



# FRIENDS of the National Arboretum Canberra

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Welcome to Winter! And a warm Welcome to new Friends!  
And Welcome to the new Friends Forest Shelter! Opened officially with ACT Minister for Transport and City Services, Chris Steel in attendance, as well as Scott Saddler, AM, Trish Keller, OAM, and Friends in March 2022.



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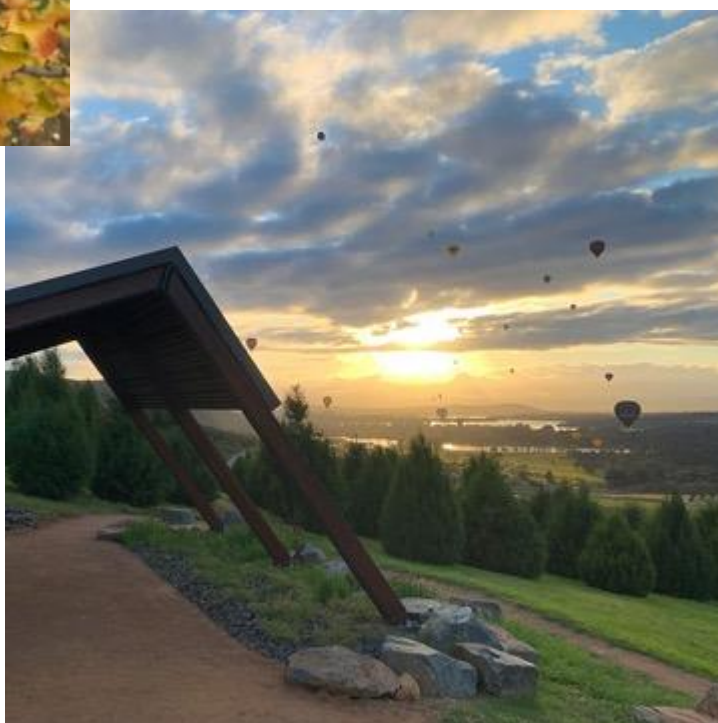
## Chair's Report

Dear Friends

Greetings to you all as the Autumn colours turn our Arboretum into the most beautiful place. Travelling down the Parkway from Tuggeranong to get to the Arboretum the colours are just spectacular.... try a drive from that direction to get the full impact of this beautiful panorama.



And the views from the new Friends Forest Shelter close to the top of Dairy Farmers Hill are also spectacular....this photo shows how glorious it was to be at the Arboretum for the Balloon Festival...



And as usual there are so many Friends activities happening at the Arboretum ....

Jan Morgan and the Warm Trees Team are hard at work preparing for the Launch on Wednesday 6 July at 2.00pm. Having the Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF) as the diplomatic partner this year is a real coup and fortuitously Warm Trees is in NAIDOC Week. The visual imagery of the displays will amplify the collective purpose of the IMF and will focus on a select group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander runners within the Foundation family. Do not miss this comprehensive display in the Visitors Centre for the month of July.

The Wollemi Team - think Ange McNeilly, Colette Mackay OAM and Roger Hnatiuk - must be congratulated on the success of this project which now is coming to fruition with the sale of the Wollemis. These plants have been nurtured at Yarralumla Nursery and can be bought on line from the [Friends website](#). A couple of plants were on display at the Front Desk at the Visitors Centre quite recently and were snapped up by interstate visitors on a bus tour. Thank you Wollemi Team! What a great result!

More great results from the recent Harvest Market Day on 7 May. There must have been many mothers around Canberra who received fabulous produce gifts on Mother's Day (the next day) purchased at the stall. Thank you again to the leader of the Harvest Stall Market Day, Colette MacKay, OAM and to her remarkable Harvest Team. Thank you and well done to you all!

The recent AGM was held in the Margaret Whitlam Pavilion on Tuesday 10 May and was well attended.

Tributes were paid and certificates of appreciation were offered to two outgoing councillors- Cherie Whan and Hans van Haalen in recognition of their highly valued contribution to the NAC Friends Council and the various other tasks they had undertaken around the NAC over many years. We warmly welcomed new Council member Marelle Rawson and look forward to having her on our Council Team.

