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Brisbane Lily planted at October 2015 Launch.
These lovely blooms photographed in November [MJJK]



DELECTABLE PLANT TREASURE:
Waterlily, ponds near Administration Building,
at Mt Coot-tha Botanic Garden (J Sim 7 June 2016).

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to our third issue!

Lilygram lives! ♥♥♥

Our regular newsletter will be sent out by email to all connected members and available to download as a PDF from our website. We'll print out a colour copy for the MCBG BCC library to share around as well. The intention is to publish **quarterly** issues: March, June, September, and December 2016, and beyond.

Suggestions for stories or actual articles are welcome!

— Jeannie Sim

GOVERNANCE

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We have been lucky to have such an energetic and talented bunch of people on the Management Committee with some special people in the background. We have Directors in charge of various areas and Management Committee members as invaluable support.

The entertaining and informative newsletter is edited by Dr Jeannie Sim. Bettina Palmer needs no introduction as event coordinator extraordinaire.

As longstanding BBG Guides, Bettina and Fay O'Sullivan are important links to all things horticultural in the gardens. We welcome our new Auditor Bill East to the Treasury team of John Taylor and Mario Rey Conde. Paul Plant has been having fun as the media and promotions team member. Liz Smith has done wonders organising Tuesday Talks and has more educational ideas.

Arno King and Julie Lumsdale have been moving heaven and earth (pun intended) to get our Growing Friends together. Annette Irish has advised on Governance matters. The meetings also have the savvy of Curator Dale Arvidsson who is always willing to lend a hand at our functions. Even so it would be great to see new faces on the Management Committee (join us at any time) or put your name forward for election at the AGM as a Director on the new Board. We can promise you can be involved in a very diverse program of events for all interests.

We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you at future events and especially at the AGM Tuesday 6th September (see page 12 for more).

— Mary Jo Katter.

New Members!

Each quarter, we'll greet and welcome all the new folks to join our gang!

March:

Cr. Steven Toomey & Paul Harrop.

April: James Tomlin.

May: Maryanne Roberts, Jillian Coomb, Murray McDonald, Barbara Steiner, Vikki Henry, Kim Storie, Angela Gunningham, Mary Peden, Dinah Snowden, Patricia Mitchell, Rosemary O'Kearney, Michael Rabbidge, Lyn Williams & Antoinette Shaeffe.

June: Georgia Cummings, John Daly, Sue Bythe-Smith and Warwick Williams.

New SOURCES!

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This new column will highlight any new blogs or books or magazines that are interesting (or even exciting!).



Postcards from Adelaide BG!

"Out of the Past presents 300 pocket-sized memories of the much-loved Adelaide Botanic Garden. Hand-coloured views of a well-known place – many views have now matured, been altered or have become lost. These beautiful postcards are from the Edwardian Era, a time of leisure, affluence and modernity. This period was also the time of the picture postcard – a new, speedy and efficient mode of communication. The images on the front of these postcards tell one story while the handwritten messages on the back provide a glimpse into everyday life from 100 years ago. During the course of 1901-1914 a postcard craze saw billions of postcards sent through the post offices of the globe."

<http://www.booktopia.com.au/out-of-the-past-tony-kanellos/prod9781921876011.html>

Kanellos, Tony (editor) 2015.

Out of the Past: views of the Adelaide Botanic Garden

– a series of Edwardian Era postcards. Adelaide: Wakefield Press.

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Bump the Funny Bone !!

Phallaceae
(stinkhorn fungi)!

The smell is a cross between sewerage and rotting meat!

And some are 'surprisingly' shaped !



You have been warned!

Seriously, dogs and cats may ingest these toxic nasties!

https://www.health.qld.gov.au/poisonsinformationcentre/plants_fungi/stinkhornfungi.asp

INSTAGRAM news

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This social media outlet has been established and is thriving: **329** followers and growing! Here's our tag: **@brisbanebotanicgardensfriends**



Jean's favourite image so far! The 1878 first bandstand in the Rainforest Garden, OBBG. I'm itching to clean those leaves off the roof!

WEBSITE news

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www.fbbgsa.org.au



Please drop in regularly to see what's new! Our important membership application function is well and truly functional! We use **PayPal** to safely gather funds and information. **Did you know anyone can use PayPal as a guest?** So don't worry about being obligated to join them. Future pages are planned for our website and if you have any ideas or requests please let us know at the usual address:

info@fbbgsa.org.au

FACEBOOK news

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BIG NEWS! We had a meltdown access problem with the old site, so Paul Plant has set up anew for us.

<https://www.facebook.com/brisbanebotanicgardens/>



And Friends of Sherwood Arboretum have established their own Facebook page! Congratulations FOSA!



<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofSherwoodArboretum/>

PURPOSES

FBBGSA's three media outlets have these common intentions:

- (1) to promote our three botanical treasures by frequent postings of photographs with commentary
- (2) to connect with like-minded organisations and individuals and celebrate all things botanical.
- (3) to spread the word about upcoming events and activities!

Contributors

Currently, Paul Plant, Mary Jo Katter and Jeannie Sim are doing most of the posting! More contributions are avidly sought! Please send in any "jpgs" to the info@fbbgsa.org.au address!

SUGGESTED TOPICS

- 🌿 newsy stories
- 🌿 what's flowering / fruiting
- 🌿 botanical oddities / absurdities
- 🌿 wildlife (non-human sorts)!
- 🌿 heart-stopping works of nature
- 🌿 jaw-dropping scenery! And so on.

