

NATIVE FLORA DRAWINGS ACCEPTED BY THE  
COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT

The Prime Minister yesterday accepted, on behalf of the Australian Government, a set of 20 botanical water-colour drawings of Australian native flowers executed by the botanical artist, Miss Margaret Stones. It is hoped to display the drawings in King's Hall, Parliament House, for about a week commencing on 20th February.

The drawings, which were commissioned by the Commonwealth Art Advisory Board, include studies of Kurrajong, Banksia, Flannel flower, Kangaroo paw and Eucalypt.

Miss Stones, a Victorian by birth, now resident in England, visited Australia especially to paint the series. Most of her work in London is done at the famous Kew Gardens Herbarium. She is the illustrator for Curtis's Botanical Magazine, which has been published since 1789 and is the oldest publication of its kind in existence. In addition, she has illustrated numerous other publications. She is currently engaged in illustrating African "Flora" being produced at Kew Gardens. Among other recent publications she has illustrated, are three books on rhododendrons, shrubs and trees for the English publisher, Nelsons. She is also working on an important series of Lily studies for the Royal Horticultural Society, which are being published as a supplement to the standard work - Elwes "Lily Monograph" - first published in 1880.

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FOR INFORMATION:

Miss Stones is in Canberra until 4 p.m. on Friday, 16th February. She is staying at University House and may be contacted there. If photographs of some of the drawings are required, they can be made available for this purpose in the Prime Minister's Department. The Secretary Art Advisory Board can be contacted on U1411 or U1443 or (at home) 7-8398.

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