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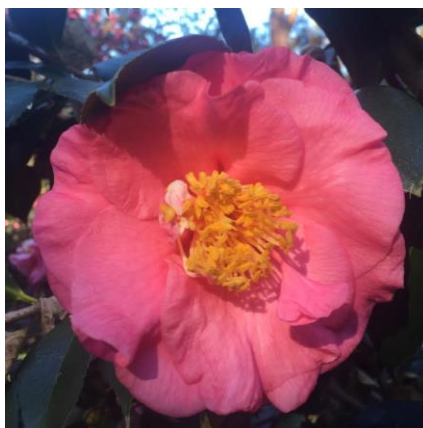
Mary Jo Katter (Chair),
Annette Irish (Vice-Chair),
John Taylor (Treasurer),
Jeannie Sim (Secretary),
Paul Plant (Promotions/Media),
Arno King and Julie Lumsdale
(Growing Friends) and
Dale Arvidsson (ex officio as
Curator of both BBGs)

Membership Counter

26 June 2017: 119*



Brisbane Lily planted at October 2015 Launch.
These lovely blooms photographed in November [MJK]
*Adjusted for current financial members!



DELECTABLE PLANT TREASURE:

Camelia japonica 'Faith', at Mt Coot-tha Botanic
Garden (Mary Jo Katter photographer).

Welcome to our sixth issue!

♥ Lilygram lives! ♥

Suggestions for stories or actual
articles or photographs are very
welcome! Please send them to the
Editor, via info@fbbgsa.org.au

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Refer to the Website for the most
up-to-date Activities and Events!

New Members!

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

February: Fay Stutt

March: Stewart Towler

May: Susan Edwards, John Gate,
Sue Olgilvie, and Leanne Jones

June: Jankees Van Der Have

REMINDER to RENEW!

Please go to the website and follow the
renewal instructions! Thank you.

From the Chair

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So much has been happening over the
past few months that I feel we are
getting into a very enjoyable pattern of
events.

Our **Tuesday Talks** have had
informative topics and great speakers.
The March speaker was Curator Dale
Arvidsson on the living Collections of
the Botanic Gardens. Dale has so much
information at his fingertips that the
audience was spellbound.

The April Tuesday Talk by Sallyanne
Atkinson on William Jolly (one former
Lord Mayor about another) was well
attended with lots of questions from
the audience. Thank you to Sallyanne
who is also a member of FBBGSA.

The May Talk was a report by Marcus
Richardson on the history of the
Botanic Gardens web project and we
can't wait to see all the photos and
information on our website. Much hard
work is being done on this project
behind the scenes by Dr. Jean Sim and
Jim Dobbin and their time and
experience is valued.

We enjoyed a shared event with the
Guides on World Environment Day 5th
June. A morning tea in the Kitchen
Garden followed a fascinating talk on
bees by Trevor Weatherhead. Watch
out for the new beehives in the Kitchen
Garden. Do consider joining the happy
group (co-ordinated by Patty Munro)
who work in the Kitchen garden.

We have a small team raring to go with
the labelling project. They will audit
which plant labels in the Gardens need
replacing and train in the engraving
process, freeing staff up for other
important tasks.

We have been delighted to be part of
the Masterplanning process for the
Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha
and look forward to the final draft.

Most of all we are enjoying bringing
people in closer contact with the
Botanic Garden.

— Mary Jo Katter

PS. do look out for us at the Ekka and
say hello.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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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!



Please share your thoughts and images with us! Contact info@fbbgsa.org.au

INSTAGRAM news

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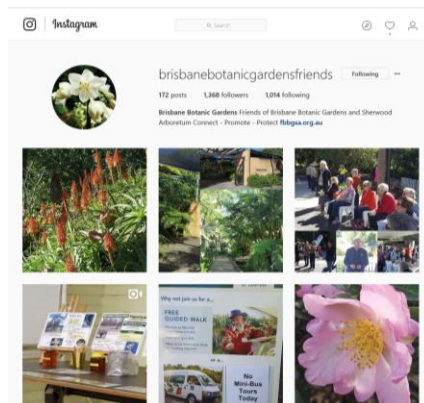
This social media outlet has been established since March 2016 and is thriving with **1,368** followers and still growing! WOW! Here's our tag: **@brisbanebotanicgardensfriends**

Here's how to join INSTAGRAM!