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POSTCARDS

Voices from the past

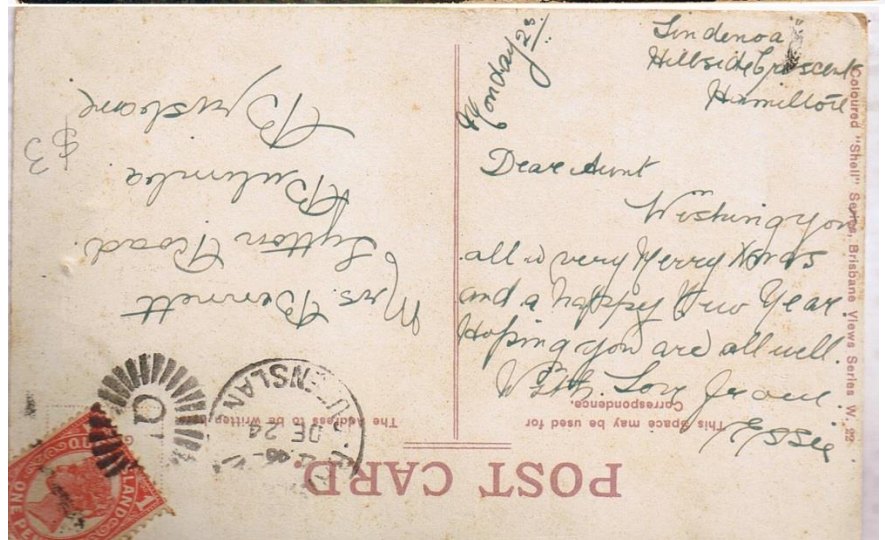
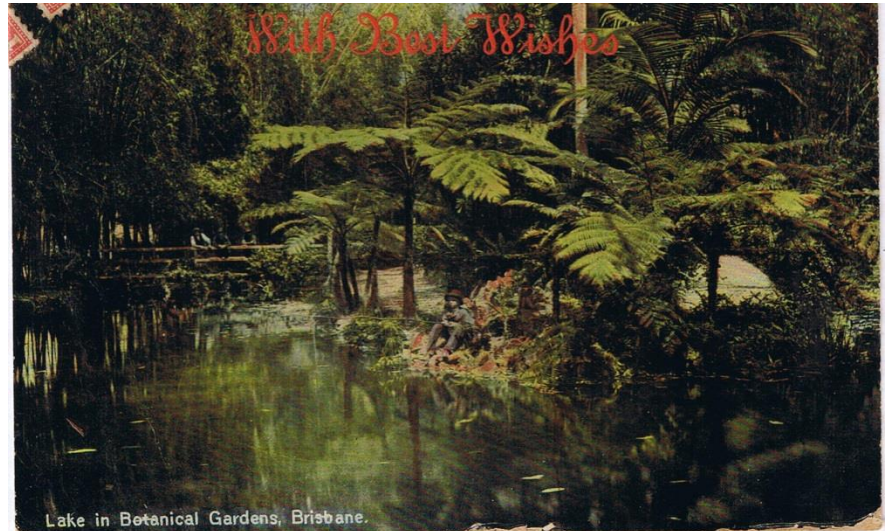
Postcard (1)

Fern Island was located within the old lagoon dug out in 1828 under Charles Fraser's direction. The island was created later in the late 1850s by the first Director Walter Hill. This postcard shows the well-established giant bamboos that surrounded the lagoon and the mixture of treeferns, ground ferns, Pandanus, palms, and other plants that covered the fantasy wild island. And you can just see the boy posed fishing and another lad leaning on one of the two bridges that linked the island bank to shore. The bamboo leaf litter must have been a nightmare to keep out of the waters!

I wonder is there some significance to the diagonal placement of that penny stamp?

Postcard (2)

Philip MacMahon preferred the term 'Fern House' for the bush-house he created in Old Brisbane Botanic Gardens in the 1890s. And I always fantasise that the P.M.M. signature is actually his! Notice the fancy fascia board on the gable end! He used twigs and branches to roof his fernery



Postcard (1) Fern Island. *Paul Hayes Postcard Collection.*



Coloured view inside MacMahon's Fern House is about A4 size and not a postcard. *JSim Collection*



Postcard (2) posted 1904. *JSim Postcard Collection.*

Do you have any postcards of OBBG or MCBG? Did they ever make one for Sherwood Arboretum (aka. Sherwood Forest Park)? We'd love to share the knowledge (and stories)!

Flowering in Gardens Winter 2016

By Arno King

It seems that the public most enjoy the colour and perfumes of flowering plants when visiting our botanic gardens, and while winter may be a quiet time in the southern parts of Australia, it is 'business as usual' in subtropical Brisbane, where a wide diversity of plants are in full flower. Many popular plants flower year round and are seldom without a flower or two. However it is the seasonal flowers that always attract most attention and become iconic in people's minds.

Winter's Joy, Strawberry Snowball Tree (*Dombeya cacuminium*)



AKing

PPlant

A tree in the African section of Mt Coot-tha BG (not far from the main gate) draws a great deal of attention each winter when it is covered in clusters of red flowers. Many species are grown in Australia but generally are shrubby and white flowers. Winter's Joy is an upright, medium sized tree, relatively fast growing in youth. The red flowers make quite a show and beloved by our native, nectar feeding birds which flock to the tree. A native of Madagascar, it tends to prefer well drained soils and protection from strong winds provided by sheltering trees (planted a minimum of some 10 metres away to avoid competition). Generally the tree is propagated by cuttings, which have a low strike-rate, hence it is not commonly available commercially.

[Editor's Note: *Dombeya* was featured on ABC's *Gardening Australia*, Saturday 17 June 2016!]

Match stick Cactus (*Aechmea gamosepala*)



Bromeliads have become very popular in recent years, as there are few other groups of plants which are as hardy or have such low maintenance needs and look fresh and lush all year round. The Match Stick bromeliad has been a popular garden plant since the 1960s when few people were familiar with the family. I love the flower colour combination of pink bracts and blue flowers. Although the individual flowers and flower spikes are small, on mass the plants are striking and very showy in the garden for many months. This is a plant that will grow in difficult spots, including under gum trees. Best growth is achieved in bright semi-shade.

Queensland Waratah (*Alloxylon flammeum*)



Possibly our most spectacular native tree provides a magnificent display of nectar-rich, flaming red flowers over winter. This is a beautiful tree which can infuriate gardeners, as it can either thrive or grow poorly. The secret seems to be soil and location. It likes organically enriched, well-drained soils which do not get too dry. It is often seen thriving on sloping ground, with deep topsoil and shelter from adjacent trees. Native to the Atherton Tableland where most of its habitat has been cleared for agriculture, this species is listed as vulnerable with risk of extinction in the wild.

Pink Trumpet Tree (*Handroanthus impetiginosa* syn. *Tabebuia palmeri*, *Tecoma ipe*)



Once rare, the Pink Trumpet Tree has become very popular in recent years and can be seen in our streets and gardens throughout the city. It makes a spectacular show this time of year when the leaves drop and tree and ground beneath are covered in pink flowers. This very hardy species has proved itself to be a reliable low maintenance tree with few issues. It is one of many *Tabebuia* species found at the Mt Coot-tha and the City botanic gardens and various species have varied flowering periods over winter and spring as well as variably coloured flowers from white, pink, mauve, yellow and orange.

Flame Vine, Golden Shower, Orange Trumpet Creeper (*Pyrostegia venusta*)



This Brazilian climber makes quite a show over winter each year, when it can be seen draped along the fence adjacent to the car park not far from the Planetarium at Mt Coot-tha, as well as in streets and gardens throughout the region. The flowers are a brilliant orange with golden tips and are packed on draping racemes. This climber looks great draped over pergolas or fences and is best viewed from the side.

