

About the Australian Plants Society, North Shore Group

The North Shore Group of the Australian Plants Society is a very active group of about 150 members who live on Sydney's Upper North Shore and surrounding districts.

Membership of the Group is open to anyone with an interest in Australian native flora, and there is no prerequisite knowledge or skill required before joining. Our members include gardeners, bush regenerators, amateur botanists, students, professional horticulturists and land managers, and those with just a love of the Australian bush and its flora and fauna.

The Group meets every second Friday of the month (except January and December) at the Willow Park Community Centre, Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby. The meetings start at 7.45 for 8.00 pm and include news on upcoming events and a guest speaker. Native plants are available for purchase, an extensive library is available for members' use and supper is provided at each meeting. Visitors are always welcome to attend.

The North Shore Group also organises activities for members and events to help promote the aims of the Society to the community.

A weekly Walks and Talks programme is held at the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden, 420 Mona Vale Road, St Ives, which is also the venue for the Group's propagation days and The Knoll Garden maintenance. The Group also participates in Ku-ring-gai Council's Bush Care group at the Garden.

Details of all these activities are provided in the Group's monthly newsletter, *Blandfordia*, which also contains other useful information.

Charges are made for each session of the Walks and Talks programme and for selected workshops to cover costs. Some events may require payment of transport and park entry fees.

More information about the group and its activities may be found on our website:

www.blandfordia.org.au or Facebook site:
<https://www.facebook.com/APSNSG>.

Speakers and Topics for 2017

February 10th

Speaker: Clare Bell

Topic: Choosing & finding native plants for your garden.

March 10th

Speaker: Gwenda Lister

Topic: **Walk through the Simpson Desert**

April 21st

Speaker: Doug Rickard

Topic: **Getting to know your soil**

May 12th

Speaker: Tom Szymanski

Topic: **Bush Tucker**

June 9th

Speaker: Rachael Thomas

Topic: **Wetlands in Western NSW**

July 14th

Speaker: Johanna Wong

Topic: **Biomarkers for Armillaria root rot in Eucalypts**

August 11th

Speaker: Frank Koelher

Topic: **Native snails and slugs**

September 8th

Speaker: Barry Lees

Topic: **Show & tell plants from your garden**

October 13th

Speaker: Mary-Lou Lewis

Topic: **Reducing stormwater impacts on bushland**

November 10th

Speaker: Sue Bowen

Topic: **Ferns**

December 8th - Christmas Party

Excursions and Activities for 2017

Bushwalks, Garden Visits and Workshops

Easy walks to interesting areas of bushland, reserves etc., visits to members' native gardens and workshops are run on the Saturday OR Sunday following the Group monthly meetings.

The dates for these activities in 2017 are:

12th February	12th March
22nd or 23rd April(TBA)	13th May
10th June	16th July
13th August	10th September
14th October	12th November

For details of each walk/garden visit/workshop see *Blandfordia* or call our Excursions Co-ordinator prior to the activity.

Wildflower and Garden Festival

Ku-ring-gai Council's Wildflower and Garden Festival will be held on **Sunday 27th August** at Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden, 420 Mona Vale Road, St Ives. This is our Group's major annual event for promoting the aims of the Society and raising funds to support our activities.

Members are involved in many facets of the Festival: selling Australian native plants (including guidance with purchases), leading walks, providing the floral displays, selling raffle tickets and telling people about the Australian Plants Society, its activities and objectives.

Further details of the Festival will be available nearer the time.

Walks and Talks www.blandfordia.org.au

Dates of the weekly programme held at the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden, 420 Mona Vale Road, St Ives, are available as a separate flyer or on our website.

Group Notice Board

This is displayed at each meeting. It features articles of interest, activities of other societies and conservation matters. Members are welcome to offer extra items for display.

How to Join the Australian Plants Society & the North Shore Group

You will need to join the Australian Plants Society to become a member of the North Shore Group. Membership forms, including details of fees, are available from the Group's membership officer, our website: www.blandfordia.org.au or from the APS NSW site: www.austplants-nsw.org.au. Membership of the North Shore Group is included in your fee for joining the Australian Plants Society.

Membership of the North Shore Group entitles you to:

- attend the Group's monthly meetings on Friday nights
- receive the Group's monthly newsletter, **Blandfordia**
- participate in the Group's bushwalks, garden visits and workshops
- participate in the Group's major excursion
- use the Group's extensive library.

The North Shore Group Committee

The activities outlined in this pamphlet are organised by a committee of volunteers elected annually by the Group's members.

Most committee members have a particular area of responsibility in the running of the Group as shown opposite.

The committee meets each month on the Thursday following the Group's meeting. Members are encouraged to raise any matters for discussion by the Committee.

All written correspondence to the North Shore Group should be sent to: P.O. Box 141, Roseville, NSW 2069.

Committee Responsibilities

President:
Barry Lees 9653 3691

Vice-President:
Vacant

Correspondence Secretary:
Sue Bowen 0478 957 951

Minutes Secretary:
Jan Williamson 9875 2262

Treasurer and Health & Safety:
Helen Ray 0423 687 980

Membership:
Narelle Barden 0417 504 254

Publicity:
Rae Rosten 9456 2111

Conservation:
Wendy Grimm 0419 323 035

Newsletter:
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Webmaster:
Max Gregory 9653 1371

Excursions:
Sue Fredrickson 9875 2509

Delegate to APS NSW Council:
Roger Starling 9453 2243

Festival Co-ordinator:
Jan Williamson 9875 2262

Committee members:
Hugh Jones 9988 3919

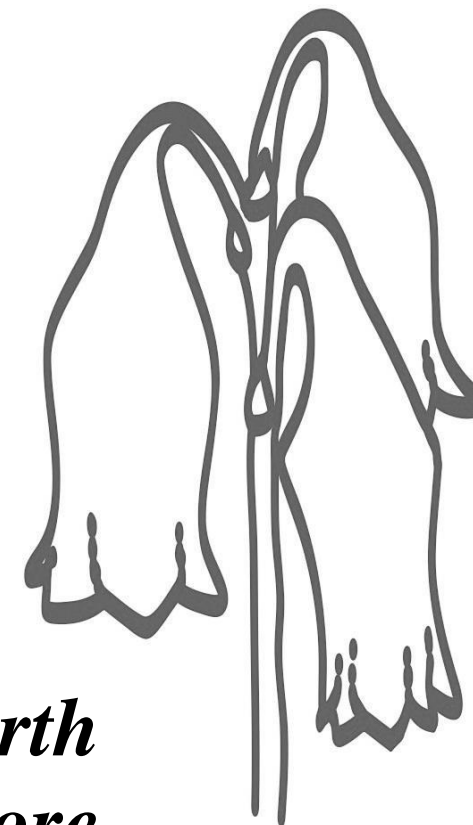
Non-Committee Responsibilities

Librarian:
Lyn Kirby 8065 4119

Walks & Talks:
Wendy Grimm 9144 5600

Propagation:
Margaret Hamilton 9488 5234

Ku-ring-gai Council Bush Care:
Marilyn Mason 0429 051 233



North Shore Group 2017 Programme

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