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Benalla is an attractive little town in northern Victoria, just off the Hume Highway, south of Wangaratta. It is probably most famous for the street art decorating many previously blank walls, the result of Wall to Wall Festivals in 2017 and 2018. The Botanic Gardens sit on the edge of the artificial lake that divides the town. The curving paths, very old trees and the extensive rose beds surround a cricket ground where an over-60s game was being played while we were there. The excellent Art Gallery and its café look out over the lake.

Welcome

The Art Gallery was the venue for the opening event of the 18th Biennial Conference of the AAFBG, where the Mayor of Benalla, Councillor Don Firth, made us welcome to the town.

The conference proper began the next morning in the Performing Arts and Convention Centre with registrations, meeting friends, and coffee or tea. Our Patron, Dr Philip Moors, opened proceedings and we were welcomed again by Robyn Saunders, President of the Friends of the Benalla Botanical Gardens & Riverine Parkland. Robyn and her team had done an excellent job in preparing for this conference, and Robyn appeared in many roles during the next two days.

Day 1 presentations

Dr Lucy Sutherland, Director of Adelaide Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium, first spoke about how to keep gardens relevant to our communities, how to know who is our community and how to measure if we are relevant. Our most common tools are visitor numbers, downloads from our websites, friends numbers, but Lucy argued we needed to extend this information.

She cited the example of the Mt Lofty section of Adelaide's Botanic Gardens, where more non-English speaking people are visiting, a significant number being Pakistanis having picnics. (She speculated that there might be a connection with their experience of visiting hill stations in Pakistan.) Connecting with this demographic means more emphasis on multilingual interpretation.

Gardens are now being used as a resource by dementia sufferers, mental health groups, disadvantaged schools, refugee groups through Red Cross, and as safe havens for homeless people. All these present new opportunities and new challenges. She gave examples of where other Gardens have introduced special programs: carers

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Dr Lucy Sutherland: Robyn Saunders and Lucy recovering her glass of water; John Hawker talking about trees in the Gardens.

come with their 'patients' to the North Coast Garden; Sydney has instituted a community opening program, focusing on young people; and John Bentley told us that 'dementia buses' come to Melton Gardens.

Time for morning tea, supplied by the local Church Ladies with more than enough sandwiches and cakes. The club sandwiches were particularly delicious.

Chris Russell, Executive Director, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria's Cranbourne Gardens, was the next speaker; his title: 'From backyards to biolinks: RBGV's role in greening communities'. Chris' talk focused on how the Gardens has tried to improve the biodiversity values of the suburbs developing around the site. There are about 50 new houses built each week within the City of Casey which puts pressure on plants and animals leading to increased genetic isolation, increased risk of local extinctions, and decreased ecosystem services.

The Southern Brown Bandicoot has a strong population in the Cranbourne Gardens, so work has been done on researching and preserving this population, on keeping connectivity in the bush and controlling their main predators, foxes and cats. One solution has been erecting fences with special bandicoot gates so they can go in and out, but foxes and cats are excluded. As a federally endangered and protected species, the bandicoot has been an important species in influencing the newly developed areas. There has also been long and sometimes frustrating negotiations with land development authorities and managers, leading to a couple of biolinks between the Gardens and suburbia, to cat containment rules, and no environmental weeds in home gardens.

In addition, the Gardens provides a range of display gardens to help home gardeners use Australian plants in ways that provide habitat for native animals, and for the benefit of human inhabitants. There are ideas for smaller gardens, using containers, saving water, and providing a list of plants available at nurseries. The program, 'Small Eucalypts for Home Gardens', recommends about 40 smaller eucalypts, mainly mallees, plus how to select, plant and care for them. They have also had displays at land sale offices. Later discussion touched on water management given the increase in hard surfaces and in pollutants. Initial solution: a filtering wet land providing water to the local golf course. (Apologies - no picture of Chris.)

Before lunch **Judy Milner** from Bendigo Botanic Gardens gave us a quick summary of their new 'Garden of the future' which was to be opened the next day. For details see article on page 15. We then adjourned for lunch; more sandwiches and cakes provided by the local Church Ladies.



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Dr Philip Moors (arrowed) planting the tree.



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Philip and Robyn and tree (arrowed).

After lunch, **John Hawker**, Heritage Officer (Horticulture) at Heritage Victoria, gave us a run down on the history of the Benalla Gardens, starting in 1859, or was it 1873, when 26 acres were set aside. The Gardens' layout was designed by Alfred Sangwell, whose circular paths show the influence of the more famous Guilfoyle. The Gardens were listed on the Register of the National Estate in 1995 and its three specimens of the very rare *Ulmus x viminalis* are listed on the National Trust's Significant Trees Register.

Day 1 Site visits

We then all moved to the Botanic Gardens where our **Patron**, Dr Philip Moors, planted a Jersey Elm (*Ulmus minor Sarniensis*) next to the statue of local hero 'Weary' Dunlop ministering to fellow POWs. Our walk in the Gardens focused on trees, with John Hawker naming and explaining the beauties of many very old trees: the Crow's Ash, (*Flindersia australis*) is one of only three known specimens planted in Victoria; and two impressive Yellow Gums (*Eucalyptus leucoxylon*); and most impressively, the double circle of Elms (mainly) around the oval – Dutch Elms (*Ulmus x hollandica*), Purple-leaved Dutch Elms (*U. x hollandica* 'Purpurascens'), and English Elms (*U. procera*). We also saw Bunya Bunya Pines, Date Palms and a 1965 Silver Jubilee Lone Pine.

There was one more event for this first day, a visit to a **Primary Campus of the Benalla P-12 College** where Years 3 and 4 had developed and maintained a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden. The Garden was big and looked productive, but more importantly, the program also involved cooking what you grew. They had a four-cooker kitchen which they had used to make us afternoon tea: scones, orange and almond cake, shortbread, and much more. The kids had come to school on a Saturday, in their uniforms, and they served us this delicious food, handling the tongs like professionals. We could also buy jams and chutneys they had made.