History EXPOSÉ

RIP Walter Hill

By Jeannie Sim

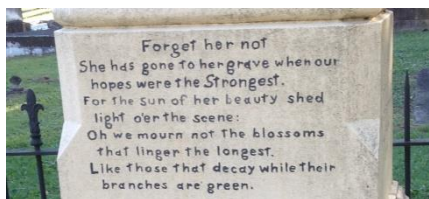
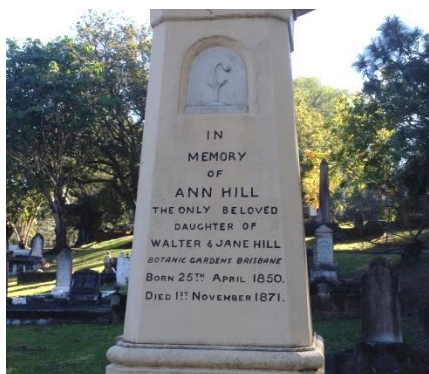
Dr Jean Sim is a garden historian and heritage consultant (historic landscapes) when she is not Senior Lecturer in Landscape Architecture at QUT.

We have a great opportunity to get involved and help out our sister group, the Volunteer Guides! fBBGSA has been asked by their President Murray McDonald to investigate the grave of Walter Hill (the first Director/Curator of the Old Brisbane Botanic Gardens in the city) and consider taking over the management of the site. I supported the idea and the fBBGSA Management Committee agreed.

In early June, I inspected the site and reviewed the perceived problem of keeping out the weeds. I knew covering the ground with a concrete slab was not appropriate because this is too intrusive and not authentic to the original design. Also slabs and paving tend to crack as graves move.

The best conservation solution is to do the least possible to change the fabric and never do any harm! Some of the 'recent' signage is a worry as is painting masonry. While I ponder the long term actions, the short term solution that is reversible and harmless is to clear out the 'bare' ground and top with a scant layer of mulch, specifically hoop pine needles and male cones. The acidity is probably part of the reason these make such an effective weed barrier. The nearby hoop pine is partly doing this job already. We can help it along.

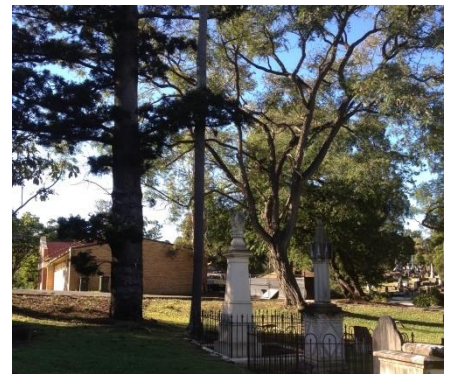
All graves tell stories but this one is very sad as it begins with marking the death of Ann Hill, Walter and Jane's daughter who died at only 21 years of age. Ann would have arrived at the Brisbane Botanic Gardens in 1855 as a little girl and lived with her parents in the Curator's Cottage and witnessed the first 16 years of growth in the Gardens. Her grave was only the second one in Toowong Cemetery after Governor Blackall. It is well worth a visit to this historic cemetery for the heart-rending stories and the intriguing landscape.



The 1972(?) plaque placement over original writing is a worry, as is painting stone or concrete. Probably says Petrie as that family had a stone masonry business.



This little marble carving of a snowdrop flower is most affecting and sweet. What else does it mean I wonder? Was this Ann's favourite flower? Was this Walter comparing the short life of this flower with Ann's?



The Hill Family grave is located near Frederick Street corner entrance and the utility building/toilet block. It is shaded by a hoop pine, a Queen palm and a jacaranda.



Weeds find root in mostly bare ground in Hill's grave. Across the roadway is the Petrie family grave where hoop pine cones and needles are used as a mulch. This is a good precedent for the same mulch at Hill's grave.



The best example of using hoop pine mulch is under the old hoop pine in OBBG near QUT boundary and B Block. It makes a lovely and dense ground cover and a most effective weed barrier. And it looks very fine!

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Bump Funny Bone 2

DEBATE 2009 "Gardening is a Dangerous Addiction!"

Paul Plant reminded me of that fun night that the AIH organised with the late great Col Campbell and others including me (as the academic)! I found my notes! Later we had a test!

Let us refer to the Thesaurus...

Addiction (noun): *habit, compulsion, dependence, need, obsession, craving and infatuation*. Doesn't that all sound familiar? Let's linger on each...

HABIT

- Dead-heading flowers as you walk past to the garage – la-de-da...snip!
- Poking a finger into the potted plant mix to see if it's wet or dry while discussing things with your spouse
- Casual stroking: you know what I mean – touching the textual plants!

COMPULSION

- Getting your hands dirty and bugger the nail-polish!
- Moving the bromeliads with no gloves or long shirt sleeves: who cares about cuts and abrasions; I MUST move that bromeliad now!
- Watering your favourites: you can't lose those special ones! Weight lifting 9litre watering cans for an hour or two every second day during a drought – I got SO fit around 2006-2007! I also had the wettest skirts!
- Compulsive COLLECTING: just got to get another one! Just one more bromeliad, dear? And maybe another palm darling? Oh, look at that gorgeous Cordyline! Negative bank balance? We can feed the cats and the kids next month!

NEED

- Lingering over that cup of coffee (another need!) while sauntering around the herbaceous border or rainforest patch – just taking it all in – that wonderful naturalness that is life! Contented sigh, ahhhh!
- Home grown fruit and veg: it is the best and you KNOW it! I grew and ate my first red dragon fruit in 2009! That's a seriously sexy fruit on the inside and scary outside!
- Gives you a reason to get up in the morning – the thought of enjoying another day in the garden or finding

a certain bulb is flowering at last!
LIFE IS GOOD!

OBSESSION

- Worrying about the garden while you are on vacation; is that neighbour looking after the bush-house plants? Was that a hail storm forecast? Me worry? Yikes!
- And these are my collection of cacti... no those are succulents... completely different. NOW DON'T TOUCH THAT! You'll hurt it! Or for you maybe it is dahlias or African violets or Aussie natives or ... alpine (in this climate?)
- Bookshelves groaning with green books – garden books – design books, and magazines! BEST MAGS? *subTropical Gardening* and *Gardening Australia*! (Fist pump!)
- And there are those who actually dote on their grassy meadows (aka lawns)... you know who you are and how important they are! Strange beasts, I'm not sure, but it could be a man-thing – shorter, smoother, greener – it's all a measurement thing, isn't it guys?! Enough said!

