

## New book, *Magic Happens*, launched

Almost every Friday morning, the *Painting with Parkinsons* group meets in the Banks building at the Australian National Botanic Gardens to engage in three hours of art and friendship.

The recently launched book *Magic Happens: the story of Painting with Parkinsons* tells the story of how Nancy Tingey OAM, established this group and created the wider *Painting with Parkinsons* program.

As a flyer for the book outlines: "running continuously in Canberra for 25 years, the *Painting with Parkinsons* team has held many workshops and exhibitions throughout Australia and overseas and is still going strong."

*Painting with Parkinsons* has changed people's lives for the better, helped people deal with depression, and supported them as they recovered their sense of identity through self-expression. Painting is a "can do" activity for people who have lost skills as they copy with Parkinson's.

Beautifully presented in full colour on high quality gloss paper, this lavishly illustrated book is available for purchase for \$30 from the author on [nancytingery@googlemail.com](mailto:nancytingery@googlemail.com)

## Mini Myrtles edition of *Australian Plants*

The latest edition, vol. 30, no. 240, of *Australian Plants* is devoted to the study of mini myrtles.

These fascinating smaller members of the Myrtaceae are well worth finding out about. The journal is currently on display in the Library.

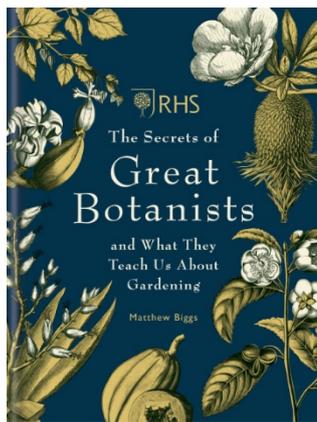
## Library opening hours over Christmas

Thank you to staff, Guides, Friends and the wider research community for your continued use and support of the Library this year.

Over the Christmas period, the Library will be unstaffed on 23 - 24 December 2019 and 2-3 January 2020. The Library will be closed from 24 December, reopening on 2 January. Full Library services will resume on Monday 6 January.

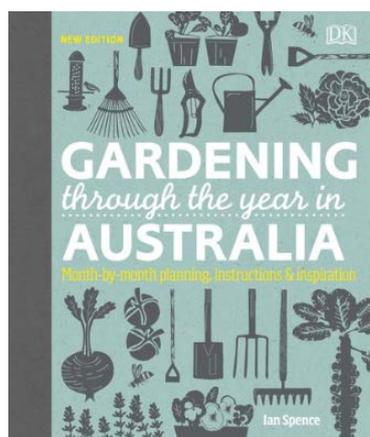
Wishing you a joyous and restful Christmas break.

## A SELECTION OF NEW BOOKS



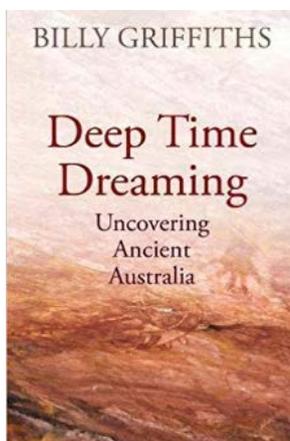
**The Secrets of Great Botanists: and what they teach us about gardening /** Matthew Biggs  
Chatswood, NSW: Exisle Publishing. 2019. ISBN: 9781925820256  
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Welcome to the lives of 35 botanists from our past and present, driven by an insatiable desire to learn and discover, whose study of plants revolutionised the scientific world and increased our understanding of the importance plants have on our survival. Illustrated with beautiful period botanical water-colours and vibrant photographs, this inspiring and practical guide delves into the qualities that brought these people success and shows what ordinary gardeners can learn from their legacies. [Source](#)



