

WHEN AND WHERE WE MEET

MEETINGS

A warm welcome to attend a meeting is extended to persons interested in native plants.

Meetings are held at the Mersey Regional Library meeting room, Devonport on the third Tuesday of the month, at 7.30pm.
Each meeting members bring native plants of interest to show and discuss.

Guest Speakers

Excellent guest speakers relevant to our interests are invited to our meetings.

Propagation days

These days are held on the Thursday following the meeting, at 10am at the Arboretum, Eugenana

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

New members are always welcome

Application forms are available on the website

www.apstasnorthwest.org.au

or
at a meeting.



Australian Plants Society Tasmania Inc.

North West Group



Group lunch at Minnow Falls on the Mersey River after a pleasant stroll through a natural fernery.

Setting up at the Arboretum for plant sales day.



A warm welcome is extended to those people who are considering becoming society members. We have much to enjoy, compare and share in this beautiful state which is rich in native flora, much of it found only in Tasmania.

Many friendships and contacts are made between society members throughout Australia.

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WHO WE ARE

The Australian Plants Society

Tasmania Inc. is part of an Australia-wide organization made up of people interested in the propagation, cultivation and conservation of plants native to Australia., especially those found in the Tasmanian environment. The North West group is one of four within APST, the others being based in Hobart, Kingborough and Launceston.

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY: a brief history

The Australian Plants Society (originally called The Society for Growing Australian Plants or SGAP) was established in 1957 in Melbourne by a group of people who "pledged to promote the establishment and breeding of Australian native plants for the garden, park and farm".

The Tasmanian Society was formed in 1971 with its base in Hobart, with the North West group forming in 1978. The activities of the Society are wide-ranging. Included in these are:

- giving members the opportunity to exchange plants and gardening ideas
 - organizing garden visits and trips into the Tasmanian bushland
 - Providing training for members in plant propagation techniques
 - Promoting the use of Australian native plants in our community through displays, newspaper articles, guided and booklets
 - Supporting other like-minded organizations such as the Tasmanian Arboretum.
- Members consist of people with broad and varying interests and backgrounds.

OBJECTIVES OF APS TASMANIA

- To encourage the cultivation and study of Australian plants
- To encourage the establishment of gardens in all types of soil and climate for the preservation of Australian flora
- To promote the knowledge, appreciation, beauty and preservation of Australian plants both in their natural settings and in cultivation with special emphasis on species indigenous to Tasmania.
- To promote recognition of APS Tasmania as a resource group for educationalists and government.

ADVANTAGES OF MEMBERSHIP

Meetings broaden our native plant education by either expert guest speakers or knowledgeable members. A highlight of every North West meeting is the time given over to members showing what is currently flowering in their gardens.

The NW newsletter is published monthly to keep members informed of what has happened and what is coming. **Plant Sales** are held in Spring and Autumn.

Eucryphia is the APST quarterly newsletter, full of interesting floral articles as well as state-wide APST events. The professional-standard National "Australian Plants" Journal is also available to members.

Propagation is held on the Thursday following the monthly meeting. Members are given the opportunity to learn about growing plants from seeds & cuttings, potting on and caring for a native garden. This activity allows members access to plants at low cost.

Book Sales allow members to purchase books at discount prices and have access to other excellent publications.

ADVANTAGES OF MEMBERSHIP

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National Conferences are held biennially with each state taking a turn to show off their best native flora & scenery with local plant experts and wonderful hospitality.

Annual APST get-togethers increase plant knowledge and friendships with like-minded people.

Study Groups An important part of the Society's activities are "special interest" groups focusing on particular plant families. Members with a special interest in growing particular plants, such as Banksias or Australian daisies can maintain contact with other enthusiasts by correspondence.

Plant Sales are held in spring and autumn.

Excursions take us to places related to our interests which may not be open to the general public. In recent years APST has visited several beautiful estates with rare wildflowers; Mount Read; the Tarkine.

www.apstasnorthwest.org.au

This website has information on the APST North West Group and includes latest newsletter, with a programme of current and planned activities.

Membership application forms are also available from the website.

Many North West members live too far from the meeting venue to attend regularly, but can keep in touch via newsletters on the web, or sent directly to them by post or email.

The site also links to other APS group sites and to that of the National body.