CRAVING

- Smelling that "just rained smell" – it's actually mould spores from dry earth – but GOD it smells SOOOO good! [SNIFF, SNORT, breathe!!] Help doctor!
- The Bunnings checkout chicks are noticing! Have you been confronted by the blond fliberty-gibbert dishing out "Gee, are you here AGAIN?!!" [silly bits* I'm a valued customer! Do not question my trade-craving!]
- Are you one of these? So what if I go to Bunnings EVERY Saturday – I have punnets to buy and I need more potting mix and blood and bone and stakes for the tomatoes and there are these great sand-blasted pots... there is always SOMETHING NEW and delectable!
- And then there are the other plant nurseries within a 30 minutes radius of home and those special places that are a little further away... they are monthly or quarterly treats rather than weekly ones... you know how it is... Oh! When is the next Palm and Cycad show at Mt Coot-tha then?

INFATUATION

- Lurking around and ogling other folk's gardens while "exercising the dog": seeking another hit and other idea, comparing yours to theirs... gardens are so adorable!

- You know that flower that smells SOOOO good – suck it in! Whoya!
- Stroking basil to get the aroma to rise – yes you know you do it – confess! Ahhhhhh!

Now it's time to test your tendencies.

ARE YOU ADDICTED?!

Compiled by Jean Sim, Paul Plant and Russell Dart (2009 & 2013)

Minor addiction = 1 or 3 'phytes'
Medium addiction = 4 to 8 'phytes'
Serious addiction = 9 to 12 'phytes'
Probably no hope! = all 13 'phytes'

Are you one or more of these?

CLUTTER-PHYTE : one who collects plants; either of one sort only or one of every sort!

NIPA-PHYTE : one who loves pruning
PROPAGATA-PHYTE : one who mucks about with plants and breeds new sorts or more of the old sorts!

SPYO-PHYTE : one who constantly visits other folks' gardens!

PHYTO-FISTA : one who has to have the latest fashion plant, hot out of the glasshouse!

PHYTO-NOVA : one who constantly makes-over their garden (remake-a-holics)!

GNOMO-PHYTE : one who collects sculptures of gnomes, fairies, peeing boys, naked ladies, etc.

TEXTO-PHYTE : one who collects/reads books and magazines about gardening!

MULCHO-PHYTE : one who obsessively applies mulch so that you never see raw dirt and you maintain voluptuous layers of mulch

WEEDO-PHOBE : one who can't go out in the garden, even to put the bins out or check the mail, without scanning for an invading weed!

COMPOST-GOURMAND : one who cuts extra-large ends off vegetables, peels vegetables twice and relegates perfectly good vegetables to the compost bin, all in the name of decomposition!

NANNA-ISTA : one who obsessively hunts down those great old plants that Nanna had in her garden or that you grew up with... even if it means talking your dog for a midnight walk so you can pinch the odd cutting from over the neighbour's fence! [Gasp! Shocking!]

WILTA-PHOBE : one who is terrified of their garden not getting enough water and wilting, so they water religiously and they don't stop when it starts to spit rain (stopping only when it is torrential)!!!

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I Sherwood arboretum

Brisbane's living treasure

FoSA News

Friends of Sherwood Arboretum

FoSa celebrated the BGANZ inspired **Botanic Gardens Open Day** (28 May 2016) with Dale Arvidsson leading a tour of the Arboretum's tree collection.



The Volunteer Guides of Brisbane's Botanic Gardens and the Curator, Dale Arvidsson will introduce you to Sherwood Arboretum's wonderful tree collection, starting from the Johnson Street entry. After this 90-minute guided walk, enjoy morning tea by the river with our sister friends, the Friends of Sherwood Arboretum Association. **Please RSVP** info@sherwoodarboretum.com.au or call (07) 3278 6525 by Wednesday 25 May or as soon as possible. The \$5.00 cost per adult for morning tea supports their voluntary work. Join us in celebrating the 2016 Inaugural Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand Open Day!



Photo: Larkspur specimen tree at Sherwood Arboretum.

"More than 80 people braved the wind for Saturday's guided tree walk. A great turnout and great to have so many stay on for a cuppa and a chat afterwards," reported the FoSA Facebook page.



The Guides: Dick, Marion, Dale, David and Ann.

Also revealed on Facebook was the replanting of the famous Agathis avenue. This important feature of the Arboretum has had a history of problems due to changes in soils and drainage across the landscape. At the Joseph Street end, the old trees are flourishing and huge! Downhill, the trees have suffered again and again with inundations. The solution has been to create raised mounds covered in turf and to plant new robust trees. Views courtesy of FoSA Facebook.



The mounding starts.



The turfing covers the soil mounds.



The proof of the pudding! Heavy rain on 22 June 2016 inundated the lower sections of the Arboretum but the new mounds and their precious trees were safe!

The **Queensland Forestry Grove** is another new development at Sherwood Arboretum. Planting day was 15 May with Dale Arvidsson supervising. Ten of the State's top forestry trees were selected. Assisting FoSA was the Institute of Foresters of Australia.



Neil Hudson (FoSA) and Bob Thistlethwaite (IFA)

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofSherwoodArboretum/>

Email: ilovesherwoodarboretum@gmail.com

By the way, did you know there are several local groups who frequent Sherwood Arboretum?

If you feel athletic, there is the **Sherwood Forest Runners**! They are wedded to the old Sherwood Forest name. For runners young and old!



<https://www.facebook.com/sherwoodforestrunners/posts/358917337631035>

On Saturday 25 June they were running again at Sherwood.



Institute of Foresters of Australia (IFA) Queensland Division has been associated with Sherwood Arboretum for some time. They shared their 80th birthday in March 2015 with Sherwood Arboretum's 90th.

QUEENSLAND DIVISION International Day of Forests / IFA 80th-year celebration, Sherwood Arboretum, Qld, 21 March 2015

Stephen Walker

On 21st March some 30 Queensland Institute of Foresters (IFA) members met with family and friends at the Sherwood Arboretum in Brisbane to celebrate International Day of Forests. The event also included celebration of the Sherwood Arboretum's 90th Birthday, the IFA's 80th year and the opening of IFA's new membership to Enna Riker.

The Sherwood Arboretum, at Johnson St, Sherwood is significant as far as arboreta are concerned in that it focuses on native Queensland species, with over 1000 specimens planted. The most notable planting is the Sir Matthew Nathan Avenue of 72 Kauri pines, some of which were planted by notable foresters Cliff Swain and V. Greening. In the 1920s, the then Forest Service played an important role in the planning and planting of the Arboretum, with both Swain and Greening local residents at the time. As part of the Sherwood Arboretum's formal program of the day a memorial grove of 15 trees was planted. The IFA, represented by Queensland Chair Stephen Walker, planted a narrow-leaved bottle tree (Brachylaena repens) within the memorial grove, prior to Lord Mayor Cr Graham Quirk planting a replacement Kauri pine in the Sir Matthew Nathan Ave.