We then had 90 minutes to recover from a busy day before the **Dinner** at the Benalla Community Centre. The highlight of the delicious dinner was guest speaker, Stuart Read. Stuart is a horticulturist and landscape architect, who advises the NSW Heritage Council on the listing and management of parks, gardens and heritage landscapes. He gave us an interesting taste of wonderful gardens from Singapore to Spain, whetting our appetites for more than just the antipasto boards, lamb shanks and pork dishes on offer. We left dreaming of these places, many of which were new to the audience.



Afternoon tea, the cooks and the waiters



Selling jam



Inside the Garden



Gate to Garden



Day 2 presentations

Day two focused on ‘Gardens as Glue’ and six Gardens gave 15 minute talks about their Garden. But before that the Benalla Friends and Paul Tracey from BGANZ spoke. Benalla President, Robyn Saunders, welcomed **Janet Thomson OAM** as the first patron of their Gardens. We know Janet as a former Vice-President and President of AFBG (as it then was) but she has a much longer history at the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria Melbourne Friends. She was a guide for 18 years from 1989, on Friends’ Council for 18 years from 1996, with periods as President and Vice-President, and is now an Honorary Life Member. Janet, who has links with Benalla, was pleased to accept this new position.

Anne Rawson, editor of *Eucalypt*, noted that there are fewer stories in each issue and they are from bigger gardens. AAFBG is mainly small gardens so we need ideas about how to get those gardens to send stories. Would be great to have good stories about Councils, or about initiatives for getting support and publicity. Ideas welcome. Volunteers also welcome, and Lynden Ayliffe stepped up.

Paul Tracey, BGANZ President and Curator of Wollongong Botanic Garden, made us all jealous because he has 30 paid staff! BGANZ supports ex situ conservation in collaborating Gardens in the south-east region, now focusing on *Banksia vincentia* which has only four plants in the wild. BGANZ is also working towards listing of rare and endangered plants on the IUCN Red List and having Australian and New Zealand Gardens receiving international accreditation. Local initiatives include ‘Botanic Endeavour 250: our plants our future’, tracking Cook’s route 250 years later via Botanic Gardens (see BGANZ.org.au) and Botanic Gardens Day which was held on Sunday 27 May.

Gardens as Glue

The first Garden as Glue was **Melton BG**, which John Bentley told us had 232 Friends, and he took us through the many themed gardens they had built as volunteers and were building. They work productively with Scouts, schools, community groups, Centrelink volunteers, Work-for-the-dole participants, and off-Country Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders, living in Melton, who come to the Garden through the Djerriwarrh Health Services.

Remembering the excellent presentations of guides at Culloden Moor in Scotland, Max Bourke reflected on the guide training system at the **National Arboretum Canberra**. It was initiated in 2013 and, understandably, has a strong focus on trees and botany. However guides also need to be accurate and timely, they must be able to control the group and project their voice to reach the whole group. Three hundred guides have been through the program and 90 guides are available seven days a week for 20 minute introductory walks, two hour forest walks, and coach tours.

Elizabeth Barraclough, a new Friend from **Eurobodalla Botanic Garden** on the NSW South Coast, told us that there are 16,000 volunteer hours per annum devoted to this bushland garden, 70,000 visitors per annum and that Eurobodalla is the 10th largest regional botanic garden. Their herbarium contains 14,000 specimens, that every local school has one day per year to visit the Garden, and that recently they have received two Federal dollar-for-dollar grants and one State Tourism grant for a redevelopment program.



Alex Smart, from **Cranbourne Friends RBGV**, catalogued their recent activities: a brainstorming event for ideas and priorities; having free monthly speakers; socialising in the library; having 500 collections from local natives in the Herbarium; plus active groups of botanical artists and fabricators. Over fifteen years a group of Melbourne artists visited Menindie NSW to identify and paint the 120 species collected by Dr Hermann Beckler of the Burke and Wills Expedition, resulting in an exhibition, ‘Beckler’s Botanical Bounty: the Flora of Menindie Exhibition’.



Janet O’Hehir lamented that the **Camperdown Botanic Gardens and Arboretum** has no dedicated staff and no budget allocation. The local Council is intent on maintaining a caravan park on the site. It degrades the site and deters visitors. The CBGA Trust has focused on the positives, making improvements through volunteer gardening and attempting to generate interest and pride among the local community through newsletters, brochures, talks and tours. Recently, they have been using Instagram to raise the profile of the Gardens. See Janet’s article on page 18 for details.



John Zwar, from the **Arid Gardens in Port Augusta**, also had much to lament: the closure of the power station leading to unemployment; the need for public housing; Council rate revenues down leading to reduced expenditure and the closure of the nursery. On the up-side the Garden has been judged the best regional botanic garden, bringing in 100,000 visitors and \$18 million a year; a PhD student from University of Technology Sydney is studying plant responses to heat stress at the Garden; the Friends are now making, instead of buying, memorial seats; and the Arid Explorer Garden is bringing in a new demographic.

Next was morning tea followed by a Members’ Rapid-Fire Forum (three minutes only for each Garden), chaired by John Bentley from Melton, who had a very big bell for time-keeping and to ring speakers off.

Members’ Rapid-Fire Forum



Julie Barrie from **Pangarinda BG** told about some developments in their Garden. Judi Harris reported that they had received only 3 mm rain at Australian Inland BG **Mildura**, that rodents had eaten irrigation pipes, and they had lost lots of trees and shrubs. Jill Grant from **Shepparton** told us they are keen on using recycled materials and installing art in their Garden. See her article on Care for the Rare on page 12. Lesley Jackman from **Canberra** told how ANBG Friends are moving online for membership records, to track sales at art and photographic exhibitions, and are moving older material from Friends’ computers to Google cloud. Florence Treverrow lamented that myrtle rust was appearing in **Lismore’s** Rainforest Garden but she was pleased that they had 2000 school children visiting each year. Murray Fletcher reported that **Orange BG’s** last plant sale included the critically endangered *Prostanthera gilesii*, a plant that had recently been burnt out on Mt Canobolas. The Gatekeeper’s Lodge at **Ballarat BG** has been returned to the Garden and is used for children’s programs (see p.14), Raoul Dixon reported, while on weekends the Friends Ambassadors are manning the Conservatory. **Warrnambool BG**, with its 1877 Guilfoyle design still intact, has a heritage focus, but Pat Varley lamented that this is hard to sell – they are hoping to do better with pens made from the wood of branches trimmed from the *Pinus brutia* grown from a pine cone from the Gallipoli Lone Pine. Annette Irish from **Brisbane BG & Sherwood Arboretum**, reported that they too are moving their records online but using a different, but she claimed better, system to ANBG. (Contact ANBG or Brisbane if you need more details and note, number of Friends might impact on systems chosen.) Helen Paige from **Williamstown BG** reported on a Friends’ trip to Dunedin in New Zealand.

