoria (APS Vic) will host the biennial national conference of the Australian Native Plants Society (Australia) (ANPSA) in Melbourne. The Conference starts on Monday 30 September and finishes Friday 4 October 2024. The theme for the conference is **Gardens for Life**.

Conference Venue (note this has changed)

The Conference venue is **The Round** in Nunawading, Melbourne. The Round is a Performing Arts and Cultural Centre at 379 - 399 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading Victoria 3131. Nunawading is a suburb of Melbourne, 18km east of the Melbourne CBD.



Website

The new website for the ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference is now up and running. Keep checking it as more information is being added.: <https://www.anpsa2024conference.com/>

Bookings open on 15 February 2024 (Early bird booking closes 30 June 2024)

- Full Conference which will include five full days - three days of lectures and two days of excursions, morning and afternoon tea and lunch.
- Pre and Post Conference Tours – you can choose two out of the three tours on offer.
- Single Day Registrations are welcome: Conference Lectures – Monday 30 September, Wednesday 2 October and Friday 4 October. Morning and afternoon tea and lunch will be included on your nominated day of attendance.
- Single Day Registration: Conference Excursions – Tuesday 1 October and Thursday 3 October. Morning and afternoon tea and lunch will be included on your nominated day.

All bookings close until sold out. <https://www.anpsa2024conference.com/registration>

Conference Program (subject to confirmation)

Day 1: Conference

Welcome to Country and Opening of Conference

- *Raising Rarity*. Dr Megan Hirst.
- *Saving our Rare Orchids*. Dr Noushka Reiter.
- *Urban Rainforests and Design for People and Climate*. Dr Greg Moore.
- *Creating Bird Habitat in the Home Garden*. Dr Annie Naimo.
- *Nature our Medicine – How the Natural World Sustains Us*. Dr Dimity Williams.
- *Gardens for Wildlife*. Nadine Gaskell.



Day 2: Excursions

1. Melton Botanic Gardens
2. Dandenong Ranges National Park - Sherbrooke Forest, Karwarra Botanic Gardens and the Chelsea Australian Garden at Olinda
3. Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria Cranbourne (RBGVC), the Australian Garden
4. Grasslands tour in the suburbs of Melbourne
5. Anglesea Heathland on the Great Ocean Road.
6. Gardens for Wildlife. Three private Gardens in Melbourne's Eastern suburbs (City of Knox)



Day 3: Conference - attendees will have a choice of six lectures to attend

1. Australian Food Plants Study Group
2. Wetlands Gardens
3. WAMA / Gariwerd Indigenous Garden
4. Saving Threatened Species DNA Mapping
5. Street Verge Gardens for Pollinators
6. Native Plants as Food, Medicine, and Tools for First Nations People.
7. Garden Design
8. Living Soil - Soil Ecosystem Health

9. Conservation and Cultivation of Rare Grampians Endemic Plants
10. Saving and Restoring Our Remnant Grasslands
11. The Merri Creek Success Story
12. Australian Pea Flower Study Group
13. Bush Flowers for Floristry
14. Mistletoes
15. Eremophila Study Group



Phillip Johnson.

AJ Swaby Lecture:

Chelsea Australian Flower Garden at Olinda and Garden Design. Phillip Johnson

Day 4: Excursions

1. Melton Botanic Gardens
2. Dandenong Ranges National Park - Sherbrooke Forest, Karwarra Botanic Gardens and the Chelsea Australian Garden at Olinda
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Day 5: Conference

- *Acacia Study Group.* Bill Aitchison.
- *Insects, Biodiversity and native Plants.* Dr Luis Mata.
- *Urban Meadows Project - Birrarung Marr and Royal Park.* John Raynor.
- *Wetlands Restoration and Wetlands at Home.* Damian Cook.
- *Lyrebirds ecosystem engineers.* Dr Alex Maisey.
- *Australian Native Food Harvest and Peppermint Farm.* Julie Weatherhead.



For bookings go to: <https://www.anpsa2024conference.com/registration>

Full Conference Registration

- Early Bird (closes 30 June 2024) \$585 AUD
- Full Rate \$650 AUD

One Day Registration - Conference \$160 AUD
 Two Day Registration - Conference \$290 AUD
 Three Day Registration - Conference \$420 AUD

Pre and Post Conference Tours

Wimmera Grampians \$1,800 AUD
 Single person supplement \$394 AUD

Great Ocean Road Otways \$2,380 AUD
 Single person supplement \$763 AUD

Gippsland Wilsons Promontory \$2,060 AUD
 Single person supplement \$525 AUD

Pre and Post Conference Tours

Pre – Monday 23 September to Saturday 27 September 2024

Post – Saturday 6 October to Thursday 10 October 2024

Cost of all tours includes accommodation and meals. When booking for tour/s, first priority is given to Conference attendees.

All tours are subject to change due to road conditions and closures, weather and unforeseen circumstances.

