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Nominate for an ASPS award, Phytogen and GPC e-bulletin

27 January 2020

Dear ASPS members,

Applications for numerous prestigious ASPS awards are currently opened with a closing date **14th of February 2020**.

The January edition of Phytogen is out now and can be accessed HERE.

The January 2020 Global Plant Council e-bulletin can be accessed HERE.

ASPS Research Awards

The Peter Goldacre Award and the Jan Anderson Award are the premier research awards from ASPS. The Peter Goldacre award is awarded for research contributions for early/mid-career researchers (male or female) within 10 years since PhD, and the Jan Anderson Award specifically recognises the significant contribution of mid-career female researchers.

ASPS Teaching Awards

The ASPS Teaching Award recognises excellence, innovation and/or other contributions with successful learning outcomes to teaching plant science at the University level.

Applications for these awards need to be sent to the secretary@asps.org.au by the 14th of February, 2020.

Please see full details and eligibility requirements on the ASPS website: https://www.asps.org.au/awards

Kind regards,

Dr Simon Williams

Honorary Secretary, ASPS

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It is a New Year and a new decade. Over the last couple of months, you might have been reflecting on how tough the ecology in our country, Australia; has to be. Our plants and soils are quite well adapted to recover after the last couple of months of bushfires, and hot days with lots of sun exposure.





A NPWS firefighter looks up at one of the ancient Wollemi pines he has been sent in to protect.



Prof Ros Gleadow, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia. President of Global Plant Council.

There are many incredible articles to read. Click on the pictures to read articles about recovery and protecting the Wollemi pine.



A woman said hundreds of trees started foaming as heavy rain fell. Source: Facebook

Mystery over why hundreds of trees are 'foaming' in heavy rain



Olivia Lambert
Associate News Editor
Yahoo News Australia 17 January 2020

Hundreds of foaming trees amid a huge dumping of rain in drought-affected areas have left people baffled as to what is causing the phenomenon.

A woman from Crescent Head, in NSW Mid North Coast region, posted a picture on Facebook of a gum tree in the heavy rain with white foam dripping down the trunk.

"It was raining sap," she wrote.

"On the big gum it was pouring out."

People were left scratching their heads as to what caused the mysterious reaction to the much-needed rainfall.

"I have seen it numerous times and never knew what it meant," one commented.

"It's crying with happiness," another said.

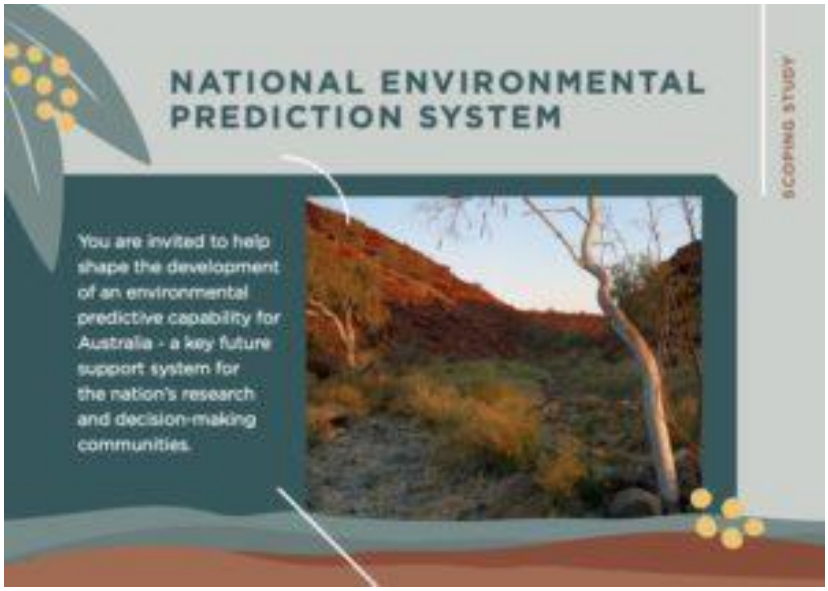
There have also been downpours of rain and hail for our plants to contend with. Another post from 2014 explains the science.



Throughout 2020 we wish you all the best for resuming your experiments and interpreting the results. Nominations are **now open** until the **Friday 14th February 2020** for our society awards. Follow this link to the awards page and to find out all the details.



Upcoming in February, is [NEPS, with open consultation in each state.]





Our meeting is in September and also save the date for Sunday 24th October 2021.

IPMB2021 will be an event not to be missed. You can keep up with the community as this meeting progresses by checking the plantae website.

