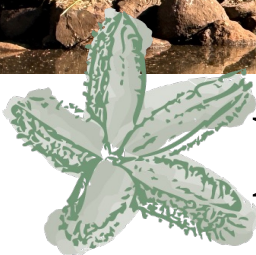


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News from Peacehaven



Wollemi pine, 'living fossil'
Have you noticed the Wollemi pine at Peacehaven recently? It's flourishing and covered in cones. The tree is a success story in more ways than one.

Wollemi pine *Wollemia nobilis* is an ancient species of conifer, which scientists thought had gone extinct 2 million years ago. Then in 1994 a few living trees were discovered in a narrow gorge in the Wollemi National Park, NSW.

The location remained a closely guarded secret, but seed was collected and cuttings taken, and the tree was successfully cultivated. Our specimen was donated in 2007 by the owners of a tree farm in Ravensbourne. Find out more: [Living fossil factsheet](#)

Barbara McKenzie, Peacehaven Botanic Group.



Wollemi pine

Wollemia nobilis bearing cones
Photo: Fiona Stone

From the president

Happy Easter, everyone. I hope the Easter Bilby is kind to you.

We have our first Tavern Talk this month, and we're excited to announce that Alan Burnell, President of the Australian Institute of Horticulture (AIH), will be giving a talk at the Highfields Tavern on Thursday, 23 April 2026 at 7 pm. You're very welcome to come for dinner beforehand.

Alan has over 50 years of experience in horticulture and was elected President of AIH in 2022. His mission is to make Australia more environmentally sustainable. He will be speaking about the role of AIH, including past achievements and the organisation's future vision.

Keep an eye out for registration details. I look forward to seeing you there.



Native Plant Nursery Opening Hours



Thursdays 9am– 12.30pm
Saturdays 9am – 1pm



Alan Burnell will be presenting a 'Tavern Talk' on 23rd April, 2026.

"I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Anzac Day and thank our past and present service personnel for their service. Lest we forget."

-Louise de Beus, President.

Public Holiday Nursery closures



**Closed for Easter:
Saturday 4th April**

**Closed for Anzac Day:
Saturday 25th April**