ON YOUR SMART PHONE...

- (1) go to the APPS store and search for INSTAGRAM
- (2) Open once loaded and search for our tag: @brisbanebotanicgardensfriends
- (3) It's been a while since I arrived on Instagram so I can't remember exactly but you probably have to start your own profile. That's OK, you can do the minimum, even make it private and still follow our posts!

You can also follow Instagram on your computer. There are lots of botanic gardens, horticulture, arts, crafts and design postings out there! Have some fun. If a Luddite like me can learn, so can you!



And you can dip into our collection of images anytime!

FACEBOOK news

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Paul Plant is running the page for our **Friends of Brisbane Botanic Gardens and Sherwood Arboretum:**

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

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Friends of Sherwood Arboretum have established a Facebook page! Congratulations FOSA!

Check out their working bees and other activities directly.



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

WEBSITE news

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www.fbbgsa.org.au

Please drop in regularly to see what's new! We have been tidying, adding and rearranging things lately. What do you think? What else would you like?

Contact us: info@fbbgsa.org.au



Friends of Brisbane Botanic Gardens & Sherwood Arboretum

Our important membership application function is easy! 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.

We have such a great archive of "WHAT'S FLOWERING?" that will only get bigger each month/year. Starting in October 2016, November, December, January, February, March, April, May and June are there and waiting for your inspection! Already eight months!



<http://fbbgsa.org.au/flowering-brisbane/>

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TEASER!

COMING SOON:
new interpretation website!

The Triptych team (Jean Sim, Jim Dobbin and Marcus Richardson) are beavering away at preparing a new website to be linked to old faithful www.fbbgsa.org.au. Proposed launch date will coincide with or be just prior to the next AGM in September 2017!



This new site will present detailed information about all three sites (City Botanic Gardens, Brisbane Botanic Gardens at Mt Coot-tha and Sherwood Arboretum). Marcus and Jean have lots of data already about the history of City Botanic Gardens so that will be the most content ready by September.

City
Botanic Gardens

Mt Coot-tha
Botanic Gardens

Sherwood
Arboretum

Marcus' wonderful concept of experiencing history at a glance (the Now and Then images) will be at the heart of the scheme. We also plan for members to send in their favourite images and add those in a BLOG format along with some of the stories we have already captured in the memory book begun by Julie Lumsdale and Bettina Palmer.

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Australian Garden History Society

FBBGSA are pleased to announce this event for August organised by our sister group of AGHS. While they are always welcoming new members, this event is also open to non-members as well. Please consider attending for a really interesting illustrated talk.

DATE CLAIMER !

Wednesday, 9 August 2017

5.30 pm for 6.00 pm

**Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha
Auditorium**

'Landscapes of Capability Brown' by Stuart Read

AGHS wrote: "We are delighted to have the company of Stuart Read, National Management Committee member, to speak on the landscapes of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown.

Stuart's talk includes the highlights of a UK trip last northern autumn when he attended an international conference celebrating 300 years of the global influence of Capability (Lancelot) Brown, perhaps that island's greatest landscape design export.

Stuart examines Brown's key design ingredients and mode of working, some key 'jobs' and recent restorations. He will describe visits to estates and gardens in the south-west: Cornwall, Wiltshire, Somerset and Gloucestershire: some by Brown, others by his competitors and by 'gentlemen amateurs', such as Stourhead and Hestercombe."



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DATE CLAIMER for 2017 fBBGSA AGM



Tuesday 5th September
6pm
Auditorium,
Brisbane Botanic Gardens
Mt Coot-tha

PLANT NEWS!

Variegations are beautiful!

By Jeannie Sim

This column is a call to arms! Let's start to appreciate the diversity among plants and avoid the clichéd adages such as,

Never put two (or more) variegated plants together!

Or the even more biased:
I hate variegated plants!