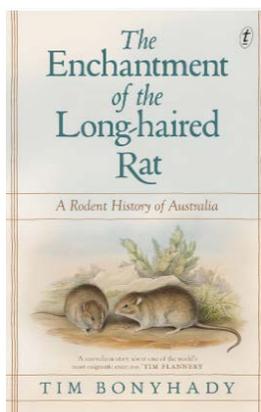
**Gardening through the year in Australia/** Ian Spence *Revised edition*  
Melbourne, Vic.: Dorling Kindersley. 2019.  
ISBN: 9780143796947  
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Packed with essential gardening advice, keep your garden in great condition all year round with the newly updated Australian edition of this bestselling guide. Discover what to do when with this ultimate gardening guide. *Gardening Through the Year in Australia* takes you systematically through the year, each chapter looking in-depth at one month at a time. Each chapter is packed with advice on plant care, maintaining garden features and what to prune when, with illustrated step-by-step projects and gardening ideas. A photographic A–Z appendix of nearly 350 plants provides detailed information on growing habit and care. [Source](#)



**Deep Time Dreaming: uncovering ancient Australia/** Billy Griffiths  
Carlton, Vic.: Black Inc. 2018. ISBN: 9781760640446  
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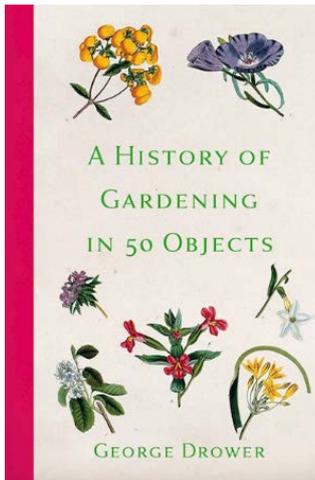
Soon after Billy Griffiths joins his first archaeological dig as camp manager and cook, he is hooked. Equipped with a historian's inquiring mind, he embarks on a journey through time, seeking to understand the extraordinary deep history of the Australian continent. *Deep Time Dreaming* is the passionate product of that journey. It investigates a twin revolution: the reassertion of Aboriginal identity in the second half of the twentieth century, and the uncovering of the traces of ancient Australia. It explores what it means to live in a place of great antiquity, with its complex questions of ownership and belonging. It is about a slow shift in national consciousness: the deep time dreaming that has changed the way many of us relate to this continent and its enduring, dynamic human history. [Source](#)



**The Enchantment of the Long-haired Rat/** Tim Bonyhady  
Melbourne: Text Publishing. 2019.  
ISBN: 9781925773934  
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The fascinating story of a much-maligned and little-understood native Australian rodent. Tim Bonyhady explores the place of the long-haired rat in Aboriginal culture. He recounts how settler Australians responded to it, learned about it and, occasionally, came to recognise the wonder of it. And he reconstructs its changing, shrinking landscape—once filled with bilbies, letter-winged kites and inland taipans, but now increasingly the domain of feral cats. An astonishing history, *The Enchantment of the Long-haired Rat* illuminates a species, a continent, its climate and its people like never before. [Source](#)

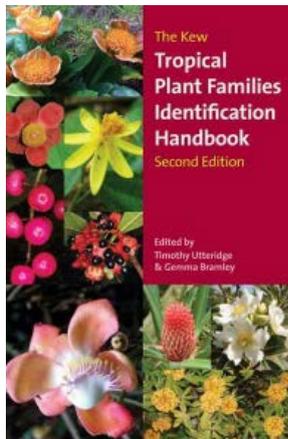
## NEW BOOKS CONTINUED



**A history of gardening in 50 objects/** George Drower  
Stroud, U.K.: The History Press. 2019.  
ISBN: 9780750991308  
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The earliest record of an enclosed space around a homestead come from 10,000 BC and since then gardens of varying types and ambition have been popular throughout the ages. Today we benefit from centuries of development, be it in the cultivation of desirable blossom or larger fruits, in the technology to keep weeds and lawn at bay or even in the visionaries who tore up rulebooks and cultivated pure creativity in their green spaces. George Drower takes fifty objects that have helped create the gardening scene we know today and explores the history outside spaces in a truly unique fashion. With stunning botanical and archive images, this lavish volume is essential for garden lovers.