This rapid fire session was hugely informative and prompted much informal discussion over lunch. Then followed the election of a new committee at the Association's AGM. The results are listed on page 2 of this *Eucalypt*.

Annette Irish then introduced us to the three botanic gardens in Brisbane, which will be the venue for the next conference in 2020. See her article on page 17. The new committee met while the rest of us had lunch in a much reduced space as the venue was being prepared for the next occupants.

Day 2 Site visits

There was a post conference tour to the Winton Wetlands and the Belvedere private garden. There had been an early morning tour to the wetlands Sunday morning billed as Breakfast with the Birds, but not many birds were seen and there was general disappointment that the wetlands were, unsurprisingly, completely dry. Breakfast at the café, specially opened for us, was most enjoyable.

Belvedere is a private property set in the country with a staggering outlook over the Winton Wetlands. Despite the dry conditions, the wetlands looked impressive with the silhouettes of its blackened trees. The small garden had a mix of mature gums and other Australian natives mixed with exotic plants. Set around the house and pool was a magnificent lawn and a myriad of large pots and sculptures. We were fortunate to be treated to a magnificent afternoon tea of scones, cakes and tasty morsels that had everyone coming back for more.

Anne Rawson and Lynden Ayliffe

Spectacular dry wetlands at dawn. Photo from official website.



Wetlands cafe, from official website



Belvedere gardens. Photo Tim Gillilan.



From the President

Dennis Ayliffe



Our Annual General Meeting was held on the second day of our very successful Biennial conference over the weekend 21 and 22 April in Benalla, Victoria and saw changes to your Association's Committee. John Bentley from the Friends of Melton Botanic Garden in Victoria is now Vice President and we welcomed Janet O'Hehir from the Friends of Camperdown Botanic Gardens & Arboretum Trust in Victoria, who has taken up John's former spot as an ordinary Committee member.

The following are key goals that the Committee will be pursuing over the coming year.

Ongoing funding. The Association needs about \$14,000 a year to undertake our basic functions. About \$4,000 of this comes from membership subscriptions and the balance over the past two years has been made up by donations of \$10,000 a year from the Handbury Trust. Those donations have ceased as of last financial year. We have sufficient funds in the bank to sustain ourselves in tickover mode for the next two years.

For us to be financially sustainable in the long term, we will have to vigorously explore avenues for corporate or philanthropic funding in the coming year as well as ensure that the 2020 conference in Brisbane is financially successful. Increasing subscriptions to cover the shortfall is not an option, as it would see smaller Friends' groups most likely leave the Association.

It is clear that a major effort will need to be made over the next twelve months to rectify this situation and I will be looking to the Committee to play a major role in this effort.

Assistance for Regional Gardens. Over the past year we have detected a worrying trend of funding decreases for Council-owned regional gardens with more responsibility being put on volunteer input. We have provided a letter of support to the Friends of Melton Botanic Gardens, which we understand assisted in having a proposed funding reduction turned around. We have also written letters to the editors of the *Trans-continental* newspaper in Port Augusta and the *Adelaide Advertiser* following a proposed dramatic reduction in funding for the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden in Port Augusta. I am pleased to be advised by John Zwar of the Friends of the Arid Lands Botanic Garden that the proposed reductions are being reviewed.

We are always glad to assist Friends' groups in these circumstances to let them know that they are not alone and have a peak body to assist with influencing decision makers.

Communications. This coming year we will continue to improve communications with members. We now have a policy that your committee will visit regional gardens on their travels as a way of keeping up to date with issues affecting Friends' groups in regional gardens. During the past year I visited the Redcliffe Botanic Gardens in Queensland and Eurobodalla on the south coast of NSW.

I look forward to the coming year with confidence in the Association to address its challenges and to produce good governance for our members as well as to further develop roles and functions to assist our members.

Dennis Ayliffe, President.

Secretary's Report

Elizabeth Gilfillan



At your recent AAFBG Conference in Benalla, a popular segment was the Friends Presentations entitled 'Gardens as Glue'. I made the analogy that your Association is the glue that holds its members together. As Secretary, it is a real privilege to be in close contact with our members, discussing the joys and woes of gardens large and small. Collaboration is highly valued and this was very evident at the conference. Sincere thanks must go to the Friends of Benalla and Riverine Parkland for hosting the 2018 Conference. It was a pleasure to work with Robyn, Betty, Pat and their team and to learn more of this region and its Botanical Garden.

The conference was truly inspirational and the lessons we learnt we will try to address and share with you in the coming year through articles in our fortnightly *E-ucalypt News* and the biannual newsletter *Eucalypt*. We can also support you when you are applying for financial assistance and when you are lobbying administrative bodies. We can provide letters of support and perhaps put you in touch with other gardens that have been successful in similar circumstances.

We have welcomed two new Members this year at the Conference: Pangarinda Botanic Garden in South Australia and the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens, Heatherbrae, NSW. There are articles on both gardens in this edition (pages 19 & 20).

Other new initiatives include the setup of a new Peak Body in Edinburgh, Scotland using the AAFBG as a model for the foundation. We look forward to learning of its progress.

We said a sad farewell to our administrative officer Lisa Tuck who has been in the seat for two years and has been a tremendous support. We thank her enormously and welcome back Ro who has written an article on her sojourns while away (page 10). We are enjoying working together again.

Having a passion and interest in botanic gardens takes us to many places. Last year I had the joy of visiting some European gardens and then Geneva for the Botanic Gardens Conservation International Congress a stimulating and educational experience. At the Congress, Dr Pierre-Andre Loizeau, Director of the Botanical Garden of Geneva, said

...it is a remarkable opportunity to bring concerned people together, to take stock of the state of the world of plants, to implement the appropriate measures, to pursue fundamental studies, to raise societal awareness, and to reflect on our next steps. As privileged observers of Nature we have a responsibility to inform society as a whole about the threats to our environment and to propose measures to preserve it. If Botanical Gardens were to disappear, what would society lack?