(left to right) Glenn Daly, Garth Nikles, Bob Thistlethwaite, David Wood, Stephen Walker (Chair of the Queensland Division), Michael Hogg, Keith Jennings, Carol Hunt, Kerrie Catchpole, David Daley (Brisbane Island Kennel), Ronald Haines, Eric Ready, Les Sayce (Deputy Chair of the Queensland Division) and Gary Bacon.

The day also marked a very special occasion for current day notable forester Enna Riker who travelled down from Gympie to be awarded Fellow Membership of the IFA. His station highlighted a valued career in the field of forest management, conservation, botany and landscape. Enna enjoyed the company of the day with a large family contingent and the camaraderie of fellow foresters. Enna's Fellow certificate was presented to him by Stephen Walker, Chair of the Queensland Division of the IFA, with IFA Fellow Gary Bacon and Bob Thistlethwaite in support. The presentation was made under the Greening Kauri pine.

Enna Riker joins Peter Kennards Senior, David Daley, Gary Bacon, Bob Thistlethwaite, Keith Jennings, David Cough and David Wood as Fellows of the IFA in Queensland. Saturday's event was very ably organised by Kerrie Catchpole, a local Sherwood resident and former Chair of the Queensland Division of the IFA. Kerrie presented a brief overview of the history of the Sherwood Arboretum based on material provided by IFA member John Huth. Legendary Queensland tree breeder Garth Nikles also provided the group with an informative overview of the significance of the Kauri pine.

The event was very well timed, finishing about half an hour before the heavens opened up and two inches of rain fell on the newly planted trees in the memorial grove!

Extract from page 8 of *The Forester* (15 April 2105) from <http://www.forestry.org.au/>

Worth checking out following article by D. Garth Nikles: "An overview of kauri pines emphasising Queensland species" on pp.9-10.

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Latest on Visitor Kiosk

The proposed Visitor Centre or Kiosk in the City Botanic Gardens is almost ready to be published online by the Brisbane City Council. Apparently there were issues with the lease for the bicycles being fixed and the boundary to QUT being so close. Hopefully a full description will be available for the next issue of *Lilygram*. Meanwhile we can discuss where it is in general terms. Locating this facility on the QUT boundary (near B Block) will all make sense as further foot traffic develops off pedestrian river bridges and so on. This was the preferred location for a visitor center cited in the Conservation Plan of 1994 and the Review in 2006, and was also preferred in the 2015 Masterplan.

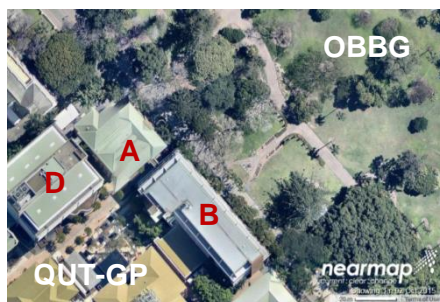


Image from NEARMAP dated Friday 2 October 2015.



Exact location unknown...
but somewhere that does not disturb the bicycles!



Those bicycles and a favourite hoop pine that shows a luscious 'line of beauty' or two using Hogarth's term.
[Photo JSim April 2016.]

PARKS ALIVE! everywhere!



Source: <http://www.brisbanekids.com.au/parks-alive-various-brisbane-parks-august-2015/>

There will be many events scheduled for both Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Roma Street Parklands and Southbank Parklands. Keep a lookout for BCC's media releases for more detailed information.

City Botanic Gardens (Sunday 14th August 2016)

Preliminary list of activities include lots going on for children and guided tours of various sections plus 2 fBBGSA members will be talking.

Special History talks at the Gardens Café, City BG!

Dr Jeannie Sim will present a "History of the City Botanic Gardens" from 10-10:45am and historian Marcus Richardson will present "Trees and the continuity of choices in the Australian Landscape" at 11:15-12noon.

We will send reminders on fBBGSA Facebook & Instagram!

Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mount Coot-tha (Sunday 28th August 2016)

Preliminary list of activities also has lots going on for children plus guided tours of various sections. Simultaneously that weekend, the North Brisbane Orchid Society will hold its exhibition in the Auditorium.



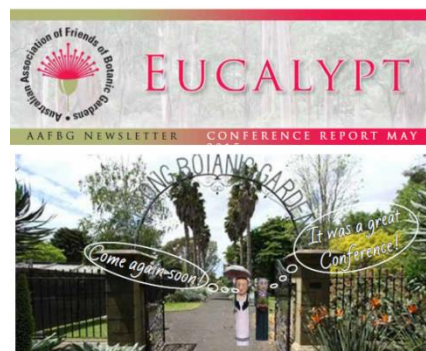
CHECK OUT for more details:

<http://parksalive.com.au/>

Geelong Conference of Australian Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens 21 – 25 April 2016

Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens was the host for this year's biennial conference. Friends groups from all over Australia come together for talks, tours and fellowship. Annette Irish and Liz Smith braved the Victorian autumn and attended this national conference representing our fBBGSA.

Annette has much to relate from the informative lectures but was unable to write it in time for this edition. We can look forward to those comments in our September *Lilygram*!



<http://www.friendsbotanicgardens.org/>

The AAFBG website has other back issues of their newsletter.

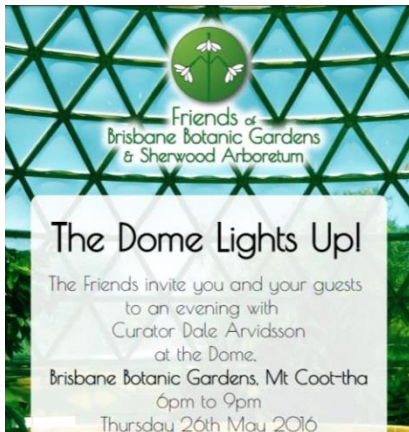
Meanwhile you can explore GBG Geelong Botanic Garden online here:
<http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/gbg/default.aspx>

And their Friends group here:
<http://friendsgbg.org.au/>



News!

Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mount Coot-tha



Dome Lights Up!

Colourful lighting has been playing nightly on the Planetarium at MCBG since earlier in the year. We took the opportunity to celebrate the inaugural **BGANZ National Botanic Gardens Open Day** on Sunday 29 May. The Dome was set green from Thursday to Sunday but we had night tours on the Thursday night for the first time ever!

Curator Dale Arvidsson delivered an exciting talk about the future of the Botanic Gardens and we were well supported by Brisbane City Council, with Cr David McLachlan of Hamilton Ward and Chairman of Environment, Parks and Sustainability, Cr Kate Richards of Pullenvale Ward, fBBGSA member Cr Steve Toomey of The Gap Ward, and Cr Peter Cumming of Wynnum Manly Ward in attendance.