Trevor Lipscombe was our guest speaker and gave us a fascinating talk about the significance of Walter Burley Griffin's Green Hills in the Canberra landscape.

Recently the National Order of Australia Conference was held in Canberra at the Realm Hotel where Scott Saddler AM was a guest panellist. The conference dinner was enjoyed at the Arboretum's Village Centre. Two generous anonymous Friends sponsors allowed the Friends to have half a page advertising of Friends' membership in the Conference booklet and our FNAC banners were displayed at every session. This generous sponsorship showcased the FNAC and hopefully membership by the local delegates will be forthcoming. In fact, there has been one membership signed up already from interstate... a Victorian delegate has joined up!

At the Conference dinner His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General and Mrs Hurley awarded significant monetary prizes to three young people from the Order of Australia Foundation. Both The Curatoreum and the Bonsai Collection were open for the evening and were highlights for all the 200 delegates who attended this event. I am very grateful to Sam at the Bonsai and Mel at the shop for going the extra mile here. These opportunities for guests enhanced the ambience of the Village Centre and so many positive comments were received.

See you soon at the Arboretum!

Kind regards

Trish

Trish Keller OAM

Chair, Friends of the National Arboretum

## Quick Updates for 2022

### Attention Tree Lovers:

Max Bourke AM recommends all tree lovers should watch this short summation by an economist he has known for many years and respects, even though Professor Pannell is quite conservative!

Give 5 mins to this: [TREENET Symposium 2021: Prof David Pannell - YouTube](#)

### Canberra declared tree city of the world

The United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organisation named Canberra an international Tree City of the World, kicking off festivities for Tree Week in late April.

See the statement from the Chris Steel, MLA, Minister for Transport and City Services:

[https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/open\\_government/inform/act\\_government\\_media\\_releases/chris-steel-mla-media-releases/2022/canberra-declared-tree-city-of-the-world](https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/open_government/inform/act_government_media_releases/chris-steel-mla-media-releases/2022/canberra-declared-tree-city-of-the-world)

## Warm Trees 2022

You still have time to knit a scarf for Warm Trees - the cut-off date is Wednesday 15 June. The theme is 'Celebrating the cultures of the first peoples of Australia' so the preferred colours are those of the Aboriginal flag - black, yellow and red - and the Torres Strait Islander flag - blue, green black and white. But if you have some spare wool in other colours, we are happy to have scarves in other colours too. Scarves should be a metre long and 25 cm wide, but you don't need to be exact. You can drop off your scarves at the Welcome desk in the Village Centre.

And even if you are not able to knit a scarf, you are still welcome to come to the launch of Warm Trees 2022, on Wednesday 6 July at 2pm, in the Village Centre, and you can see the scarves warming the trees during the month of July.

For further information, email Jan Morgan at: [contact@arboretumcanberra.org.au](mailto:contact@arboretumcanberra.org.au).

## Diary dates:



- 6 July **Launch of Warm Trees**
- 12 July 12.30pm **General Meeting and Seasonal Talk #2**
- 13 September 5.30pm **General Meeting and Seasonal Talk #3**
- 8 November 5.30pm **General Meeting and Seasonal Talk #4**
- December TBC **End of Year Event: Thank You to Volunteers & Friends**

The **NAC's Forest Sculpture Gallery Launch** will also take place – date TBC  
And if you haven't done so yet, make sure to renew your Friends membership!

