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## Plant Conservation in Australia - Achievements and Future Directions

The Australian Network for Plant Conservation (ANPC) is turning 21 and to mark the special occasion, ANPC is hosting its 9th National Conference entitled *Plant Conservation in Australia - Achievements and Future Directions.* 

Held in partnership with the Australian National Botanic Gardens, the ANPC National Conference will bring together people involved in plant conservation from around the country and will provide a significant networking opportunity for participants.

"This is a very exciting time for us. Not only are we celebrating our 21<sup>st</sup> birthday but we're bringing together many people with a passion, persistence and vision for plant conservation in Australia to discuss, collaborate and share ideas for the future," ANPC President David Coates said.

"We will be reviewing and highlighting achievements over the last two decades, highlighting current issues and identifying plant conservation directions in Australia for the coming decades. I think the participants will get a lot out of this conference."

Executive Director of the Australian National Botanic Gardens Dr Judy West described the partnership with the ANPC as invaluable.

"The ANPC does stimulating work promoting conservation of our native plants and plays an extremely effective role in capacity building, developing expertise in conservation practices," Judy West said.

"One of the network's key strengths is the ability to link people with an active interest in plant conservation throughout Australia – it promises to be a very rewarding conference."

The 9<sup>th</sup> ANPC National Conference will be held from Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November at the Canberra Rex hotel and will be opened with a special welcome reception at the Australian National Botanic Gardens.

Early bird registration is now open until 24 August with registration closing on 12 October. Call for abstracts and proposals is open until 17 August. For further information about the conference, visit the ANPC website <u>www.anpc.asn.au</u>

The Australian Network for Plant Conservation is a non-profit organisation whose mission is to promote and improve plant conservation.