Bah, Humbug! Taking this so-called good taste rule to heart (and being offended by such lore), I have set about to debunk the idea and explore the possibilities. While this experiment began tentatively years ago, I have since refurbished several parts of my home garden and become obsessed with stretching the limits of using variegations. I plan to revamp the design of a subtropicalian variegation border. I hope it inspires others to explore further!

Gathering research and actual specimens that grow in Brisbane, there are a couple observations that channel the choices.

- (1) Is the location sunny or semi-shaded? Does this site change in Winter?
- (2) What's soil like? Moist or Dry?
- (3) Are the variegations more on the warm cream/pale yellow side or the cool white/grey side?
- (4) And are there other colours in the variegated mix?

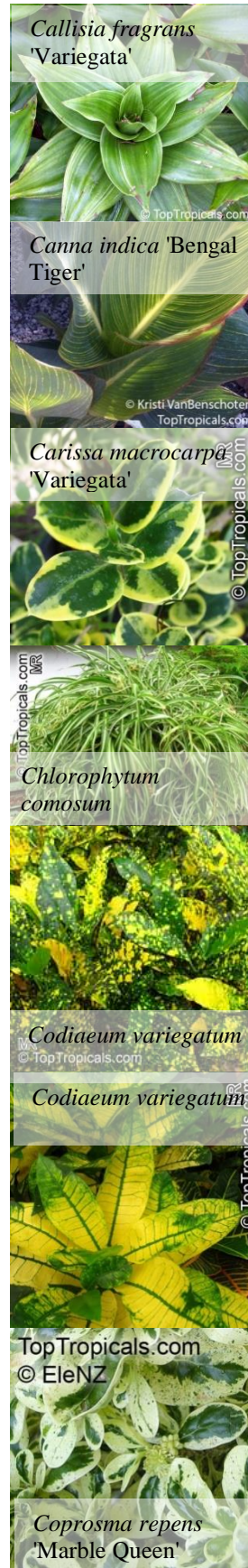
This leads me to the need for a definition of what I have included in my variegations. For my subtropicalian variegated border I will use only **foliage variegation** of at least two shades. Foliage completely coloured as grey or yellow are not included. Some variegations have more than three colours and these are included. I now realise that some all green leaves have crept into the mix which might be the key to success or a capitulation from my original intent!

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Some variegated plants from my collection so far. How many do you recognise?!
Check the named images on next two pages.

Special thanks for images: <https://toptropicals.com/> a great website for this Florida (USA) nursery.





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EXPLOITS!

Kitchen Garden at MCBG



Kitchen in the Garden is the building at the Botanic Gardens at Mt Coot-tha while the surrounds are the **Kitchen Garden**. This is now being maintained with help from fBBGSA volunteers overseen by MCBG professional gardener Tash. While Julie Lumsdale started it all off in February, Patty Munro is the new Team Leader for the Kitchen Garden volunteer team.

So come and have a look at what we are doing – give us praise, suggestions are welcome, and if this project excites you why not join us! You can come for a day or stay the year! Any interest you have can be directed to members@fbbgsa.org.au

BTW: Dale Arvidsson mentioned using **proven seed** gathered from members which we thought an excellent idea. If you have some reliable vegetable/fruit seeds suited to Brisbane we would like to try some, for instance your Nana's tomatoes or Dad's Italian Parsley! **Please may we have some seed?**



Sesame, poppy, black pepper and mustard!



Volunteers Sue Edwards, Fay Stutt, Patty Munro, Marie Hollingworth, and Ros Laundon. Note our handsome new sun-safe shirts with logo!! And that's Tash in the yellow shirt (BCC gardener).



Brilliant flowers and foliage in the winter sunshine! Showing visitors how to grow edibles at home with tight spaces and limited resources while fighting off flocks of pesky Scrub Turkeys with upended plant trays!



EXPLOITS 2!

