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Plant Trust Collections

Plant collections are generally based around related plant groupings. The associations in these groupings are as diverse and as fascinating as the plants themselves and inevitably reflect the enthusiasm and interests of their owners.

About Us (Plant Trust)

Our garden plants face increasing challenges, including growing difficulties, fashion trends, loss of habitat and climate change. They need your help. Plant Trust (GPCAA Inc.) aims to protect diversity in our garden plants by supporting identification and registration of plant collections held in Australian private gardens, garden societies and clubs, botanic gardens, commercial nurseries, parks, historic estates and wherever enthusiasts have developed and maintain a significant representation of a plant genus or grouping.

Committee Members: Elected September 2018 AGM

Name	Position	Phone	Email
Stephen Ryan	President		
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Anne Kepert	Committee Member		
John Nieuwesteeg	Committee Member		
Christopher Haddon	Committee Member Genus Editor		
Michael Renoux	Committee Member		

Professor Tim Entwisle, Plant Trust Patron



Professor Tim Entwisle became the Patron of Plant Trust in September 2018. Tim is a highly respected scientist and is the Director and Chief Executive of the Royal Botanic Gardens of Victoria. Tim has worked at Royal Botanic Gardens Kew and the Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust in Sydney. Tim is an Honorary Professorial Fellow in the School of Botany at The University of Melbourne and has been a Visiting Professor in the School of Biological and Biomedical Science, Durham University. He is an expert in freshwater algae but has a broad interest in all plants and related life forms. His expertise, public profile and enthusiasm for garden plant diversity is a perfect fit with Plant Trust.

In 2014 Tim published [*Sprinter and Sprummer: Australia's Changing Seasons*](#), challenging the use of the traditional four seasons in Australia. He also appears on radio and television promoting plants. Tim writes for a variety of science, nature and garden magazines and maintains an active social media profile. Tim blogs ([TalkingPlants](#)), [tweets](#), and looks for any opportunity to promote science, plants and gardens.

Membership Application and Renewal

Our Membership Application & Renewal Form can be downloaded from the Plant Trust website.

Members receive our quarterly newsletter Genus, exclusive invitations and discounts on admission to Plant Trust events and activities. Members of Plant Trust also enjoy discounts to events conducted by our friends at the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria Cranbourne and the Melton Botanic Garden, to name just two.

For further information concerning Plant Trust, its initiatives and activities, please either call us on +61 (3) 9650 5639 (Mondays 10am-5pm), via the 'Contact Us' tab on the website, or email contact@planttrust.org.au

Tours/Field Trips

Plant Trust conducts a number of tours during the year that are open to members and the public. On a tour we try to visit at least one collection holder's garden and other public and private gardens in the area. While most of these tours are day trips some may be over a weekend. They are very rewarding imparting not only knowledge but sometimes gaining access to private gardens not often open to the public. The other benefit is to meet with other collection holders and plant people. There is always good fellowship and networking.

Plant Trust AGM and Plant Auction

Usually in September we hold a brief AGM followed by our main fund raiser, a plant auction. The auction includes plants donated from collection holders, members, specialist nurseries and growers. This is a fun night and an opportunity to bid for some rare and difficult to source plants. Everyone is welcome.

Who are Collection Holders?

Australian home gardeners, garden societies and clubs, botanic gardens, professional horticulturalists, commercial nurseries, parks managers and national plant collection holders support Plant Trust's conservation program. You do not need to hold a collection to support the work of Plant Trust. By being a member you are valued and appreciated by Plant Trust. Collection holders can display a certificate and a Plant Trust plaque recognising their collection.

What we expect from Collection Holders

All collection holders are expected to:

- Hold current membership
- Manage and maintain their collection
- Document their collection and keep documentation updated
- Label the plants in the collection
- Submit reports on their collection
- Follow the rules and procedures regarding collections
- Work and connect with other members such as supplying or exchanging propagation material where possible
- Notify the Secretary of change of address or phone number etc.
- Let the Committee know if there are issues in managing your collection
- Ensure provenance and your plant names are correct and can be validated with a high level of confidence

The Committee reserves the right to terminate a membership or suspend a collection for justifiable reasons.

Plant Trust Collections

Here are some useful associations to contact with your questions or for assistance:

Collection	Holder	Location	Website
Banksia	Peter Francis Points Arboretum	Coleraine	www.thepoints.org.au
Begonia	Ballarat Botanical Gardens	Ballarat	www.ballarat.vic.gov.au/Parks
Correa	Katandra Gardens	Wandin	www.katandragardens.com.au
Eucalyptus	Peter Francis Points Arboretum	Coleraine	www.thepoints.org.au
Salvia	Herb Society of Victoria	Salvia	www.herbsociety.com.au
Viburnum	Royal Botanic Gardens	Melbourne	www.rbg.vic.gov.au
Hakea	Wartook Gardens	Wartook	www.wartookgardens.com.au

Starting a Collection

You will need to read the Collection Holders Manual and complete the documentation. The Committee will assess the submitted documentation and may grant either provisional or full registration of your collection if the information provided meets the requirements. The manual and documentation can be provided by contacting the Plant Trust Office.