## An Anzac Day story: In remembrance of John Barrie

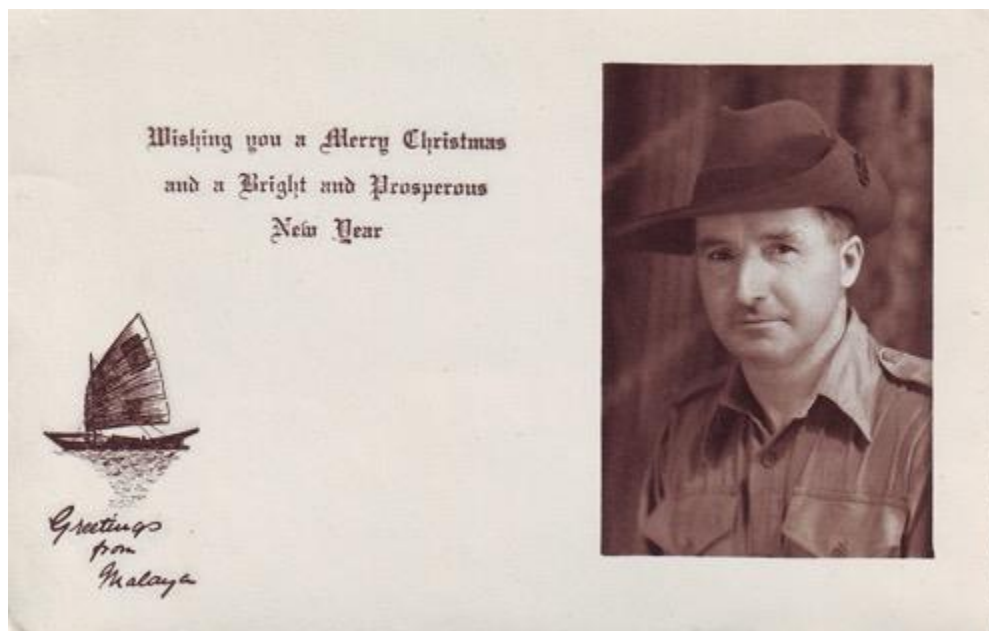
Story supplied by Michael Hall, March 2022

Dairy Farmers Hill is the peak at the centre of the National Arboretum. It is an unofficial name that came about after 1938 when eight local dairies, members of the Canberra Dairy Society (CDS), leased the hill to agist their dry cows and heifers. One of the dairy farmers was John Barrie who would die in World War 2 during the second Sandakan death march.



John Barrie operated Dairy Block No.5 in Pialligo which he called the Duntroon Dairy (not to be confused with the old Duntroon Dairy on the slopes of Mt Pleasant). Born in Scotland in 1889 Barrie migrated to Australia in about 1914 with his family and began what he described as a 'pioneer farm' in Western Australia before moving to Dorrigo in New South Wales to become a dairy farmer. He spent five years there before applying for the lease to Dairy Block No.5 in Canberra in 1928. Described as 'strictly sober and industrious', Barrie was a foundation member and one of the first elders of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Forrest as well as being active in the church's Men's League. After struggling through the Great Depression of the 1930s to establish his business, by 1937 he had 62 dairy cattle with milking machines.

Barrie did not serve in World War 1. Perhaps that motivated him to try and enlist in World War 2, but the local recruiters knew him and knew that he was too old for active service. Instead he enlisted in Sydney in March 1941 under the name of 'John Baird'. Though he was married with children, he described himself as being single, stated that he was born in 1898, thus lowering his age by nine years, gave a 'cousin' (actually his brother Robert) as his next of kin and his address as Thuddungra near Young where his brother lived. He arrived in Singapore in April 1941 with the 2/3rd Motor Ambulance Company, Australian Army Service Corps. Shortly afterwards he signed a statutory declaration in Kuala Lumpur admitting to his real name but not his correct age - he was actually 52 years old. It was from there that he sent a Christmas postcard to his family.



By then the Japanese had invaded Malaya, and when the garrison at Singapore surrendered in February 1942, Barrie became a prisoner of war. In July 1942 he was sent to Borneo, along with 1400 other POWs, to build an airfield. After a horrendous nine day boat journey they landed at Sandakan and spent the next three years there working as little more than slave labour for the Japanese.