Ask ourselves this question.

Our next annual general meeting will be in 2019 and Sydney has expressed interest in hosting. We look forward to planning this with the Foundation and Friends of the RBG Sydney that has a new CEO, Melissa Ellis. Planning will also continue for our next Conference in Brisbane in 2020.

As supporters of your botanical gardens Congratulations! Keep up your wonderful work. My thanks must also go to Dennis for his wise leadership of your peak body.

Elizabeth Gilfillan.

Administrative Officer's Report

Ro Noone



It is great to be back with AAFBG after two years, one of which was spent living in New York City. I had a wonderful time visiting public and botanic gardens in all five boroughs and made the most of my membership at The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG). Here are my impressions of those gardens.

- **Central Park, Manhattan** – a vast and beautiful oasis in the craziness of the city. The Conservatory Garden on the Upper Eastside was the most relaxing destination and lakes, forests, sporting grounds, performance spaces, memorials, Central Park Zoo, restaurants, walking and cycling tracks, horse and carriage rides and walking tours all featured in my visits.
- **Brooklyn Botanic Gardens** – a favourite of mine because of its wonderful education program and accessibility from Manhattan where we lived.
- **NYBG in The Bronx** – the most sophisticated and expansive botanic garden in New York with high class social and fundraising events and a very strong membership base. The train ride was a must.
- **Queens Botanical Garden** – a small but delightful garden in Flushing, a Korean area of Queens, with a strong emphasis on environmental responsibility.
- **Snug Harbor Cultural Centre and Botanical Garden on Staten Island** – a mix of quiet parkland, historic buildings and plant collections, worth a visit on the free Staten Island ferry which passes close by the Statue of Liberty.



Winter sidewalk garden, Park Ave, Manhattan



My home in Manhattan. The 5-storey Rectory provided lots of room for all our Australian visitors.

I also thoroughly enjoyed a day with some of our many Australian visitors to the gardens of 'Wave Hill' overlooking the Hudson River in The Bronx. On side-trips during the year, we were very impressed with the Montreal Botanical Garden, Battlefields Park in Quebec City, Magnolia Plantation & Gardens near Charleston, South Carolina, founded in 1676 (picture massive trees dripping with Spanish moss under planted with azaleas and camellias beside an alligator-infested swamp garden!), United States Botanic Garden in Washington DC (surprisingly small) and a comprehensive private tropical collection thoughtfully landscaped on a hillside at Andromeda Gardens, Barbados.

Back in New York City, the native gardens of 'The High Line' were beautiful in all seasons, and thousands of spring bulbs were the highlight in the prolific sidewalk gardens.

All good things come to an end and I am happy to be back home. I look forward to hearing about your gardens/arboreta and supporting you by sharing your events and news in our fortnightly *E-ucalypt News* and the biannual newsletter *Eucalypt*. I hope all your members are aware of these and have access to them. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have a question about the Association or would like to contact other members. Please check your entry on www.friendsbotanicgardens.org and let me know when there are changes to your contact details.

Rosemary (Ro) Noone

Benefits I get from AAFBG Conferences

Over the years I have attended many conferences and have benefited from hearing a range of speakers and particularly from networking with other Friends Groups. Additional pre- or post-conference tours have contributed to happy holiday experiences. The recent Benalla conference was no exception. I met several friends I have made since 2006 when Cranbourne Friends hosted the conference and enabled us to expose our new Australian Garden to a wide audience. Thinking of past conferences I realised if I come away with just a few ideas for our Cranbourne Friends it is still worthwhile. An example from the 2010 Conference hosted by the Friends of the Australian Inland Botanic Gardens Mildura Vic/ Buronga NSW. They had a tractor driven train to show visitors around the Murray River frontage and the sign on the back of the tractor should be displayed everywhere



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Alex Smart Cranbourne Friends-RBGV

Caring for the rare at Shepparton

*Friends of the Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton
Goulburn Valley, Victoria*



Rare plants at Shepparton: *Cullen* sp. and *Cardamine moirensis*

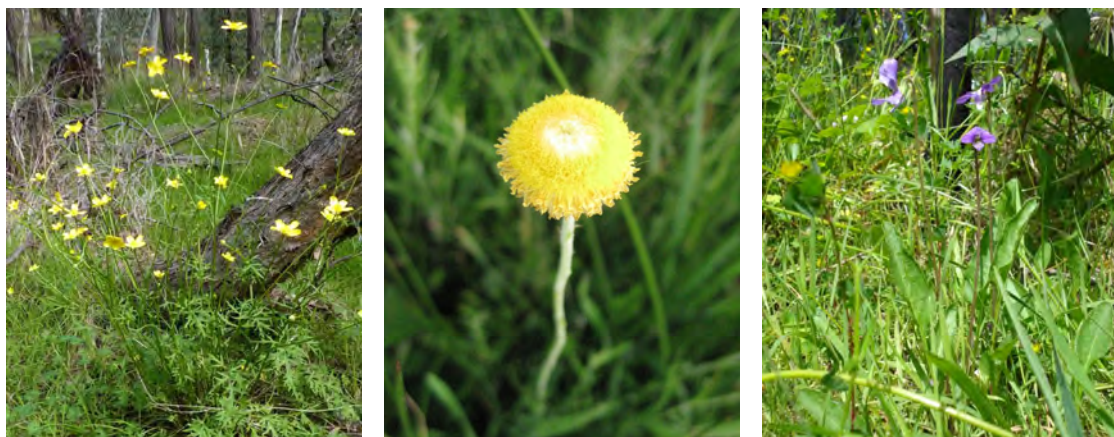
Towards the end of 2017 the Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton hosted Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria's Chris Russell and John Arnott, Parks Victoria's Terence Moon, and National Trust of Victoria's Justin Buckley. Shepparton Gardens in Botanic Gardens Avenue, Kialla was one of the first gardens to be involved in a program which aims to establish collections of rare and threatened flora in a number of botanic gardens across the state. The focus is on locally significant rare and threatened plant species. Supported by Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand the Care for the Rare Program will identify these species and nurture them. (For more details on the program see the next page.)