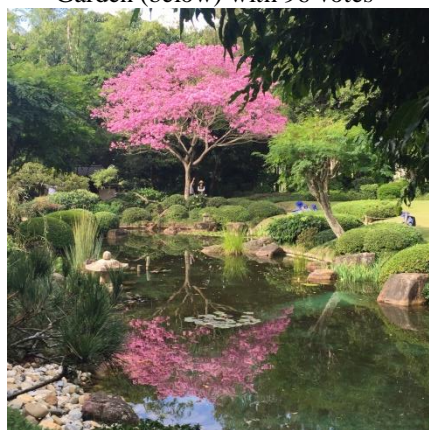
Ipswich PLANT EXPO 2017 fBBGSA Stand

The Ipswich Plant Expo was held 11-12 March 2017. We mounted a stand and here is organiser Julie Lumsdale's report.

The intention was to attract new members and our focus for this event was for volunteers for the Kitchen Garden Project and Propagating activities. In an event as popular as this, a stand needs attractions and activities. To do this we arranged for beautiful photos taken by Mary Jo Katter to be voted on in preparation for greeting cards or postcards etc.

Images of the Botanic Gardens were used to gather feedback about potential tourist mementoes and to engage visitors! Voting results include:

- 🕒 Best photo by far was the Japanese Garden (below) with 96 votes



- 🕒 2nd best Moreton Bay Figs in the City Botanic Gardens (46 votes)
- 🕒 3rd Cream coloured water lily (44 votes)
- 🕒 4th Pink lotus (42 votes)
- 🕒 5th Red Bloodwood flowers (38 votes)
- 🕒 6th Dome reflection (34 votes)
- 🕒 7th Brisbane Lily (28 votes)

Comments included that places were probably more suited to postcards like the Japanese Gardens, City Botanic Gardens, and Tropical Display Dome while flowers may be better for greeting cards.

There were five volunteers (Julie Lumsdale, Janet Stevens, Patty Munro, Fay Stutt and Marie Hollingworth) who staffed the stall for the two days.

Paul Plant and Arno King took photos to put on Facebook/ Instagram.



We gained two new members from the raffle: Shane White from Horticultural Training won 1st prize which he gave to his friend (as he was unable to take advantage of the membership due to personal commitments) and Liz Towler won 3rd prize and is giving the free membership to her husband, Stewart who is the gardener! Additionally two people interested in the April Kitchen Garden project (Annette and Kim), have joined and are active volunteers with the FBBGSA!

Both Paul Plant and Arno King mentioned FBBGSA in their talks. Julie spoke with renowned local horticulturist about the reason to have a stand at this event – his response was "presence" and over time you build your brand.

From the fBBGSA Board ~
Many thanks go to Julie and her trusty team of volunteers who undertook this mammoth and generous commitment.
We have to get our brand out there to attract more members!



"The event was created as a result of so much sadness after the 2011 floods. People wanted to get back into gardening but did not know how. The event helped locals by bringing the knowledge to them with guest speakers, specialist plant sellers and a welcoming smile."

<http://www.plantexpo.com.au/index.html>

Speakers included Costa Georgiadis, Don Burke, Phil Dudman, Claire Bickle, Noel Burdette Green Dean and our fBBGSA members: Arno King, Annette Irish, and Paul Plant.



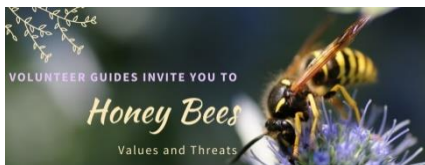
<http://www.plantexpo.com.au/speakers.html>

EXPLOITS 3!

Volunteer Guides & fBBGSA Morning Tea

A great get-together which we plan to make happen twice a year from now on!

It began as one of the Volunteer Guides usual meetings which included a talk about "Honey Bees Values and Threats" presented by Trevor Weatherhead. Our members were invited along so the fBBGSA Kitchen in the Garden team decided to provide the morning tea for all.



WHEN: Monday 5th June 2017

WHERE: Auditorium, Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt. Coot-tha

TIME: 9:30am

Morning tea was catered by fBBGSA and it was decided to be plant based and even vegan! So some creative morsels of veggie quiche, seeded breads and herb dips, peppermint slice (vegan), pineapple and lime juice etc. were eagerly tested. So watch this space for the recipes or we will post on the website soon.