In early 1945 the Japanese, fearing the liberation of the POWs as the Allies advanced towards Borneo, began to send their prisoners on a series of forced marches inland about 160 kilometres through the jungle to Ranau. These were known as the Sandakan death marches because hundreds of men died or were murdered by their captors during the long journey. Barrie left Sandakan as one of 536 men on the second march on 29 May

1945. According to the Japanese he died during the march, on 15 June 1945, of malaria although it is probable he was killed by guards after becoming too ill to walk. The few that made it to Ranau endured hard labour on a starvation diet and were killed by the Japanese in August 1945 before they could be rescued. The only survivors from the camps and marches were six men who managed to escape.

Atop Dairy Farmers Hill are several Aleppo pines (*pinus halepensis*). Planted in 2008, these trees were grown from seeds from a commemorative 'Lone Pine', planted in the grounds of the Australian War Memorial in 1934, which itself was grown from a seed of the original Lone Pine, the scene of a major battle on Gallipoli in 1915. The trees connect the summit of Dairy Farmers Hill to the original Anzac Day.

In the year of the 80th anniversary of the fall of Singapore, perhaps we should spare a moment this Anzac Day to remember those men, like the dairy farmer John Barrie, who became prisoners of war and lost their lives on the Sandakan death marches.

## Discovery Kitchen Garden & Harvest Group Update

**Article Ange McNeilly & Colette Mackay OAM. Photos Ange McNeilly (unless otherwise specified)**

### Discovery Kitchen Garden

April is usually a very busy month when produce in the garden is harvested and processed to be sold at market stalls. Tomatoes were mainly green when harvested and had to ripen indoors in order to make the very popular Hot and Spicy Tomato Relish. Unfortunately, half way through April, Ange contracted the Covid-19 virus so had to distribute the left-over green tomatoes to Danielle Hyndes to make Green Tomato Chutney and to Del Da Costa who made many jars of Green Tomato Fruit Mince. This was a new product to try out this year.



**Tomato Harvest 2022**



**Amanda filling buckets with compost for the garden.**

Luckily, at the beginning of April, the Arboretum provided a trailer-load of excellent compost which Amanda and Ange spread over the garden and dug in whilst planting out the winter brassicas and other flowers and herbs that had been purchased the previous day. With this done, Ange was able to rest knowing that the garden was in good shape and in the capable hands of the garden volunteers. The mild weather during the past two months has seen everything in the garden take off and we harvested some amazing scarlet runner beans which measured 33cm and the plants are still producing flowers as are the chillies and eggplants.

In previous years by mid-May, things in the garden would have had frost damage. However, there is little evidence of frost damage to date (25 May). Perhaps a benefit from global warming!

The pomegranate growing in the Dalek produced a sizeable crop of fruit this year and it was hoped that at least some of these would remain on the tree once the leaves had fallen but this was not to be as all the fruit had been picked by the time all the leaves had fallen. Unfortunately, it is not an attractive plant during the winter without fruit to adorn its branches!

**Dwarf pomegranate growing in the Dalek:**



### **Fig Harvest and Market Stall Produce**

The 2022 fig harvest commenced at the beginning of March and finished with the Market Stall on 7 May. Many a delightful morning was had picking in the fig forest. We were all very happy to have Cally Earnshaw help us off the hill with the harvest each morning. I was amazed at the creativity of our cooks and range of beautiful jams and preserves. The following statistics relate to this year's Harvest Group's activities:

- There were 28 active figging volunteers;
- 16 volunteers picked over nine days;
- 16 volunteers helped to set up and work at the first Stall and 18 helped with the second Stall;
- STEP joined us at the first Stall to sell their native seedlings;
- 346kg figs were harvested including approximately 40kg sold fresh at both Stalls;
- an extraordinary 242 hours were spent by the 14 cooks processing figs;
- 6kg of cornus kousa (dogwood fruit) was made into glaze by Lorraine Nicholls (**Lorraine in action on the right**) and sold at the first Stall;
- Lynley Rees, Maggie Hawes and Lorraine Nicholls cooked more than 30kg of figs each;
- 30kg tomatoes were harvested and processed by Ange, Del Da Costa and Danielle Hyndes;
- Ange processed 25kg figs and 23kg of beans, tomatoes, and eggplants;
- Ange also dried and packaged bay leaves, lemon verbena and rosemary as well as cornflowers, nasturtiums and sweet pea seeds to sell;
- Ange and the garden volunteers potted up an extraordinary number of plants but outstanding were the 14 *muehlenbeckia complexa* topiaries and nine mixed succulents in terracotta pots and potted up 20 Sweet Pea seedlings;
- Janet Kay made eight *muehlenbeckia complexa* topiaries; and
- The first Wollemi Pines were available for sale online from 29 April 2022 and all 30 have now been sold.