About 50 rare and threatened species of plants can be found at the Shepparton site. The program will help protect these species and make sure they can continue and thrive at the Kialla site for years to come. During a tour of the site project stakeholders stressed the importance of botanic gardens in plant conservation efforts.

After all gardens involved in the program have been visited a list of aims and objectives will be written up to spell out how the collection will be developed.

Naturally Shepparton BG was thrilled to be selected to participate in this program and eagerly awaits the information and guidelines enabling us to continue our involvement with this program.

Jill Grant



More rare plants: *Ranunculus* sp; unknown species; *Viola* sp.

Care for the Rare Project

Supported by Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria and BGANZ Victoria

The information for this article was taken from an article by John Arnott 'Care for the rare: a multi-site conservation collection of rare and threatened plants of Victoria' in *THE BOTANIC GARDENER* 49 November 2017, 39-45.

The Care for the Rare project aims to establish collections of rare and threatened flora in a number of botanic gardens across Victoria. The focus is on the locally significant rare and threatened plant species from bio-regions that are near existing gardens.

In the 2000s BGANZ Victoria surveyed regional botanic gardens in Victoria and discovered that very few had active plant conservation programs. There seemed to be a view that this was the job of bigger gardens. Most Victorian gardens were established in the 1800s, primarily as pleasure parks with exotic plants. Over the years many fell into decline until a recent renaissance so that now there is a Victorian Regional Botanic Gardens Network as well as a regional BGANZ group for the state.

The Care for the Rare project was started with the generous support of the Maud Gibson Trust and is supported by the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria (RBGV) and Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand (BGANZ). It dovetails into the existing Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) program of the same name. The BGCI program provides free easy-to-use interpretation resources that any garden can use to tell the conservation needs of threatened plants in their collections. The resources can be found at www.bgci.org/usa/carefortherare.

The first stage of the Victorian project was a desktop assessment of Victorian rare and threatened species that was completed in 2016. Approximately 600 taxa were assessed and plants selected to fit with existing gardens. The second stage was seeking expressions of interest from regional botanic gardens. There was a wonderful response and site inspections were undertaken at 15 selected gardens. Shepparton was one of the first gardens inspected.

Each of the selected gardens, in collaboration with the project team, would then develop a Conservation Collection Plan to establish aims and objectives and to determine how the collection would be incorporated into the landscape of the participating gardens. The final step in the project will be sourcing, propagating, growing and distributing the plants. Funding is being sought for this step, which is probably the most important and exciting step for the gardens. It is expected that the first round of plantings will happen in autumn 2020, with a second round in spring that year. When all this is done and the plants are growing and flowering in their new homes, gardens will have to develop a new range of information material to educate their visitors about the importance of plant conservation.

If your garden is one of the 15 selected, please write to us about your experiences with the project and we will publish articles in coming issues of *Eucalypt*.



Friends of Ballarat Botanical Gardens Ballarat, Victoria



The story so far of the newest/oldest building in the Ballarat Botanical Gardens!

The providence of this little cottage is significant to the heritage and story of Ballarat and the Gardens. It is an original timber cottage of the gold era, circa 1864, an original building in the Botanical Gardens and it was designed by Henry Richard Casselli. Casselli, it could be said, was the celebrity architect of the day in early Ballarat and worked on many of the important civic buildings, including the interior of the Town Hall.



The Friends of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens advocated for the Cottage when it became obvious it was up for sale some four years ago. After many ups and downs the new owners gifted the cottage to the Friends, the Council worked with us to secure its relocation, and with a kind donation from a secret donor all the stars aligned and finally the Cottage was loaded on to a huge truck and began its way back home to the Gardens from a few streets away. That was March 2017



Now in May 2018 City of Ballarat Council have so far sited, surveyed, relocated a mains gas line, dug deep foundations and created a floating concrete slab, reroofed and rebuilt two magnificent chimneys! The Cottage is coming back to life and it's a joy to see! We are now working with a heritage architect and the Council to plan for the next stage of full restoration.

The Gatekeeper's Cottage will be used to support and house Ballarat Botanikids, FBBG's educational programs and interpretation displays and resources for visitors to the Gardens.

The Friends have sparked interest from Rotary groups, various local community groups as well as State heritage funding and let's hope more stars line up to fund our next endeavours.



It is hoped the Cottage will also develop into a beacon of sustainable practices, helping support and educate community groups, schools, families about plants and gardening.

I often think The Gatekeeper's Cottage mirrors a story I loved as a little Golden Book. The Little House recounts the story of a cottage which, after many owners' families have lived there, is finally fully restored and it settles back happily into the countryside, with a smile on its face, where it began! And so the story continues!

Julie Bradby

A Garden for the Future

Friends of the Bendigo Botanic Gardens White Hills Bendigo, Victoria

An exciting new extension to the Bendigo Botanic Gardens was officially opened by Mayor Cr Margaret O'Rourke on 22 April 2018 at a free community event featuring local bands, food trucks, displays, tours and kids' activities. It was a beautiful autumn day and attracted large numbers of visitors. This two-hectare garden at White Hills represents the first phase of a contemporary extension to the Gardens outlined in the 2009 master plan and comes after extensive lobbying by the Friends group that formed in 2000.

The Council first acquired the land for the enlargement of the Gardens in 1991 and several proposals have been prepared and shelved since that time. A garden design for phase one by Taylor, Cullity and Lethlean, uniting the best elements of previous designs, was finally approved by Council in 2015. Funding was sourced, drainage and water supply issues were resolved and construction commenced in 2017. It involved laying over 4,700 square metres of turf lawn and planting more than 30,000 trees and shrubs. Sculptural features, more seats and barbecues are still to be funded.



Garden for the Future when it was only partly planted.

The 4.6 million 'Garden for the Future' is adjacent to the existing heritage gardens and in the future will be connected by a visitors' central hub. It is the biggest change to occur at the Bendigo Botanic Gardens since it was established in 1857 and will provide an exceptional backdrop for outdoor events, informal recreation activities, educational programs, and horticultural research.

It features an outreach shelter that can be used as an outdoor classroom to learn about horticulture and sustainability and provide a stage for various events. The Garden also has 40 small picnic lawns and a large 'fun and fantasy' lawn that doubles as an

event space. A grassed amphitheatre can be used for outdoor performances while a number of semi-intimate gathering spaces are suitable for smaller functions. The promenade lends itself to stalls etc.

