

Cumberland Orchid Circle Inc.



The next meeting of the Cumberland Orchid Circle will be on Wednesday 23rd October 2013, back in our normal meeting hall, Barton Hall, which is situated in Gough Drive (off David Road), Castle Hill. The meeting will start at 8.00pm and will last approx 2 hrs. At the meeting, orchids in bloom will be benched for a monthly point score competition. This month we will have our Annual General Meeting for the election of committee members as well as a cultural night. Members who are having problems with any plant or have a question about anything associated with orchids are encouraged to bring it up at the meeting, where other members can offer advice about the problem. If you are bringing along a plant for advice, please let an experienced member see the plant before you bring it into the hall as we do not want a diseased plant in the hall which is liable to infect other plants in the hall.

At each meeting there is a sales table selling plants brought along by members, in addition to accessories used for orchid culture. During our supper interval, there will be time to "compare notes" and seek advice from other members.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. For more information, contact the Circle's secretary on 0412 982 830.

Australian Plant Society

Native Plant Fair

On Saturday the 9th of November, native plant enthusiasts from all over New South Wales will descend on the Hills area in celebration of Australian native plants.

The Australian Plants Society's quarterly meeting will be hosted by the ParraHills district group and we have organized a range of activities including bush walks, open gardens, plant stalls and a talk on "Gardening with ferns- a fern for any location" by Kylie Stocks, the owner of 'Verdigris' a specialist fern nursery. Please consider yourself cordially invited to any or all of these activities!

Please visit our website for more details:
<http://www.austplants-nsw.org.au/>

The Australian Plants Society-North Shore Group

The Australian Plants Society-North Shore Group will meet at 8 pm on October 4th at the Willow Park Community Hall, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby. Mark Abell's talk about "Flora of Western Victoria" will spectacular pictures of his topic. Visitors welcome. Native plants for sale. Further information at www.blandfordia.org.au

Handover of the "Dam Project"

by Jutta Hamilton

On the 18th August 2013, property owners and the members of the Still Creek Landcare Group met in Arcadia to hand back the regeneration works on the 2 neighbouring properties for the future care by their owners.

The aim of the project was to strengthen the wildlife corridor between Berowra Valley National Park and Marramarra National Park, by reducing the spread of privet and other weeds along the creek and to improve the condition of the native vegetation on the site.

The planning began in mid 2010 and grand funding was obtained in early 2011. The works involved clearing privet, blackberry, honeysuckle and other invasive weeds, erect temporary wallaby fencing and planting 550 eucalypts, turpentines and wattles. The young native trees had been grown by the volunteers of the Hornsby Shire Council Community Nursery, from seed locally collected.

The site was maintained for 2 years, with monthly maintenance weed removal and 2 watering working bees after planting. Many of the trees are now 2 to 3 metres high and growing well.

The site will now only need occasional maintenance, just enough to stop privet and other weeds to re-establish. Native grasses, ferns and groundcovers are already established at the site and will help to stop the weeds emerging.

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