Apart from the fascinating talk on bees it was great fun to mingle and natter. It was decided to mingle again before the end of the year, this time with the Guide's catering! Be sure to keep a watch out for the email notice. For those without email access, we will phone you!

Who do you recognise in these images? Dale Arvidsson (that hat!), Ray Steward, Julie Lumsdale, Mary Jo Katter, Patty Munro, Fay Stutt, Sue Edwards and Lyn Aspinall and MCBG gardeners (Mark and Tash) at the back! Sorry I don't know everyone's names!

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Lots of friendly faces enjoying the winter sunshine and a cuppa!

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UPCOMING!

EKKA 2017 August 11-20

Brisbane's Friends set to Flourish at Ekka 2017

by Jo Roberts

Yippee! At last – there's a renewed focus on ornamental Horticulture at the Ekka, rivalling the excitement I remember well from years ago. Horticulture has great new exposure at the Old Museum, to be enlivened by visits from ABC's Costa with his enormous personality effervescing everywhere (not to mention his devoted media). And there's improved access ensuring visitor numbers will be well up. Ekka 2017 will be good for Horticulture. This is wonderful news for the Friends! We're aiming to attract people both to visit and love our Gardens and to join FBBGSA. There are also Horticulture competitions to enter (see below), talks to enjoy across the 11 days of the Show and the Friends' display to support in whatever way you can.

We have an excellent position in the Old Museum and have a roster of Friends attending our stand throughout the Ekka. We want to create a buzz of enthusiasm around our stand so PLEASE visit for a chat and PLEASE if possible do a stint on the stand. It's all fun! Maybe we can aim to entrap Costa for as long as possible for photo opportunities and the exposure he creates! Encourage him to join!

Our display will showcase **Natives** and **Kitchen garden** plants, linked together with **Bush Tucker** plants and some of the animals that call the Gardens home. Here's where we're at: Friends are already potting up kitchen garden species, Rob Percy of Aspley Nursery has generously offered to lend advanced sized native/other plants, and Queensland Museum is lending animal specimens of the sort Gardens visitors encounter. Our display will be quite different from those of the neighbouring Garden Clubs – we really can't compete with them for sheer floral "eye-candy" – but we can be attention-getting, informative, a bit surprising and very welcoming.

Can you help with any of the following?

- ☉ Do you have any potted unusual local native plants? Plants which are "Bush Tucker"? The Samford N.P.Q group will lend us a few specimens but we'll need as many examples as possible. (See list of suggestions)
- ☉ Can you please check Julie's roster and consider doing a stint on the display? Otherwise please just visit the stand and help generate a real buzz of interest and good cheer.

Can you contribute to the 2017 horticulture buzz by entering Ekka Horticulture competitions?

- ☉ potted plant competition [still open! Closes 4th August]
- ☉ temporary verge display garden - 3m x 1.5m – around the Old Museum [closed 30th June]

These competitions are sponsored by the Nursery & Garden Industry Association Queensland and Rocky Point Mulching. There are prizes!

ACTION!

- Check with Julie Lumsdale to put yourself on the **Friends' Ekka roster** (free entry to Ekka!!!)
- Go to the Ekka website to check out **competition details**:
<http://www.ekka.com.au/competitions/categories/flower-and-garden#verge-garden-and-displays>
- **Check your potted plants or garden specimens for Native/Bush Tucker examples** – a few suggested species are appended.

We're looking forward to a productive and thoroughly enjoyable Ekka. If you can help please phone Julie Lumsdale on 0455 512 302 or email her jlumsdal24@bigpond.com. Hope to see you there.
Cheers, Jo Roberts
jo.roberts@yahoo.com.au