Management Committee member Liz Smith worked hard on the spot lighting features in the garden and Broadcroft Designs supplied her with fabulous Corten sculptures which lined the walkway to the Dome. Over 75 people enjoyed the food, drink and music then toured inside the Dome, led by Dale who pointed out the exotic plants all beautifully groomed for the special night by the BBG staff. The children loved the misty atmosphere in the Dome itself and fed the Jade Perch in the pool as a special treat. We also raised money for future good works and made over a dozen new members!

Jeannie's conclusions: we need more ART and more LIGHTING in the BG!



Kim Woods Rabbidge



Broadcroft Design's steel planter sculptures! (JSim)



CHECK OUT: <http://www.broadcroftdesign.com/>

Bazaar Bonanza!



Queensland natives in linocut prints by Frances Blines.

The other event during that May week was the **Botanique Art Bazaar** run by Bettina Palmer in the Richard Randall Art Studio. Bettina has an incredible network of talented artists and worked hard all week to replace goods that were quickly walking out the door. There were paintings, drawings, jewellery, sculpture, ceramics and textiles! Over \$2000 was raised to support fBBGSA while the Orchid Raffle alone raised \$280. If you missed this one, we have another Bazaar planned for October!



Raffle Orchids [from our Instagram site].

VOLUNTEER GUIDES

If you are interested in joining our Volunteer Guides (who service both the City BBG and Mt-Coot-tha), here are the contact details. Email BotanicGardens@brisbane.qld.gov.au or telephone Council on 07 3403 8888

TAKE A GUIDED TOUR!

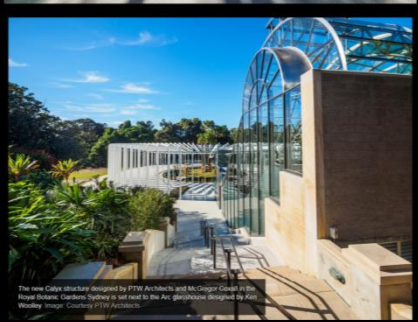
There are two walks every day except Sunday: at 11am and 1pm and each lasts for an hour. They are free and individuals can just turn up at the Rotunda in the city or the Information Kiosk at Mt Coot-tha a bit beforehand. FoBBGSA plans to organise special guided tours for members in the future. Please let us know if these topics or anything else tickles your fancy!

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THE CALYX opens!

Royal Botanic Garden Sydney is 200 years old this year.

The new Calyx building designed by PTW Architects and McGregor Coxall in the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney was recently opened. It will provide an exciting opportunity for horticultural display and sales.



Images Courtesy PTW Architects



Image: Courtesy Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney

Linda Cheng for ArchitectureAU wrote:

"The first exhibition to be held in the new display space is titled *Sweet Addiction* – the botanical story of chocolate. The exhibition takes visitors on a journey into the depths of a tropical rainforest to the chocolatier's room via ancient history and a Lindt mill. The space also includes a verdant green wall, touted as the largest contiguous green wall in the southern hemisphere. It acts as a living display arranged into a piece of artwork made of 18,000 plants. The green wall is currently depicting the Mayan God of Chocolate among other chocolate-related things. The art, like the display space, is interchangeable."

←CHECK OUT MORE:

http://architectureau.com/articles/ptw-mcgregor-coxalls-calyx-opens/?utm_source=ArchitectureAU&utm_campaign=aeb600fbad-AAU_2016_06_17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c3604e2a4a-aeb600fbad-39742886&mc_cid=aeb600fbad&mc_eid=34fc088076



The Exhibition *Sweet Addiction* is open until April 2017 and was curated by Jimmy Turner, director of horticulture management at the RBG Sydney.



CHECK OUT the online video and images:

<https://www.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/Visit/Sweet-Addiction>



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Getting Together!

TUESDAY TALKS Autumn Series

We have held three monthly gatherings so far this year and plan three more! Apart from meeting everyone, it's a great opportunity to hear the latest ideas first hand. And you can enjoy the multi-coloured lights playing on the Planetarium! Out of this World!

APRIL

"Botanic Gardens in History"

Presented by Dr Jeannie Sim.

A great start to the series with yummy food from Mary Jo Katter and good discussion afterwards. There are plans afoot to place the presentation PDF up on the Friends' website for future reference!

MAY

"What Makes a Successful Botanic Garden?"

Presented by Arno King.

We saw some inspiring views of two very popular places: Gardens by the Bay (Singapore) and Hamilton Botanic Gardens (New Zealand). Arno's explorations of successful attractions and interesting questions provoked much heated discussion! Everyone was pleased by that and the nibbles were sumptuous! Thanks Liz Smith for all the hard work there!

JUNE

"Horticulture at the EKKA"

with Robyn McLay chief organiser and Liz Smith co-conspirator!

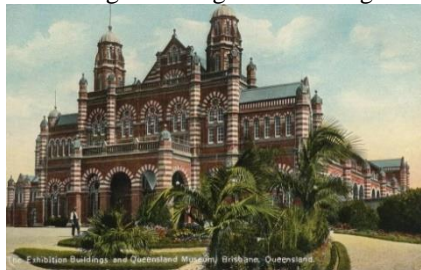


Liz Smith and Robyn McLay.

Very exciting news about all the plans for celebrating horticulture again at this year's Royal National Association Show (the EKKA). See article on next page! More yummy food and much discussion!

EKKA in August

Friday 5 to Sunday 14 August 2016
HORTICULTURE will be on display and celebrated across history this year. The venue is the gorgeous Old Museum or Exhibition Building and its fascinating historic gardens setting.



Postcard JSim Collection.

Special new plantings in the old garden beds are underway now and will be a treat to see. There will be many stands, displays, activities and talks over the 10 days of the Ekka. Some of our members (Liz Smith and Annette Irish) are deeply involved in the organisation led by Robyn McClay. Three key stands are must-see targets for visitors!

(1) fBBGSA member Annette Irish is preparing a stand '**Reconstructing the Past – RNA in the 1890s**' that will try to replicate the display below!



(2) The Queensland Branch of the AGHS (**Australian Garden History Society**) will have a stand with the history of the Museum Gardens illustrated and explained. There will be keynote talks from local conservation heritage consultants Catherin Brouwer (on conserving the Old Museum Gardens) and Dr. Jeannie Sim (Garden History and bush-houses)!



Exhibition Building, bush-house 1897 [JOL#185176]

(3) Our **FBBGSA stand** will celebrate our three botanic treasures and promote our organisation. You may hear from our Management Committee member Julie Lumsdale as she organises helpers for our small but spectacular (if all goes to plan) stand. Julie has some great ideas and will keep you posted on our progress.

