



## Sutherland Group 2010 past program

### November The Flora & Geography of the Grampians National Park and Surrounds

The Grampians has a reputation as being a unique place. It's spectacular scenery, & a great diversity of flora & fauna make it a popular place to see. **Mark Abell** talked about a visit taken in September 2008 and talked about what makes the Grampians special. With over 1/3rd of Victoria's flora found here, particular emphasis will be paid to the flora of the area. At the end some suggestions on growing the Grampians flora was covered.



### October Native Plants Food with Astrid from Astrid's Bush Foods

**Astrid** from Astrid's Bush Foods presented the variety of Australian native bush foods and gave us a tasting of some the products she offers for sale, including a glass of sparkling wine with native hibiscus flowers.



### September Spring Spectacular Flower Night

Our spectacular spring flower night where we celebrate the beauty of Australian flora.



### August South America and Antarctica

Sutherland Group members **Allan and Merilyn House** shared their recent travels to South America and Antarctica with an impressive selection of photos.



### July Fungi

**Don Gover** from the Sydney Fungal Studies Group explained how fungi provide an early warning system for the effects of global warming. It's similar to coal miners using canaries to test for gas in the olden days. He also explained the Group's work in the Royal National Park at several long term study sites.



### June WIRES rescue services and native plants

**Anne Turnbull** from WIRES explained the work done by WIRES in rehabilitating injured native wildlife and what you can do to provide food and shelter plants for wildlife in your garden.



### May Royal National Park regeneration nursery

**Patsy Ross**, a Ranger at the Royal National Park, talked about the RNP's regeneration nursery. She may be controversial in suggesting that the nursery may not be the best use of resources for re-generation of native bushland in RNP.



## **April Friends of ACT Grasslands**

**Michael Treanor**, currently Area Manager for the Royal National Park, talked about his previous involvement with the group Friends of Grasslands in the ACT and explained how lessons from that group could be applied to the new Friends of the Royal group for people interested in how our parks are managed.



## **March Hidden treasures of Holsworthy – weeds, plants, animals, water and fire**

**Robert Kolano** from Defence talked about land management and some of the general and special challenges of managing the defence land at and adjoining Holsworthy.



## **February A walk in the park**

**Ian Wells**, operator of a small business promoting and guiding the Royal National Park coastal walk to tourists, talked about the special features of the area and the landmarks that generate interest from tourists.



**Monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month except January and December, (commencing at 8pm) at the Gymea Community Centre, 39 Gymea Bay Rd, Gymea**

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