Plant selection focuses on dry land and drought tolerant species. There is a large central elliptical garden (the Fun and Fantasy Garden) featuring plants from around the world combined in visually imaginative ways. The gardens on the eastern side will showcase plants introduced from abroad (making connections around the world) and the gardens on the west side adjacent to the Creek will feature Australian native species (making connections around Australia). Several varieties of commercially available exotic and native turf suited to Bendigo's climate have also been planted to give local gardeners possible options.

We congratulate the City of Greater Bendigo Council for their vision in supporting the establishment of this great asset for the residents of the Greater Bendigo Region. The project was funded by a \$3.56 million contribution from the City of Greater Bendigo, \$1M from the State Government, \$20,000 from the Friends of Bendigo Botanic Gardens and \$20,000 from the Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise.

Judy Milner, Secretary

Happy 40th birthday, Adelaide Friends

*Friends of Botanic Gardens of Adelaide
Adelaide, South Australia*



The Governor of South Australia, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le, and his wife, Mrs Lan Le, cutting the cake, watched by the author.

The Garden Guides, a Friends sub-group conduct guided walks every day in the Adelaide Gardens and once a week in Mount Lofty and Wittunga Botanic Gardens. The Friends also have a Botanical Art Group, Growing Group, Craft Group, Community Event Group, Tour Planning Group and a few Friends are also involved in the Gardens School Holiday Program. The Hands on Hort Volunteers are the only group who are working in the Gardens; they are looking after designated collections in Mount Lofty and Wittunga Botanic Gardens.

On 5 November 1977 at the opening ceremony of Mt Lofty Botanic Gardens, Dr Colin Robjohns distributed brochures and invited the people to attend a meeting on the following Tuesday night, 8 November 1977 at 8pm, to discuss establishing a friends group for the Adelaide Botanic Gardens. The response was overwhelming with 120 people attending. From that meeting was born the Friends of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide Inc. I wonder if any of those people who attended back then had any idea what impact their decision would have on our beloved Gardens.

As a non-profit body that fosters interest in the activities of the Gardens and raise funds to support them, the group has 900 members and 190 volunteers that are very much involved in the day to day running of the Botanic Gardens.

We man the Visitor Information Centre, keeping it open with two volunteers a day all year round. We are also volunteers in the Museum of Economic Botany, the North Lodge Cottage, Herbarium and the South Australian Seed Conservation Centre every day of the year.

Bodo Jensen, Immediate Past President

Come to Brisbane for 2020 conference!

Friends of Brisbane Botanic Gardens and Sherwood Arboretum
Brisbane, Queensland

Banks and Solander: celebrating 250 years of botanical friends

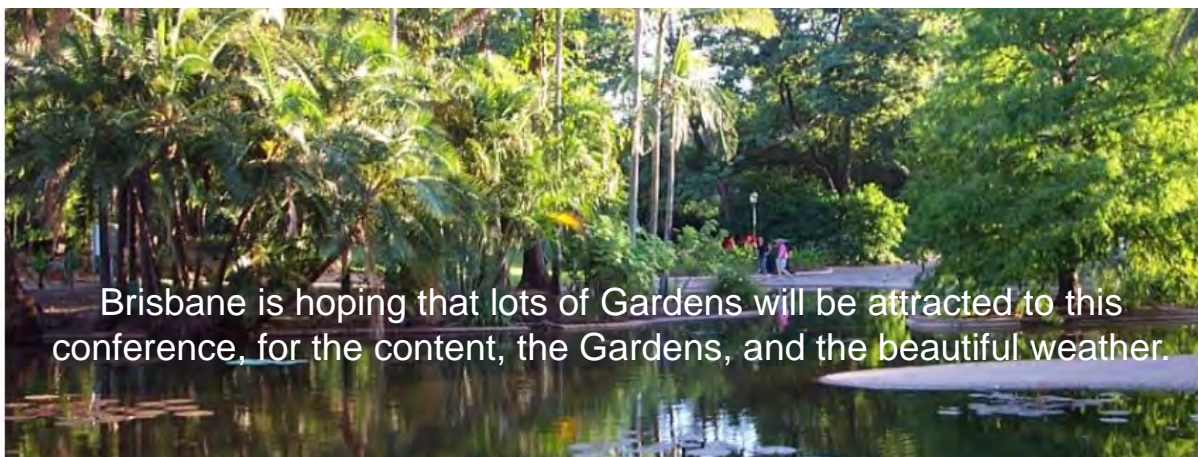


Annette Irish

Friends BBGSA logo: the Brisbane Lily (*Proiphys cunninghamii*)



Kauri avenue, Sherwood Arboretum



Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.

Annette Irish

The concept for the Brisbane conference in 2020 is a celebration of the botanical wonders of 1770s exploration and the influence of the botanical knowledge and the use of Australian and South Pacific tropical and sub-tropical flora. Banks's legacy of botanical research and what we could claim as the first botanic garden's Friend.

On the first day, Friday 22 May, there will be an early afternoon tour of the City Botanic Gardens with landscape historian Dr Jeannie Sim. That night the conference will be officially opened in the city at the Botanical Art Society of Queensland exhibition on 'Banks and Solander'. The conference will be based in all three of Brisbane's botanic gardens. The **City Botanic Garden**, on the banks of the Brisbane River, was established in 1855 and boasts 2,500 trees from tropical and sub-tropical regions around the world. There are key collections of historic and significant trees: fig trees, palms, conifers, and more.

Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha was established in 1970. Two thirds of its 54 ha site is devoted to Australian native species; the rest includes American and African collections and various themed areas. The Gardens contain the Planetarium, Queensland Herbarium, Library, Visitor Centre and Botanical Café. The conference will be based at Mt Coot-Tha Saturday and Sunday. Various speakers will be talking about impacts of Bank's & Solander's discoveries and botanic gardens of the tropical and sub-tropical regions.

Sherwood Arboretum was opened in 1925, its 15 ha containing 1,200 specimen trees. There are just 27 exotic species, three within the Arboretum, the rest planted by residents around the perimeter. It contains the most significant Kauri (*Agathis robusta*) avenue in Australia. On Sunday we move between the Arboretum and Mt Coot-tha, with speakers covering collaboration and building 'Friends' networks between Gardens in AustralAsia.