Please contact Julie Lumsdale directly jlumdsal24@bigpond.com

Getting Together!

TUESDAY TALKS Spring Series

We continue the series of talks located at the **Auditorium**, of Mount Coot-tha Botanic Gardens. Tea, coffee & eats at 6:30 for 7pm start.

AUGUST 7pm Tuesday 2nd August

"Learning from Los Angeles (The Getty Centre)"



Presented by Mary Jo Katter

Mary Jo as a retired Landscape Architect has a special emphasis on visiting gardens in her travels. The Getty Centre is renowned for its art, architecture and research and its beautiful gardens. Visit on a sunny day and you will be treated to the magic of the play of light and shade around the buildings and in the gardens. Attracting 1.8 million visitors a year it is an iconic example of philanthropic generosity and well managed resources. It is a special haven in a busy city.



SEPTEMBER 7pm Tuesday 6th Sept.

"The Tree Doctor"



Presented by Adam Tom

This talk follows the inaugural AGM. Adam grew upon a farm and acquired a fascination with trees. He has a degree in plant sciences and graduate diploma in horticulture. The Tree Doctor (Qld) Pty Ltd was founded by Adam in 1992 and he has since worked to establish a strong reputation for quality tree care and a loyal clientele. Adam was a founding committee member and is a past President of both the ISA Australia Chapter (now Arboriculture Australia) and the Queensland Arboricultural Association (QAA). When not grafted to his desk or out on the job, Adam can be found spending time with his family, back on the farm, climbing trees or fishing.

Next year! Looking far ahead!

"Walter Hill, first Curator of Brisbane Botanic Gardens"



Presented by Marcus Richardson.

Marcus led the history research for the recent Masterplan for the City Botanic Gardens project. He is retired now, but remains fascinated by the stories and people involved with the Botanic Gardens. We hope this is the first of several talks about Curators!



First Curator's Cottage, Brisbane Botanic Gardens 1870. [JOL #62321] The wretched roof leaked and the humidity and insects ruined Walter Hill's attempts at keeping an Herbarium! So he sent his samples to Hooker at RBG Kew and to von Mueller in Melbourne! Our Queensland Herbarium [BRI] has the reference library Hill asked Hooker to collate.

Please attend!

AGM time!

Annual General Meeting

5:30pm, Tuesday
6th September 2016
at the Auditorium,

Brisbane Botanic Gardens
Mt Coot-tha Road, Toowong.

Important!

Membership Renewals & AGM

The Management Committee has scraped the single renewal in June for a more rational approach. Because we signed up our first members at last year's Horti-Couture night in September and many more were added at the October launch, everyone will still be eligible to vote at our AGM on 6th September 2016.

Membership reminders will be sent out close to each member's renewal date (a year or two years after whenever you joined).

All requisite notices will be sent out to members for the AGM by 6th August 2016 and we have a lecture on the same night as the AGM as an incentive to come along.

— Mary Jo Katter.

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Friends of
Brisbane Botanic Gardens
& Sherwood Arboretum

October Birthday!

Horti-Couture!

Please join the festivities on Thursday 6th October for Bettina Palmer's wonderful Horti-Couture night!



Remembering 2015!

And we shall be celebrating our first birthday as well! We launched on the 14 October 2015! I vote for a big cake! What would you like us to do?

Winter GREETINGS!

Why is making important?
tradition It enriches life and
and legacy can spread a little
joy and happiness
Making empowers people through
creative learning experiences
Instinct Because it underpins every
Identity aspect of our daily lives For
Income sustainable livelihoods and
environmental future It's the
foundation of our culture
It's in our DNA as humans
We may need these technologies in
the future, when the oil runs out
To express creativity and individuality
The ability to earn a living in a
fulfilling occupation
Because the skills are part of our
HERITAGE It's good
for the soul

Best wishes for all
members, families, friends,
and pets! ☺

Website: <http://heritagecrafts.org.uk/>

OUR ACTIVITIES

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At glacial speed we are making headway! Our current targets are six major areas of interest to get moving in 2016. They match up with most of the interests members have nominated in their application forms, but we can always refine and improve!

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TALKS	WALKS
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GROWING	Gardening
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Newsletter	SOCIALS

TALKS

We will host educational lectures and forums to feed our members' curiosity and thirst for knowledge! Five Tuesday Talks a year is the plan.

WALKS

We see lots of opportunities for guided visits to our own sites, special private gardens, allied nearby botanic gardens and special events like the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers.

GROWING / GARDENING

Arno King & Julie Lumsdale are making headway to get this group underway but still no available nursery space at MCBG! However, let's get a register of interest and some leadership nominations! To sign up, please contact info@fbbgsa.org.au!!

NEWSLETTER (4 issues per year)

At the moment, we will publish the newsletter using the email system for distribution of a PDF version. We thought it too wasteful of precious resources to do a print run and post it. Each issue will be archived and downloadable from fBBGSA website.

SOCIALS (3 plus more!)

So far we have identified several fund-raising events that link art and plants in a big way, for example Bettina Palmer's "Horti-Couture" night and her art/craft sales events called **Botanique Bazaars**. That's for starters!

What else would you like us to do?