<https://www.ekka.com.au/>

EDIBLES

Acacia leiocalyx Black wattle
Acacia podalyriifolia Silver wattle
Acacia fimbriata Brisbane wattle
Acacia longifolia subsp sophorae
Coastal wattle [*Acacia victoriae*]
Aleurites moluccana Candle nut
Alpinea caerulea Native ginger
Araucaria bidwillii Bunya pine
Austromyrtus dulcis Midyim,
Midginberry
Backhousia citriodora Lemon myrtle
Backhousia myrtifolia Cinnamon
myrtle
(also *B.anisata*)
Blechnum indicum Swamp fern
Cissus spp. Native grapes
Tetrastigma nitens Native grape
Cayratia spp. Native grapes
Citrus australasica Finger Lime
Commelina diffusa (syn *cyanea*)
Wandering jew
Davidsonia pruriens Davidson's plum
Dianella spp.
Diploglottis campbellii Native
tamarind
Dioscorea transversa Native yam
Eucalyptus olida Strawberry gum
Eupomatia laurina Bolwarra or Native
guava
Eustrephus latifolius Wombat berry
Ficus spp. Native figs
Geitonoplesium cymosum Scrambling
lily
Hardenbergia violacea False
sarsaparilla
Hibiscus splendens Pink native
hibiscus
H. heterophyllus Native hibiscus
Jagera pseudorhus Foambark

NOT EDIBLE

Livistona australis Cabbage Palm
Macadamia integrifolia Macadamia
nut
Macaranga tanarius
Maclura cochinchinensis Cockspur
Vine
Melaleuca quinquinervia Swamp
Paperbark
Melastoma malabathricum Blue
Tongue
Pipturus argenteus Native Mulberry
Pleiogynium timorense Burdekin plum
Portulaca oleracea Pigweed
Rumex brownii Native spinach (dock)
Sterculia quadrifida Peanut tree
Syzygium spp. Lillipilly species
Typha orientalis Bullrush
Viola hederacea Native violet

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\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ DONATIONS! \$\$\$\$\$\$\$

fBBGSA is always welcoming donations to help fund projects we feel are important.

Over the last couple of years we have received lots of small and not so small private donations during big events like the Dome in Lights, Horti-couture and Tuesday Talks. The Brisbane City Council was generous with a grant which we have been using as set-up funding. There have been generous sponsors as well which we gratefully acknowledge on our website.

What's next? **What are your suggestions?** Here are a few good ideas we are pursuing:

- ☉ All the monies raised at this year's **Horti-couture** event will be used to aid the improvement to the Children's Trail at Mt Coot-tha BG.
- ☉ We need **donation boxes** at all three sites and we aim to install the first one in time for the opening of the new Mt Coot-tha Visitor Centre.

We thank the Friends of Mackay Regional BG for this idea. They have had enormous success with their donation boxes as visitors happily drop a gold coin or two into the heavily secured box!

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Another way to gain more funds is to widen the membership and we hope to find even more support from commercial enterprises as well as other not-for-profit organisations. The roll-out of this campaign is beginning slowly but surely. If you are interested to know more please check the application form on the last page of the newsletter and contact membership@fbbgsa.org.au

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NEWS!

As the BCC unrolled its **budget** for the next financial year, funding was revealed for several projects nominated in the City Botanic Garden Master Plan. These projects include providing better wayfinding, improving the Edward Street Entry, supplementing the plant collection and six new bike stands distributed within the site.

If you want to learn more about the Council's spending priorities for all our Botanic Treasures, check their website:

<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/about-council/council-information-rates/news-publications/council-annual-plan-budget-2017-18>

There is a YouTube video as well! Love the cartoon infographics!



Similarly, the Council have published an welcome commitment to their environmental agenda that has a long historical foundation: **Brisbane, clean, green and sustainable!**

Our city is incredibly lucky to be so big (with centralised governance) that makes so many green activities effective.



Check this downloadable publication: <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/environment-waste/be-clean-green-brisbane/brisbane-clean-green-sustainable-2017-2031>

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NEWS!

Brisbane City Council is well advanced on finalising the **Master Plan** for Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt. Coot-tha. It should be finished later in the year, but meanwhile you can review the draft here:

<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/parks-venues/mt-coot-tha-precinct/brisbane-botanic-gardens-mt-coot-tha-master-plan>

Similarly the new **Mount Coot-tha Visitor Centre** under construction should be opened later this year.



School holiday parking fun as the roof is up and the Mt Coot-tha bluestone cladding is well advanced. Worth checking out progress! (JSim 4 July 2017).

We have already sent out the call for volunteering to be 'welcomers'. That process has now closed and we hope we provided a few cheerful faces from our members!