There is also planning for pre- and post-conference tours, to the north taking in Noosa, Maleny and Maroochy BG, and to the southern region of Gold Coast BG, Mt Tamborine BG and Currumbin Bird Sanctuary.

Instagram – another network

*Camperdown Botanic Gardens and Arboretum Trust
Camperdown, Victoria*



An entry from Camperdown's Instagram

In the Western Victorian town of Camperdown, we are using Instagram to boost interest in our local heritage-listed Botanic Garden and Arboretum. After six months we have over 650 followers. We're making new friends and connecting with a new network to showcase and share this special place.

For the past five years we've been working hard to ensure the Camperdown Botanic Gardens and Arboretum are conserved and

cared for. We've been focusing on the positives: making improvements through volunteer gardening, raising the profile, and encouraging local pride and awareness. We've been spreading the word through a brochure, newsletters, talks and tours, and engagement with networks including BGANZ, the Plant Trust, the Australian Garden History Society and the AAFBG. But we have been slow on the uptake of social media, and only recently discovered Instagram. All it takes is a mobile phone and a bit of simple instruction (usually from a younger person). It's a visual medium, so it's all about the photos. On most days we post one or up to three photos. It might be a special plant or tree, a bed that's looking good or a vista across the lawn.

Instagram is all about posting images that convey the message you want to send, and sharing things you find interesting with others. The 'followers' you attract will be people who are interested in the images you post and the messages they deliver. We post photos from other places, events and other botanic gardens we visit too, to show that we are part of a broader network.

Instagram allows two-way communication. You engage with the images posted by others, and others engage with yours. Some simply 'like' a photo or send a thumbs up symbol or a smiley face. Sometimes there are comments and longer conversations. It's easy to sift through the 'likes' and 'unfollow' or 'block' those that don't match your communication aims.

We've made lots of online 'friends', but we've also met many in person. Some have been inspired to come and visit; others have introduced themselves at events. We've received plant donations, met people to add to our speaker program, joined up people with an interest in training opportunities, engaged in plant ID conversations, kept in touch with others as they travel and discover new information to share – in fact all the normal things that happen when like-minded people communicate.

The reach of Instagram can be local, national or even international. Yesterday I found out about an unusual tree growing just two streets away from my place, and this morning I saw some pictures of Australian Kurajong trees, which I learned are among the most widely planted trees in Barcelona.

Instagram is just another way to link up with people who share your interests and another medium for sending your messages and reaching a broader audience. It's easy and fun and I look forward to 'liking' some images from your botanic garden.

Janet O'Hehir, President

A place to pause

*Hunter Region Botanic Gardens
Heatherbrae, New South Wales*



These Gardens are uniquely situated in a natural bushland setting on a major arterial road. As the only botanic garden in the Hunter, they have regional significance and provide a perfect opportunity for travellers to take a break and enjoy a coffee, a light meal or a stroll around the many peaceful lawn areas and theme gardens.

The theme gardens comprise 33 ha of the 133 ha site with the remaining 100 ha kept in its natural woodland state. The woodland is an alliance of *Angophora costata* (Rusty Gum) and *Eucalyptus pilularis* (Blackbutt) with a *Banksia* and mostly *Monotoca* and heath understory. There are many walking tracks through the Gardens and the main theme gardens are connected by easy walking and wheel chair friendly paved paths. The Gardens are also home to a variety of native animals and birds, including Red-Necked Wallaby, Goannas, Echidnas and an occasional Koala.

The site itself is situated on an ancient barrier dune system that was at one time the East Coast shoreline. The deep sands provide an artesian water supply accessed by Spearpoint with a specialised water treatment facility to ensure sufficient pH adjusted water is always available.

On land leased from the local Hunter Water Corporation, the Gardens are managed and maintained by the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens Ltd, a not for profit company limited by guarantee, and a registered charity. While the Gardens receive grants and support from our generous sponsors and supporters, the main income is from funds raised by entry fees and shop takings.

The company is managed by a board of directors, helped by three part time employees and a band of volunteers. Currently there are around 200 volunteers registered. The Gardens are also a social hub that has enabled many long term unemployed to find a meaningful temporary occupation, until full time work is found, in a friendly and supportive environment.

The Gardens recently celebrated the 30th anniversary of the first opening of the site in 1986 and released a book commemorating these early years. The book is for sale in the gift shop that complements the café, where light meals, coffee and drinks are available.

Not only does the HRBG fulfill its many roles, including those of education, conservation, scientific and horticulture, but it also assists with ex situ conservation of endangered species. For further information please visit our web site, (www.huntergardens.org.au) or face book page.

Contact the Gardens on 0249871655 or admin@huntergardens.org.au

Kevin Stokes, Chairman

Pangarinda means Sunset in *Ngarrindjeri*

Pangarinda Botanic Garden
Wellington East, South Australia



John Barrie



John Barrie

Situated near the Murray River outfall into Lake Alexandrina, Pangarinda Botanic Garden is a hit with plant enthusiasts from across the country. This 30 ha site was first made available after the Tailem Bend Beautification Committee lobbied the Meningie District Council (since amalgamated into the Coorong District Council) for a site to plant native trees and shrubs to enhance the district. With an inaugural committee of 11, a vision and objectives for the site were developed focusing on education, tourism and conservation. A genetic bank of threatened species was established to aid future revegetation projects. The species, drawn mainly from highly modified marginal agricultural land, include our local Murray Mallee.

The original site was weed infested and included severely eroded sand drifts and limestone rises but with amazing undulations that any landscaper could only dream of. With an average annual rainfall of less than 350 mm, the predominantly drift sand has perfect drainage and an almost neutral pH making plant selection very easy, but weed control difficult. Weeds could not be removed totally as this would cause sand drift. Rabbits were also prevalent and fencing was required.

Initial direct seeding was a resounding failure. However with the persistence of the very small, but incredibly enthusiastic group, the area has been transformed into a wonderland of amazing plants. Fortunately, this includes many spectacular Western Australian sand plant species, which add an extra 'Wow' factor to the Garden. A winding pathway wends its way through the Garden, to the highest vantage point where, on a clear day, you can see Lake Alexandrina and back to the entrance.

