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### **Plant conservation in Australia – interpreting science for practitioners**

Last week the Australian Network for Plant Conservation hosted its ninth national conference entitled *Plant Conservation in Australia - Achievements and Future Directions*.

Held in partnership with the Australian National Botanic Gardens, the conference brought together people from around the country to discuss the direction of plant conservation in Australia and the network's future priorities.

In its 21<sup>st</sup> year, the Australian Network for Plant Conservation is well known for its ability to communicate plant conservation science to land managers and communities across the country, helping them build practical land management skills.

"The network connects a diverse range of groups, including scientists, land managers, state and commonwealth departments making the network the premier plant conservation organisation in Australia," Australian Network for Plant Conservation President, David Coates said.

"At the national conference we talked about the network's role interpreting plant conservation science for communities, to help them strengthen their ability to deliver plant conservation projects on the ground."

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

"We support the network to deliver scientifically-based, practical workshops for people who work or volunteer in plant conservation, she said.

"This week, in collaboration with the Australian Seed Bank Partnership and the New South Wales Seedbank, the network will deliver a workshop on how to effectively collect, store and use seeds to restore native vegetation.

"A wide range of people from local and state government, local aboriginal land councils and community groups are attending the workshop."

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

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