The Market Stall on 19 March had takings of \$2,389 and the one on 7 May had takings of \$3,233 which together totalled \$5,622 in funds raised. A fantastic effort for the Harvest Group so far this year!

Thanks to everyone who picked, packed, setup and worked on the stalls and finally helped with packing up. Lorraine Nicholls and Madeline Piochard, Susan Thomson and Maggie Hawes managed the Eftpos. Susan Parsons did a great job selling the fresh figs. Trish Keller did the fig packaging. Tralie and Cynthia Kimlin and Sue Wright looked after plants. Trish Keller came to support both stalls and Lynley Rees set up and returned to pick up the Eftpos machine at each stall. Diane, Cally and Jennifer from the Arboretum staff were a great support. Thanks to Michelle McMahon for the Wollemi Pine and Market Stall signage.



**The Figgers with their bountiful harvest**

The Wollemi Pine table had a reasonable amount of interest. Ange McNeilly, Roger Hnatiuk and Vicki Woolley manned the table and handed over our very special Wollemi babies to their new owners. A huge number of hours go towards making these days possible. Many have been volunteering since the commencement of the Harvest Group. Many volunteers help to pick and then spend a huge number of hours cooking during the fig season, then turn up every time to help with the Stalls.

It is the same in the Discovery Kitchen Garden as many of the volunteers have been helping for years now, through Covid and long winters, rain or shine, helping on the Stalls, picking figs and cooking.

### **Friends Wollemi Pine Propagation Project**

The first 30 Wollemi Pines from this project were offered for sale online from the end of April and all were sold by June 6 totalling \$8,850. These funds, combined with the takings from the two Market Stalls, raised \$14,472 for the Friends by the Harvest Group.



**Roger, Colette and Ange visiting the Yarralumla Nursery.**



**Max Bourke AM, proud owner of a Wollemi Pine.**



Sincere thanks to Michelle McMahon for her professional and outstanding graphic design work on the tags, brochures and certificates of authenticity for the Wollemi Pines as well as other promotional signage. Thanks also to the Arboretum for promoting the sale of the Wollemi on their website and to Leigh and Amalie for helping with the Wollemi.

The next release of Wollemi Pines for sale from this project will be in Spring 2022 just in time for giving this extraordinarily beautiful living fossil gift to a very special person in your life, (including yourself) so that you will be supporting the Friends and ultimately, the Arboretum, but also continuing the conservation and preservation of this incredibly rare and critically endangered iconic Australian conifer.

Wollemi Pines are such stunning and fascinating trees and every home should have one!

## Keeping in STEP

Activities at Forest 20 have kept us all very busy over the last two months. Again, we were happy to be part of the Harvest sale in mid-March, offering for sale native plants which we had propagated, and also some reed baskets. As at our last sale, the Chocolate lilies were our most popular item.



Each Thursday the trailer was filled, and an additional 2-3 trailer loads were left beside the trailer to be picked up by truck. Our aim was to clear these excess plants from blocks B and C, construct drainage ditches, then paper and mulch the cleared areas to suppress further weed growth.

Our weekly working bees in March and April were concentrated on removing the substantial biomass following excessive amounts of rain. Clumps of *Juncus*, *Carex* and “Dirty Dora” (aka Umbrella Sedge) were removed, with valuable assistance from Pete and Elliott of the Horticulture Team.



It is hoped that in spring we may be able to commence re-planting of desirable species.







