

# EAST HILLS GROUP NEWSLETTER



## FEBRUARY 2017

### NEXT EHG MEETING:

**From 7 pm for 7.30 pm start, Wednesday 1 February 2017**

**EHG 2017 Planning meeting – come along to share your ideas  
and**

**Karlo Taliana will speak about rare and unusual Australian plants**

**LUGARNO-PEAKHURST UNITING CHURCH**

**909 Forest Road Lugarno (opposite the Chivers Hill Lugarno shops)**

Visitors are welcome.

If you can, please bring something to share for supper, and labelled specimens for the plant table.

**WELCOME** to a new year and another edition of the East Hills Group Newsletter. This issue includes photos from the 2016 AGM and Christmas celebration in December. As usual, we have dates for your diary, this time including details of the **APS NSW Quarterly Gathering** which will be held very soon: **Saturday 25 February**. This is **hosted by APS Menai Wildflower Group and includes a talk about the Pink Flannel Flower**.

Enjoy your garden and see you soon!

Jan Douglas, Editor

In this newsletter:

- A note from the President
- APS NSW strategic plan
- Notes & photos from the December meeting
- Election results from our AGM
- Easter Show this year?
- Coming events – dates to note
- EHG contact details.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Firstly, thank you for electing me to this position. Graham Walters' shoes will be hard to fill - he has done a magnificent job.

I would very much like to thank all who brought food as well as prizes for the hampers and of course the people who prepared the food and set out the tables. The Crazy Whist was a lot of fun and even Liz, who dislikes card games, said she enjoyed it! It was a nice finish to the year.

Our next meeting will be a planning meeting, discussing our priorities for the remainder of the year. Graham Walters has already lined up a number of good speakers and of course we have Karlo's wonderful Trivia night in June to look forward to (and prepare for!!).




Liz and I have just returned from a lovely week at Charlotte Pass in the Snowy Mountains. The wildflowers were magnificent and combined with the delightful cool weather it made for a wonderful week. We went with an informal group from Oatley Flora and Fauna Conservation Society but attendance is not restricted to members of that group and so if any of our APS members are interested let me know and I will put you on the mailing list for 2018.

Graham Fry  
President.

## APS NSW STRATEGIC PLAN

### APS NSW Strategy, 2017 to 2020



<b>Mission:</b> A network of members with a passion for learning about, growing, and conserving Australian native plants and their habitats	<b>Vision:</b> Be the first point of call for information and advice about Australian native plants and their habitats	<b>What we are known for:</b> Promoting knowledge and the growing, protection and restoration of Australian native plants and their habitats.
<b>Our values:</b> Integrity, Credibility, Respect, Enthusiasm		
		
<b>People – Support and add value to members</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve value</li> <li>• Increase communications</li> <li>• Volunteer awards</li> <li>• Resources for DGs</li> <li>• Regular surveys</li> <li>• Young people's activities</li> <li>• 'Silent' members</li> <li>• Exit interviews</li> </ul>	<b>Promotion – Promote native plants and APS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marketing and promotion</li> <li>• Conservation agenda</li> <li>• Conservation seminar</li> <li>• Knowledge for DGs</li> <li>• Knowledge for schools</li> <li>• Reconciliation action plan</li> <li>• Plant sales</li> </ul>	<b>Processes – Build a contemporary organisation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operating model (roles, processes)</li> <li>• Technology and systems</li> <li>• Membership processes</li> <li>• Governance</li> <li>• New sources of revenue</li> </ul>



## East Hills Group 7 December 2016 Annual General Meeting and Christmas celebration



The East Hills Group Annual General Meeting and Christmas celebration was held at our usual venue, Lugarno-Peakhurst Uniting Church, 909 Forest Road Lugarno.

Thirteen members and eight visitors attended. Macarthur Group members were unable to attend as they were having their own Christmas function.

Our delicious sit-down evening meal, with cold meats and salads, bread rolls and steamed potatoes, commenced at about 6.30 pm. It was followed by the AGM, chaired by Lloyd Hedges of Menai Wildflower Group. The results of the election are shown on page 4. Graham Fry, our new President, spoke briefly to thank members and to acknowledge the efforts of the Immediate Past President, Graham Walters, crediting him with keeping our group afloat despite his own health issues.

After the AGM, we played Crazy Whist, again organised and guided by Dorothy Taylor, and afterwards enjoyed tea and coffee and various sweet treats.

East Hills Group of APS NSW – 2017 office bearers			
Position	Elected	Nominated by	Seconded by
<b>President</b>	Graham Fry	Graham Walters	Dorothy Taylor
<b>Vice Presidents</b>	Graham Walters	David Crawford	Graham Fry
	Hugh Stacy		
<b>Secretary</b>	Karl Schurr	Karlo Taliana	Graham Fry
<b>Treasurer</b>	Liz Cameron	Jan Douglas	Vida Riepon
<b>Newsletter editor</b>	Jan Douglas	Dorothy Taylor	Liz Cameron

All positions were elected unopposed. The position of Council Delegate will be discussed at the February meeting or by the committee.