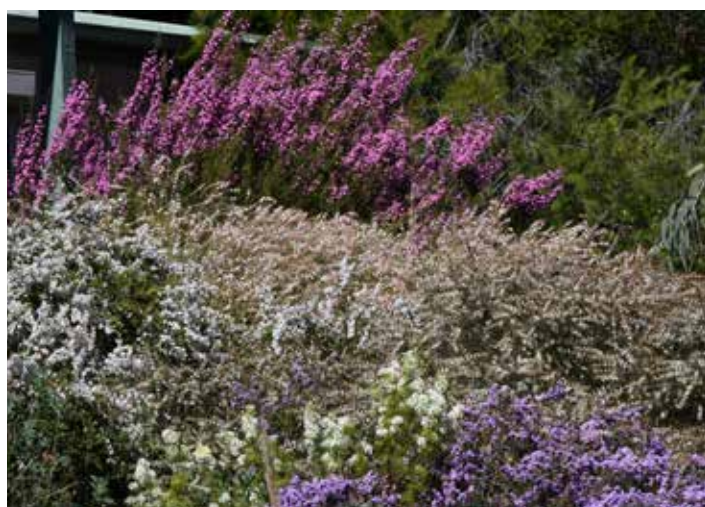
Grampians Wimmera Tour

Day 1: Leave Melbourne and travel to inspect the various sites of the Woorndoo Grassland Native Restoration Program. Overnight Hamilton.

Day 2: Visit the large extensive Myer garden which surrounds two lakes and is rarely open to the public. A short stroll through open forest of heathland, Hakea, Grevillea and Banksia and a visit to the Piccaninny Walk, Grampians and the Mt William Summit car park to see some of the higher altitude plants of the Grampians. Overnight Halls Gap.



Day 3: Wildlife Art Museum Australia (WAMA) to see the garden of the many endemic plants of the Grampians. Visit two private gardens, one is Neil and Wendy Marriott's which has a large range of Grevilleas along with many other plants. Overnight Halls Gap.



Day 4: Visit *Wartook Gardens* belonging to Jeanne and Royce Raleigh, which has one of the largest collections of Australian plants in western Victoria. Visit the Horsham Church of Christ garden and another private garden bordering Burnt Creek, Horsham. Overnight Horsham.

Day 5: Mt Arapiles and the Little Desert. Overnight Horsham.



Day 6: Travel back to Melbourne stopping at the Deep Lead Nature Conservation Reserve and the Stawell Ironbarks.

Great Ocean Road Otways Tour

Day 1: Leave Melbourne and travel to the Kevin Hoffman Walk, Lara. Explore Point Addis and the coastal heathlands. Overnight Anglesea.

Day 2: Visit Peter Shaw's award winning *Sunnymeade Garden* and the renowned Anglesea Heathlands. Overnight Anglesea.



Day 3: 'Great Ocean Walk' Lorne, Koala walk Kennett River and the Grey River Rainforest walk. Overnight Apollo Bay.

Day 4: Great Ocean Road to the Otways, Maits Rest, Port Campbell. Coastal scenery and heathlands of the Bay of Islands. Overnight Warrnambool.



Day 5: James Swan Reserve and the two magnificent gardens, The Rocks and The Ark Garden. Overnight Warrnambool.

Day 6: Travel back to Melbourne visiting the garden of Paul and Barbara Kennedy in Colac which has the largest collection of Hakeas and Banksias in Western Victoria.



Gippsland and Wilsons Promontory Tour

Day 1: Leave Melbourne and travel towards Wonthaggi via Tooradin and The Gurdies, the Desalination Plant, Dalyston and an afternoon walk in the Wonthaggi Heathlands. Coastal walk at Eagles Nest. Overnight Inverloch.

Day 2: Garden visit to Paul and Jenny Sierakowski, Inverloch, Celia Rosser Gallery at Fish Creek and onto Foster and the New Zealand Hill conservation reserve. After Dinner speaker, Dr Mary Ellis. Overnight Foster.



Day 3: Toora Bird Hide walk then to Wilsons Promontory National Park with two walks in morning, Darby River, Lilly Pilly Gully and airstrip. After Dinner speaker, Rohan Bugg. Overnight Foster.

Day 4: Port Franklin walk then to Wilsons Promontory National Park, Squeaky Beach walk, Tidal River, two options for walks in the afternoon - Loo Ern walk 1km or Tidal river Overlook circuit walk, 3.8 kms. Overnight Foster.

Day 5: Port Welshpool walk, Tarra-Bulga National Park Fern Gully walk and Swing Bridge walk. Overnight Traralgon.

Day 6: Travel back to Melbourne via Traralgon Railway Reserve wetlands, Morwell National Park, Fosters Gully nature walk. Garden visit Colin and Mary Jackson, and Edward Hunter Reserve Moe.

For more information visit the website and click on the link below:

<https://www.anpsa2024conference.com/tours>

The ANPSA 2024 Conference Organisers look forward to welcoming you to Victoria.