Despite the wet conditions, some planting has been achieved. More *Cymbopogon refractus* (Barbed-wire grass) and *Themeda australis* (Kangaroo Grass), propagated by STEP members, have been put into the grass display area along the Boundary Road, and into the *Themeda* patch in the Bush Tucker Garden.



We have been fortunate to have the assistance of FNAC volunteers to help with the weeding tasks at Forest 20. A group came Tuesday 3 May, Thursday 5 May and Tuesday 10 May and we thank them all for the work they have done.



Similar activities are planned for the future as we gear up for Reconciliation Day on Monday 31 May when the Clearing at Forest 20 is to be used. Unfortunately, as path and drainage remediation have not yet been completed, there will not be access to all of Forest 20.



Regards  
Judy Smith  
President, STEP  
10 May 2022



## Chat with Cally

What a busy year! So many wonderful things happening! And our visitor numbers keep on growing, with over 19,500 visitors over the 2022 Easter weekend.

### Arboretum a 2022 National Award Winner

The National Arboretum Canberra, a destination icon in Canberra has now been recognised nationally at the Qantas Australian Tourism Awards. Up against the best attractions across Australia, the Arboretum placed second in Australia for the prestigious 'Tourism Attractions' category.



Scott Saddler AM, Executive Branch Manager of the National Arboretum and Stromlo Forest Park, was on the Sunshine Coast in March 2022 to collect the award. Scott reflects,

*"There are many reasons the National Arboretum ranks so highly, such as our award-winning venues and caterers, stunning architecture, education programs, our beautiful forests, views, sculptures, cultural tours, the unique Bonsai and Penjing Collection of Australia and the recreational opportunities and events on site."*

But he makes no secret of the success of the National Arboretum.

*"We went from 'sticks in the ground' when we opened in 2013, to ranking second in Australia in just nine short years. Without the dedication and professionalism of the staff and volunteers, we could not have achieved so much. We are a small team and each and staff member goes above and beyond each day. This award and recognition is dedicated to them."*

### Bonsai Reshaped

In March we saw another successful Bonsai Reshaped. Thank you to all who attended and participated in the variety of events included in this year's program. Bonsai Reshaped is the highlight of our calendar year in the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection, showcasing the arts of bonsai and penjing in Australia. Thank you to our amazing guest artists, Marcela Ferreira from Melbourne and Tony Bebb from Brisbane.



Bonsai After Dark was a fabulous night under the lights of the Village Centre. Marcela and Tony showcased their bonsai skills during live demonstrations. The Village centre was alive with the enthusiasm for bonsai, as well as the action of live and silent auctions.

The workshops that took place during the four day event included beginner and advanced workshops. We saw enthusiastic beginners learn how to create and care for

their own bonsai and advanced artists learn how to take their bonsai to the next level.

The Bonsai Market Stalls took place over the weekend from the Terrace Room. There were four vendors from around Australia selling a wide variety of bonsai trees, tools and much more. We would like to thank all the stall holders for a successful weekend. We look forward to seeing you all next year to celebration the beauty and artistry of bonsai once again.



### Reconciliation Day

For the second consecutive year, the Arboretum was host to ACT's Reconciliation Day. Many Canberrans braved the wintry conditions to participate in a wide range of events to celebrate the start of Reconciliation week and marking the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum. Thankyou to all the Volunteers who helped make the day a success!



Cally Earnshaw  
Community Engagement Officer

## And the winner is *Eucalyptus regnans*

National Eucalypt Day was celebrated on March 23 this year and *Eucalyptus regnans* was announced as the 2022 Eucalypt of the Year, following a public poll run by Eucalypt Australia. Eucalypt Australia is a charitable trust that awards grants to support the conservation, education and research of eucalypts.

*Eucalyptus regnans* is commonly known as the mountain ash, swamp gum or stringy gum and is native to Tasmania and Victoria.