## APS NSW MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE

from information supplied by the APS NSW Board

While APS NSW continues to seek cost reductions, costs continue to increase, and the Board has decided to increase membership fees for 2017 by about 5% from 1 January 2017. There has not been an increase in membership fees for two years.

The new rates per year are:

- Individual Concession: \$48
- Joint Concession: \$58 (higher rate of increase for this category)
- Individual Ordinary: \$56
- Joint Ordinary: \$66

The option for members to renew for three years by paying three times their annual rate will be made obvious in the renewal form and promoted to members. It's hoped that this change will make membership payments easier for members, reduce the number of late renewals and also reduce the loss of memberships due to people inadvertently failing to renew.



## ROYAL EASTER SHOW 2017

**This year the Show runs from 6 – 19 April.**

If we want to enter the flower competition, we need to submit our nomination before 5pm Wednesday 15 March 2017 at [www.sydneymarshall.com.au/flowers](http://www.sydneymarshall.com.au/flowers)

Fifth Session: includes **Australian Native Plants**. Judging day is Friday 14 April 2017 (Good Friday). All Classes are open to species, cultivars and hybrids except where indicated. The vase height shall not exceed 300mm.

CLASS 500 - One Vase of Mixed Native cuts (Vase any style, maximum display diameter 500mm).

CLASS 501 - One Vase of Mixed Native Foliage, may contain seed heads, not flowers. (Vase any style, maximum display diameter 500mm).

CLASS 502 - An arrangement of Mixed Native cuts, in any form other than a Vase. Max display diameter 500mm.

CLASS 503 - Miniature Vase of Mixed Native cuts. Maximum display 100mm overall.

CLASS 504 - Miniature Vase of mixed Native Foliage, may contain fruit and seed heads, not flowers. Maximum display 100mm overall.

CLASS 505 - Three cuts of the same Grevillea in bloom.

CLASS 506 - One Vase of mixed Grevillea cuts in bloom.

CLASS 507 - Three cuts of any Native plant in bloom.

CLASS 508 - One cut of any Native plant in bloom.

CLASS 509 - Three cuts, mixed or unmixed, of any Australian Native fruit, berries or capsules (not dried).

(S5090) - CHAMPION MIXED OR UNMIXED AUSTRALIAN NATIVE BLOOM/S

CLASS 510 - One Native Flowering Orchid species or cultivar in pot/slab.

CLASS 511 - One Flowering Native plant/shrub in pot.

CLASS 512 - One Foliage Native plant/shrub in pot.

(S5120) - CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN NATIVE PLANT

Seventh Session: includes **Banksias** – Judging day is Tuesday 18 April 2017. All Classes are open to species, cultivars and hybrids except where indicated. The vase height shall not exceed 300mm.

CLASS 700 - A mixed display with a Banksia focus in a Vase or other container. Maximum display diameter 250mm.

CLASS 701 - A mixed display with a Banksia focus in a Vase or other container. Maximum display diameter 500mm.

CLASS 702 - A mixed display of any Banksia in a Vase or other container, with main focus on fruit & seed pods.

CLASS 703 – A display with only Banksia flowers and foliage in a vase or other container. Maximum display diameter 500mm.

CLASS 704 - A single cut of any Banksia with one or multiple heads not necessarily in a Vase.

CLASS 705 - Three cuts of any Banksia not necessarily in a Vase.

(S7050) - CHAMPION BANKSIA



## COMING EVENTS – CHECK YOUR DIARY!

You can find more district group events at <http://www.austplants-nsw.org.au/calendar6.html>.

<b>Wednesday 1 February 2017</b> From 7 for 7.30 pm start	<b>East Hills Group meeting – Planning for 2017. Presentation by Karlo Taliana:</b> Rare and unusual Australian plants.
<b>Wednesday 8 February 7 pm</b>	<b>Menai Wildflower Group</b> – first meeting for 2017 Illawong Rural Fire Brigade Headquarters
<b>Wednesday 15 February 8 pm</b>	<b>Sutherland Group meeting</b> – first meeting for 2017 Gymea Community Hall, 39 Gymea Bay Rd, Gymea
<b>Saturday 25 February 1 pm</b>	<b>APS NSW Gathering hosted by Menai Wildflower Group</b> For more details see next issue of Native Plants for NSW
<b>Sunday 26 February 9 am – 4 pm</b>	<b>Hills District Orchids Autumn open day and plant sales</b> For details see <a href="http://www.hillsdistrictorchids.com/OpenDays.htm">http://www.hillsdistrictorchids.com/OpenDays.htm</a>
<b>Wednesday 1 March</b> From 7 for 7.30 pm start	<b>East Hills Group meeting – Speaker from Neutrog Fertilisers</b>
<b>Wednesday 5 April</b> From 7 for 7.30 pm start	<b>East Hills Group meeting – Dr Trevor Wilson from the National Herbarium of NSW will speak on pollination of Prostanthera and its allies.</b>



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