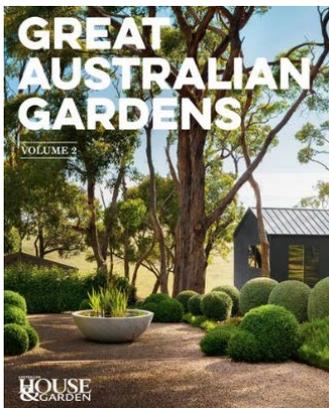
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**The Kew Tropical Plant Families Identification Handbook/** Timothy Utteridge & Gemma Bramley (eds.)  
*Second Edition*  
Kew, Richmond: Kew Publishing. 2015.  
ISBN: 9781842466025  
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*The Kew Tropical Plant Families Identification Handbook* brings together this knowledge in a guide to the commonly encountered and ecologically important plants of the tropics. In this second edition of the book, an additional 17 plant families are described, bringing the total number included to 100, all described in detail and richly illustrated with photographs showing the important identification characters.

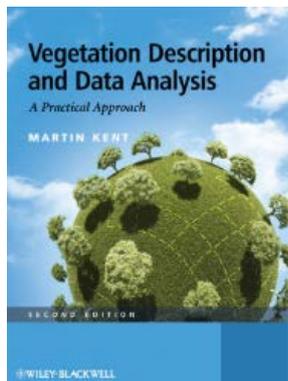
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**Great Australian Gardens: Volume 2/** Australian House & Garden  
Sydney, NSW: Australian House & Garden. 2019.  
ISBN: 9781925695885  
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This book celebrates the creative and passionate pursuit of gardening. Drawn from the pages of *Australian House & Garden* magazine, it's a collection of more than 25 stories profiling both the gardens and the inspirational people behind them. From historic properties tended by inter-generational gardeners to bold, contemporary and urban plots created by city-bound green thumbs, this book showcases a breathtaking variety of green oases across Australia, with stunning photography by the country's best garden photographers.

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**Vegetation Description and Data Analysis: a practical approach/** Martin Kent  
*Second Edition*  
Chichester, U.K.: John Wiley & Sons. 2012.  
ISBN: 9780471490937  
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*Vegetation Description and Data Analysis: A Practical Approach, Second Edition*, is a fully revised and up-dated edition of this key text. The book takes account of recent advances in the field whilst retaining the original reader-friendly approach to the coverage of vegetation description and multivariate analysis in the context of vegetation data and plant ecology.

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## FEATURED E-JOURNAL : *Conservation Letters*

*Conservation Letters* is the journal of the Society for Conservation Biology. The journal takes an interdisciplinary approach to empirical and theoretical research in the area of conservation of biological diversity.

Letters, reviews and policy perspectives are all included in the journal and every effort is made by the publishers to equally cover all biomes (marine, terrestrial and freshwater), ecosystems and cultural settings.

*Conservation Letters* is an open access journal of six issues per volume, released regularly throughout the year. Articles are published on a continual basis and can be viewed ahead of formal publication in an issue via the *Conservation Letters* [website](#).

Volume 1, 2008 to the current publication, volume 12, issue 5, are available for viewing.



## FROM THE ANBG ARCHIVE : *ANBG Christmas Card*



Australian National Botanic Gardens

ANBG Christmas card featuring wattle, c. 1996.

With Christmas fast approaching for 2019, it's time to look back into the Archive at one of our Christmas cards from years past.

This month's Archive treasure is the ANBG Christmas card from c.1996. The front of the card features a colour illustration of *Acacia pycnantha*.by artist Christine Payne

*Acacia pycnantha* was proclaimed as Australia's national floral emblem on 1 September 1988. The anniversary day is now celebrated as Wattle Day.

The inscription inside the Christmas card reads: Best wishes from the Director and staff of the Australian National Botanic Gardens.