### **Eucalyptus regnans, the Mountain Ash is the Eucalypt of the Year 2022**



**Mountain Ash**  
*Eucalyptus regnans*



**Red Flowering Gum**  
*Corymbia ficifolia*



**Sydney Red Gum**  
*Angophora costata*

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A deserving winner of Australian hearts, the mountain ash is the ruler of the southeastern rainforests and tallest flowering plant in the entire world! It grows as tall open forests in high rainfall areas of southern Victoria and northeastern and southern Tasmania. These mountain ash forests are important homes to threatened species like the Leadbeaters (fairy) possum and greater glider.

In a hotly contested second place came the splendid and widely beloved red flowering gum, *Corymbia ficifolia*. The red flowering gum has had an incredible flowering season this year, in its restricted endemic range in southwestern WA and along streets and in gardens across southern Australia.

Rounding out the top three is the gorgeous Sydney red gum, *Angophora costata*. Also known as the smooth-barked apple, this species has been in the top three eucs almost every year since the competition started in 2018!

From Eucalypt Australia Website:

<https://www.eucalyptaustalia.org.au/national-eucalypt-day/>



### **Eucalypts at the Arboretum**

Forest 2 and Forest 20 (STEP) contain a variety of eucalypt species and the various gardens within the Arboretum have more eucalypt examples. There are 9 Forests dedicated to a single species:

*E. argophloia* western Queensland white gum **Forest 19**

*E. benthamii* Camden white gum **Forest 30**

*E. michaeliana* Hillgrove spotted gum **Forest 55**

*E. lacrimans* weeping snow gum **Forest 68**

*E. parvula* small leafed gum **Forest 81**

*E. morrisbyi* Morrisby's gum **Forest 85**

*E. scoparia* Wallangarra white gum **Forest 92**

*E. tricarpa* red ironbark **Forest 98 & 99**

*Corymbia maculata* spotted gum **Forest 98 & 99**

Overall, there are over 900 species of eucalypts with three genera *Eucalyptus*, *Corymbia* and *Angophora*. While the Arboretum does not currently have *E. regnans* in its living collection, the wood has been used in the ceiling of the Village Centre which features ten, huge, curved beams of laminated Tasmanian oak, each a different length. 'Tasmanian oak' is the name used for timber from *E. regnans*, as well as *E. obliqua* (messmate) and *E. delegatensis* (alpine ash or woollybutt).

For those seeking to see one of these forest giants locally, it can be found at the nearby Australian National Botanic Gardens. Further information about these magnificent trees has also been sourced from the ANBG website:

<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/botanic-gardens/pub/euc-discovery-walk-notes.pdf>

The word *regnans*, in the species name *Eucalyptus regnans*, comes from the Latin meaning 'ruling' and alludes to the height and dominance of the tree. The mountain ash is the tallest flowering plant or hardwood tree in the world. It grows very rapidly and lives on average for 400 years. The tallest living tree is in Tasmania and is 100.5 metres tall.

*Eucalyptus regnans* occurs in cool areas of high rainfall and deep fertile soils in Victoria and Tasmania. This eucalypt does not survive severe bushfires but subsequently regenerates from seed (only from mature trees of some 25 years) to form pure stands. The native forests provide a habitat for valued birds and mammals, notably the wedge-tailed eagle, the lyrebird, the powerful owl and the endangered Leadbeater's possum, which is the faunal emblem of the state of Victoria. It is an important timber tree in Australia, but it requires rather specific growing conditions and has generally not grown well in other countries.

**Want to find out more?** Eucalypt Australia has links to a number of free information resources about eucalypts. And if you are a eucalypt enthusiast you may want to become a eucalyptographer- someone who champions eucalypts! They are profiled in Ashley Hay's recently updated book Gum.

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The Great Forest: The rare beauty of the Victorian Central Highlands David Lindenmeyer, Allen & Unwin 2021

## Friends Report AGM May 2022: What We've Achieved!

At the recent Friends' AGM, we wanted to celebrate the success of the Friends.