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2016 CALENDAR for FoBBGSA

Friends of Brisbane Botanic Gardens & Sherwood Arboretum www.fbbgsa.org.au

JANUARY	Qld School Hols to 25 Jan
Friday 1 Jan	New Year's Day
Tuesday 26 Jan	Australia Day
FEBRUARY	
6 – 7 February	International Cordyline Soc. Show @ MCBG
Sunday 13 Feb	Compost and Worm Farming (Ngaire Gilligen) Kitchen in Garden @ MCBG
9.30-11.30am	
12 – 14 Feb	Aspley Orchid Society Show @ MCBG
Tuesday 23 Feb	Compost and Worm Farming (Ngaire Gilligen) Kitchen in Garden @ MCBG
9.30-12.30pm	
Saturday 27 Feb	Begonia Society of Qld Show @ MCBG
Saturday 27 Feb	Sustainable Gardening (Ngaire Gilligen) Kitchen in Garden @ MCBG
9.30-12.30pm	
MARCH	
12 – 13 March	IPSWICH PLANT EXPO
12-13 March	Palm and Cycad Soc. Aust. Show @ MCBG
16 – 20 March	Melbourne Int'l Flower & Garden Show
19 – 20 March	West Brisbane Orchid Soc. Show @ MCBG
Late March	fBBGSA Newsletter issue #2 ☺
25 – 28 March	EASTER
26 – 27 March	Qld Orchid Society Show @ MCBG
25 Mar - 10 April	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS QLD
APRIL	
	TUESDAY TALK #1 "Botanic Gardens in History" (Dr. J Sim)
12 April	
9 – 10 April	Bimer Bonsai Club Show @ MCBG
16 – 17 April	Qld Council of Garden Clubs @ MCBG
Saturday 14 April	Grow it, Cook It, Compost It (Ngaire Gilligen) Kitchen in Garden @ MCBG
12-3pm	
MAY	
3 May	TUESDAY TALK #2 (Arno King)
20 April – 1 May	Bris. Visual Arts Community Show @ MCBG
Sunday 1 May	Compost and Worm Farming (Ngaire Gilligen) Kitchen in Garden @ MCBG
9.30-11.30	
Monday 2 May	LABOUR DAY
7 – 8 May	Qld Rose Society Show @ MCBG
Sunday 8 May	Mothers' Day
Sunday 15 May	Sustainable Gardening (Ngaire Gilligen) Kitchen in Garden @ MCBG
9.30-11.30	
20 – 22 May	Brisbane Plant Collective Fair @ MCBG
last week May	National Botanic Gardens Week
26 May	fBBGSA Light up the Dome!
24 – 28 May	Chelsea Flower and Garden Show UK!
Saturday 29 May	Cooking with Fresh Seasonal Produce (Ngaire Gilligen) Kitchen in Grdn @ MCBG
9.30-11.30	
28 – 29 May	Floral Art Society of Qld @ MCBG
	Botanique Art Bazaar (May)
23 – 29 May	exhibition & sales at Randall Studio MCBG
JUNE	
4 – 5 June	Gunyah Lapidary Club Show @ MCBG
	TUESDAY TALK #3 "Horticulture at EKKA 2016" (Robyn McLay & Liz Smith)
7 June	
10 – 12 June	Cactus & Succulent Soc. Qld Show @ MCBG
Tuesday 21 June	Grow it, Cook It, Compost It (Ngaire Gilligen) Kitchen in Garden @ MCBG
9.30-11.30	
25 – 26 June	North Moreton Orchid Soc. Show @ MCBG
25 June - 24 July	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS QLD
Late-June	fBBGSA Newsletter issue #3
End of financial year	

JULY

5 – 10 July	Hampton Court Garden Show
5 – 10 July	Pastel Society of Australia @ MCBG
8 – 10 July	QLD GARDEN EXPO
16 – 17 July	John Oxley Orchid Society Show @ MCBG
22 – 24 July	Creative Glass Society Show @ MCBG
Sunday 31 July	Planetark National Tree Day
23 - 31 July	SINGAPORE GARDEN EXPO
Sunday 30 July	Compost and Worm Farming (Ngaire Gilligen) Kitchen in Garden @ MCBG
9.30-11.30	
31 July	Qld Camellia Society Show @ MCBG

AUGUST

2 August	TUESDAY TALK Mary Jo Katter
4 – 7 August	Watercolour Society Show @ MCBG
Saturday 13 August	Sustainable Gardening (Ngaire Gilligen) Kitchen in Garden @ MCBG
9.30-11.30	
13 – 14 August	Woodturners Society of Qld Show @ MCBG
Tuesday 16 August	Grow it, Cook It, Compost It (Ngaire Gilligen) Kitchen in Garden @ MCBG
9.30-11.30	
5-14 August	RNA EKKA show Brisbane
Wed 10 Aug	Horticulture at Old Museum
	EKKA public holiday
20 – 21 August	Sogetsu Ikebana Qld Show @ MCBG
Saturday 27 August	Cooking with Fresh Seasonal Produce (Ngaire Gilligen) Kitchen in Grdn @ MCBG
9.30-11.30	
27 – 28 August	North Brisbane Orchid Soc. Show @ MCBG

SEPTEMBER

6 September	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
6 September	TUESDAY TALK Adam Tom
3 – 4 September	Bonsai Society of Qld Show @ MCBG
10 – 11 September	West Brisbane Orchid Soc. Show @ MCBG
16 - 25 Sept	Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers
17 – 18 September	Native Plants Qld (SGAP) Show @ MCBG
24 – 25 September	Geranium & Pelargonium Soc. Show @ MCBG
Late-September	fBBGSA Newsletter issue #4

OCTOBER

30 Sept – 1 October	Qld Rose Society Show @ MCBG
1 – 9 October	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS QLD
Thurs 6 October	"Horti-Couture" night! MCBG AUDITORIUM booked again!
6 – 9 October	BRISBANE International Garden Show
7 – 16 October	Botanique Art Bazaar Randall Studio MCBG
8 – 9 October	Qld Orchid Society Show @ MCBG
Tues 11 October	Arbor Day
15 – 16 October	African Violet Society @ MCBG
Sunday 16 October	Grow it, Cook It, Compost It (Ngaire Gilligen) Kitchen in Garden @ MCBG
9.30-11.30	
22 – 23 October	Orchid Species Society Show @ MCBG
29 – 30 October	North Moreton Orchid Soc. Show @ MCBG

NOVEMBER

5 – 6 November	Qld Wildlife Artists Society Show @ MCBG
12 – 13 November	Bris. Visual Arts Community Show @ MCBG
mid-November	Open Private Garden visit
16 – 21 November	Botanical Artists Society Show @ MCBG
26 – 27 November	Woodturners Society of Qld Show @ MCBG

DECEMBER

Early December	fBBGSA Newsletter issue #5
16 Dec 2016	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS QLD
to 22 Jan 2017	Christmas Day
Friday 25th Dec	Happy Holidays!



Application for Membership

Friends of BBGSA

ABN 20 607 589 873

revised 24 March 2016

TITLE: First NAME SURNAME

Mailing ADDRESS

SUBURB State: Postcode

Email

Telephone/Mobile

Please complete to help planning of Activities and Events:

Your Age: Under 18 18-29 30-44 45-59 60+

What are your particular interests (tick as many as you like):
Plant Propagation Horticulture Rambles/walks Visit other gardens
Garden Design Heritage & History Photography Arts/Crafts
Other/Suggested Activities?....

MEMBERSHIP: I am applying for the following (tick box):

Individual Membership:

\$30 per annum (12 months) \$50 per 2 years LIFETIME – \$1000

PAYMENT OPTIONS: CASH + Give this form directly to fBBGSA representative

Payment by cheque/money order payable to **Friends of BBGSA**

+ Post with this form to postal address below.

Payment directly to the FBBGSA bank account with NAB Kenmore

BSB 084 263 Account Number: 91 416 2233 Include your surname in transaction name.

+ Post this form to postal address below.

Payment through **PayPal online at Website:** <http://www.fbbgsa.org.au>

(this PayPal process includes your contact details and interests record as well).

Membership Officer,

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