Private Collection Holders*

Collection Name	Holder	State
Acanthus	Ryan, Stephen	Victoria
Acer	Gray, John	QLD
Aloe	Craige, Andrew	Victoria
Arisarum	Ruckert, Greg	SA
Buddleja 1 (species & cultivars)	Clancy, Philip	Victoria
Cistus 2	Wing, Sally	Victoria
Clematis 2	Richardson, Neil	Victoria
Cornus	Ryan, Stephen	Victoria
Correa 2	Hitchcock, Maria	Victoria
Crocus (species & cultivars)	Fausser, Otto	Victoria
Darwinia	McKenzie, Doug	Victoria
Daubinya	Ruckert, Greg	SA
Eremophila	Russel & Beryl Wait	Victoria
Grevillea (species & cultivars)	Marriott, Neil	Victoria
Hakea	Raleigh, Royce	Victoria
Helleborus 3	Leigh, Peter	Victoria
Iris (subspecies & significant hybrids)	Brader, Robyn	Victoria
Lachenalia	Journet, Don	Victoria
Lachenalia 2	Ruckert, Greg	SA
Magnolia	Gray, John C	QLD
Magnolia	Gray, John C	QLD
Massonia	Ruckert, Greg	SA
Osmanthus	Ryan, Stephen	Victoria
Prunus	Gray, John C	QLD
Rhododendron	Gray, John C	QLD
Rosa 6 (David Austin cultivars) Rosa 7 *Alister Clark & Early Australian cultivars	Adamson, Sophie	Victoria
*Alister Clark cultivars & Early Australian cultivars	Nieuwesteeg, John	Victoria
Roses, heritage	Simpson, Michael	QLD

Collection Name	Holder	State
Salvia 2	Templeton, Sue	Victoria
Salvia 3	Bentley, Meg	Victoria
Salvia, Perennial	Simpson, Michael	QLD
Sambucus	Ryan, Stephen	Victoria
Veltheimia	Ruckert, Greg	SA
Viburnum 3	Renoux, Michel	Victoria
Violaceae	Howard, Margaret	Victoria

**As at May 2018*

Gasteria	Bentley, John	Victoria
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**Added May 2019*

Public Collection Holders*

Collection Name	Holder	State
Abutilon	Hamilton Botanic Gardens	Victoria
Araucariaceae	Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne	Victoria
Banksia	Parks Victoria, Peter Francis Points Arboretum	Victoria
Begonia *tuberous, hybrid, named varieties	Ballarat Botanic Gardens	Victoria
Begonia species, varieties and cultivars	Ballarat Botanic Gardens	Victoria
Betula	Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens	NSW
Boronia	Karwarra Australian Plant Garden	Victoria
Buxus	Southern Highlands Botanical Gardens	NSW
Calluna *vulgaris cultivars	Ferny Creek Horticultural Society	Victoria
Camellia	Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne	Victoria
Camellia 2	E.G.Waterhouse National Camellia Collection	Victoria
Canna	Bendigo Botanic Gardens	Victoria
Eucalyptus 1 *Australian species	Parks Victoria, Peter Francis Points Arboretum	Victoria
Eucalyptus 2 * Dryland	Friends of Melton Botanic Garden	Victoria
Hydrangea 4 *species, cultivars & macrophylla hybrids	Parks Victoria, George Tindale Garden	Victoria
Lavandula	Bendigo Botanic Gardens	Victoria
Pelargonium	Geelong Botanic Gardens	Victoria
Pomaderris	Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne	Victoria
Quercus	Macedon Ranges Shire Council	Victoria
Rosa 8 *species roses	Botanic Gardens Adelaide (DENR)	SA
Roses, Early Hybrid Tea Heritage Roses	Friends of Maddingley Park	Victoria
Salvia 1b	Victorian Salvia Study Group	Victoria
Salvia 4	Geelong Botanic Gardens	Victoria
Telopea	Karwarra Australian Plant Garden	Victoria
Viburnum 1	Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne	Victoria

*As at May 2018

GENUS

Plant Trust endeavours to produce four issues of Genus each year. Genus features an article from at least one of our collection holders.



Concerns or Complaints

Plant Trust like many organisations has an anti-discrimination and harassment policy(see attachment 1). Whilst we hope it will never happen, issues and grievances could occur within the group – this is natural and we would like to try to resolve these as soon as possible:

If you have a concern or a complaint, you can:

- Speak directly to the person with whom you have a grievance
- Speak to the Activity or Event Leader or a committee member
- Speak to the Plant Trust President.

It is OK to raise concerns!

Protecting Members and Collection Holders Privacy

From time to time Plant Trust may need to collect contact details and health related information from members – it is important to know that this information is stored securely, and NOT distributed unless consent has been given. This information will only to be used for the purpose for which it was collected.

Attachment 1

Anti-Discrimination and Harassment Policy Statement

Plant Trust is committed to ensuring that our working environment is free from discrimination and harassment. Discrimination and harassment in our activity areas will not be tolerated under any circumstances and action will be taken against any member, volunteer or subcontractor who breaches this policy. Any breach of policy by a non-member directed to any person engaged on a Plant Trust activity shall be handled in a similarly appropriate manner.

Discrimination and harassment occurs when a person is victimised on the basis of but not limited to the following criteria:

Race, Colour, Gender, Religion, Disability, Sexual Orientation, Pregnancy or Age and shall include exposure to racial or ethnic jokes, offensive profanity, intimidating behaviour and exposure to unwanted sexual flirtations.

Plant Trust strives to achieve an environment where all persons are treated with dignity, courtesy and respect. An effective procedure is provided for all complaints to be lodged and investigated based on the principals of natural justice. All complaints shall be treated in a sensitive, fair, timely and confidential manner and complainants shall be guaranteed protection from any victimisation or reprisals. It is an important fundamental of Plant Trust policy that the reporting of behaviour in breach of policy is encouraged in order to correct and promote appropriate standards of conduct at all times.