### 1. Significant financial contribution Friends have made significant financial contributions:

- Sponsorship of the first Forest Shelter on the Arboretum site;
- Enabling purchase of Ngala Tourist bus and promotional signage/wrapping around the body of the bus;
- Enabling purchase of plants atop Dairy Farmers Hill and facilitating the planting by Friends of these plants;
- Fund-raising to complete the sponsorship of Zigzag Garden No 19, the Saltbush garden;
- Retrofitting a vehicle trailer so it is suitable for storing a variety of tools which can then be taken to any Forest for Working Bees' use.

Friends are currently fund-raising for the first Forest Gazebo, a shelter for rest, picnicking and wonderful views. This was launched on a very wet and windy day in March 2022! Such significant financial contributions to the National Arboretum have been made possible from a variety of sources of funding, thanks to:

- Regular Harvest Group Market Stalls, where sales of chutneys, jams etc are made by volunteers from produce from the Discovery Garden and forests;
- Sales of The Arboretum Book – and the revised edition published in 2022 – which was produced and created by skilled and knowledgeable Friends;
- Sponsorship by the community of seats/benches and picnic tables which have been strategically placed around the Arboretum and featuring wonderful views;
- Sales of annual Calendars, with their colourful images taken from around the Arboretum throughout the year.

### 2. Creating Improvements by collective volunteer effort There are a number of activity groups which create and maintain the forests and gardens of the Arboretum:

- STEP (Southern Tablelands Ecosystems Park)
- Working Bees
- Guides
- Dairy Farmers Hill Garden
- Harvest Group – caring for, picking, cooking, bottling produce
- Warm Trees – knitting and crocheting to add winter colour to the trees' trunks
- Ngala Tourist Bus Tours

### 3. Fundraising for major work

- Promotion for ongoing memberships
- Membership benefit of parking passes
- Fundraising events such as Friends' Dinner (Governor General as guest)

## Council Members (elected) as at 10 May 2022

**Chair and Donations & Sponsorship Manager** Trish Keller, OAM

**Deputy Chair** Mike Woolley

**Treasurer** Lynley Rees

**Secretary** Del Da Costa

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## Thank you to all our Sponsors and Contributors

If you have ideas for articles, or items that might be of interest to the Friends such as stories or photos from the Arboretum or further afield, please contact me Nicole Pietrucha on: [pietruchanac1@gmail.com](mailto:pietruchanac1@gmail.com). Many thanks to the people who have contributed articles and photos for this and previous issues of the Newsletter, and given generously of your time to write, read and proofread. I could not do it without your help.





## How to join the Friends

Visit [arboretumcanberra.org.au](http://arboretumcanberra.org.au) to join online or to find out more about the benefits of being a member

OR

Email your details to: [contact@arboretumcanberra.org.au](mailto:contact@arboretumcanberra.org.au) and pay by funds transfer or cheque

OR

Complete the Application Form and mail it to:

The Secretary, Friends of the National Arboretum Canberra,  
PO Box 48, Campbell, ACT 2612, and pay by funds transfer or cheque.

- ☐ Bank details for funds transfer:  
Westpac, Petrie Plaza, Canberra, ACT: BSB 032 719.  
Account: 375379 – please include surname in description.
- ☐ Cheques payable to: Friends of the National Arboretum Canberra Inc.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Club/Association**	\$100	\$180
<input type="checkbox"/> Business**	\$500	\$900

\*Pensioners, health card holders & students

\*\*See website for details

## Membership Application Form

Membership type: .....

Title: ..... First name: .....

Last name: .....

OR

Club/Association/Business name: .....

Address: .....

State: ..... P/code: .....

Email address for newsletter and updates: .....

Phone: ..... Mobile: .....

Number of parking passes: .....

Total amount payable (include membership/s and parking pass amounts): \$ .....

Signature: .....

Date: .....

Parking Pass 1 year

☐ Friends' Annual \$35 per vehicle  
Parking Pass

For a parking pass, please include your vehicle's registration number. ....

**Note:** An Individual Member is entitled to apply for one Parking Pass at the Friends' rate and a Household Member is entitled to apply for two Parking Passes at the Friends' rate.

*Parking passes are issued for one year from the date of purchase.*