The plantings are watered only until they are established, then they are left on their own. This sometimes results in losses, but with a minimal water allowance, we simply cannot afford to continue watering vast areas. The Committee, aided by other volunteers, has in 25 years, transformed 20 ha of the site into a spectacular oasis of plants that have thrived within these relatively harsh conditions.

Now an incredible resource, the Garden continues to thrive with around 10 volunteers, mentored by our secretary, who has immense knowledge of Australian plants and gardening. They share her commitment and enthusiasm and spend every Wednesday at the Garden working tirelessly in keeping it maintained.

Many other organisations including the Australian Plant Society, the Olympic Landcare Project, local businesses and individuals from around the country have also aided the project. The Botanic Garden has also received grants from the Natural Heritage Trust, Rotary, and Natural Resources Management, to name a few. Coorong District Council has continued to support the committee with a small amount of funding and by other means. A local Councillor is nominated each year to help support the Garden and act as liaison between the volunteers and management.

John and Julie Barrie

Digital communication and *Tromgin*

Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Melbourne Friends
Melbourne, Victoria



A scarlet poppy for the War Memorial.



Tromgin tractor. Photo by Chris Cole.

An invaluable oral history project has recorded interviews with foundation members of the Friends, recalling how committees were established and functioned for our first ten years from 1982. Transcripts have been produced so interviews are readily available.

Our 2017 online member survey showed that 94 per cent were satisfied. They praised regular communication, interesting events, volunteer opportunities and discounts. Suggestions included more talks and lectures, different events (at weekends and after hours) and opportunities to learn more about plants and gardening. To supplement *Botanic News*, the Friends are now using online and digital media for more timely and contemporary communication: monthly Enews bulletins, Instagram and Facebook. Every newsletter has now been scanned and a digital policy is being developed.

Our successful Growing Friends have just celebrated their 30th anniversary. Initially they propagated cuttings from the Gardens and sold plants to raise money for a shade house. The proceeds from their latest sale amounted to almost \$29,000. Our artist members are working towards The Art of Botanical Illustration 2018 (October 13-28). An informal group activity at the Plant Craft Cottage resulted in a 'harvest' of 90 knitted and crocheted scarlet poppies which were sent to the National War Memorial for Remembrance Day.

Three Friends who have given many years of dedicated service to our organisation - Maurice Castro, Irwin Newman and Richard Smith – have been appointed Honorary Life Members. Also volunteer awards certificates, including three for 25 years of continuous commitment, have been awarded. Meanwhile, we have expressed our great appreciation to Virginia Henderson, who retired in April after 18 years as Administration Manager for the Friends.

Friends Staff Scholarships have been awarded to: Peter Berbee to attend an International Oak Conference in California; Katherine Komimiarski for Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation training; David Robbins for a Bookkeeping Diploma; and Mandy Thomson to attend an Australia Plant Society Conference. A 2017 winner, Phillip Bowyer-Smyth, was awarded a Diploma of Project Management at Holmesglen College. Thanks to this opportunity for upskilling, he was able to facilitate the restoration of Fern Gully Rest House. The Friends Helen McLellan Research Grant recipient, Megan Hirst, will test the Horticultural Potential of Rare and Threatened Australian Plants.

The Friends financed two recent Gardens projects: the refurbishment of the Visitor Centre at Observatory Gate and the restoration of the Fern Gully Rest House, where a smaller shingle roof was revealed underneath the current shingles.

It's common to see lawn mowers working in the Gardens, but now an amphibious harvester has appeared to tackle the annual explosion of *Azella rubra* on the Ornamental Lake. Known by the Woiwurrung name *Tromgin*, the versatile tractor can cut, harvest and collect aquatic weeds, excavate, dredge and de-silt waterbodies. Several staff have trained and are certified to operate the machine.

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New South Wales

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Friends of the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens Inc. www.nt.gov.au/leisure/parks-reserves/george-brown-darwin-botanic-gardens/friends-of-the-darwin-botanic-gardens

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Brisbane Botanic Gardens Volunteer Guides www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

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Friends of Noosa Botanic Gardens Inc. www.noosabotanicgardensfriends.com

Friends of Peacehaven Botanic Park www.friendsofpeacehaven.blogspot.com.au

Friends of Redcliffe Botanic Gardens Inc. <https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/general.aspx?id=120909>

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The Friends of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide Inc. www.friendsbgadelaide.com

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Friends of the Waite Arboretum Inc. www.waite.adelaide.edu.au/waite-historic/arboretum

Pangarinda Botanic Garden www.coorong.sa.gov.au

Tasmania

The Tasmanian Arboretum Inc. www.tasmaniansrboretum.org.au

Friends of the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens Inc. www.gardens.rtbg.gov.au

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Friends of the Australian Inland Botanic Gardens (Mildura) www.aibg.org.au

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Friends of George Pentland Botanic Gardens http://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/Things_To_Do/Parks_and_Reserves/Frankston/George_Pentland_Botanic_Gardens

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Friends of Thurston Gardens Fiji www.fijimuseum.org.fj/historical-thurston-gardens

Calendar of events 2018

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Websites worth visiting

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BGANZ on line Newsletter – *The Botanic Garden*
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<http://bgci.org/resources/news>

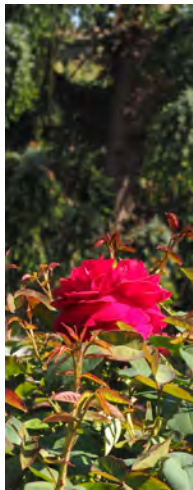
Garden Plant Conservation Association of Australia
www.gpcaa.com

Australian Native Plants Society
<http://asgap.org.au>

Significant Tree Registers – there are a number of State and local registers. Search: Significant Trees

Plants for the Planet:
www.plantsfortheplanet.com

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Watching Philip Moors plant a tree, photos by Tim Gilfillan and people whose names have been lost (apologies). Art at Belvedere Garden by Tim Gilfillan. Rotunda in Benalla Gardens by Lisa Tuck. Roses, Murray Fletcher, mural of cocky in main street of Benalla, afternoon tea at Stephanie Alexander Garden, and Art Gallery through Monash Bridge, all by Howard Rawson.