For more information about this visitor centre project search here:

<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/parks-venues/mt-coot-tha-precinct/mt-coot-tha-precinct-projects/mt-coot-tha-visitor-information-centre>



Proposed Visitor Centre.

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Stories by Andrew Benison (FoSA)

One historic hug!

It's not every day that you can enjoy hugging a tree with so much history behind it.



However, when former Lord Mayor Sallyanne Atkinson visited Sherwood Arboretum recently, she did just that when she came face to face with a 92-year-old rainforest giant, a Queensland Kauri tree planted by Brisbane's first Lord Mayor, William Jolly.

The William Jolly tree is one of 72 Kauri trees planted by a wide cross-section of prominent citizens on 21 March 1925 to mark the opening of the Arboretum, now home to more than 1000 Australian native trees.

Cr David McLachlan, Chairman of Environment, Parks and Sustainability, joined Sallyanne, who chairs the **Lord Mayor's Parks and Botanic Gardens Advisory Committee**, for a luncheon meeting at the Arboretum hosted by our partners, the Friends of Sherwood Arboretum Association.

The visitors (pictured from left) to William Jolly's tree included Nathan Clausen, Cr David McLachlan, Sallyanne, Dr Jean Sim, Dale Arvidsson, Curator of Brisbane Botanic Gardens and Dan Clowes.

Nathan, Jean and Dan are members of Council's Parks and Botanic Gardens Advisory Committee.

Sallyanne, who served as Brisbane's first woman Lord Mayor from 1985 to 1991, greatly admires the pioneering role of Brisbane's first Lord Mayor, elected to office in 1925 following the amalgamation of 20 local Councils into one single Council.

Lord Mayor Jolly was responsible for many visionary developments in Brisbane, including a high-grade road network, construction of the Grey Street Bridge (now William Jolly Bridge), selecting the site for The University of Queensland at St. Lucia and the extensive purchase of parkland for our city. The son of Alexander Jolly, a Scottish gardener and Mary Kelly from Ireland, William Jolly also had a key role in the 1920s in maintaining and expanding one of Brisbane's outstanding scenic landmarks, Mount Coot-tha.

In 2015, Council made a welcome decision during the Arboretum's 90th year celebrations to place its valued tree collection under the care of the Curator of Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Dale Arvidsson.

Council is currently preparing a draft Conservation Management Plan for the Arboretum which was heritage-listed in 2007. The plan, when officially adopted by Council and the State Government, will underpin the future management of this 92-year-old Arboretum which celebrates its centenary in 2025.

Trees we love!

Many of us have a story or a picture in our minds of our favourite tree.

From our childhood, it could be the magical tree we played under or the welcome tree we sat beside during a fun-filled summer picnic or barbecue. As adults, it could be the tree we sought refuge under to think things through or the tree we helped save from "progress" or perhaps the tree where we spotted an owl, a beetle or a stunning blossom.

Our affection and understanding of trees have come a long way since the first modern tree, the *Archaeopteris*, with its fern-like leaves, covered much of the earth's surface more than 300 million years ago. There certainly is no better place to appreciate today's trees than the heritage-listed Sherwood Arboretum, with its magnificent collection of Australian native trees, each making their distinctive journey towards the sky.

Thanks to the planning by Dick Date, a Volunteer Guide with Brisbane Botanic Gardens, guides Ray Steward and David Hanger and the Brisbane Botanic Gardens Curator, Dale Arvidsson introduced some 120

visitors to the Arboretum's collection as part of the recent Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand Open Day.

Marion Mackenzie of the Oxley-Chelmer History Group also outlined the history of the Arboretum now considered one of Brisbane's three botanic treasures.



Volunteer Guide David Hanger and his tour group

The Curator and the Botanic Gardens Guides are planning a further tree walk starting at the Arboretum's main entry on Jolimont Street, Sherwood at 9.30 am on **Saturday 14 October to mark Arbor Day** across South-East Queensland.

You are welcome to register your interest now by emailing info@sherwoodarboretum.com.au

Spring and summer are definitely good seasons to visit the Arboretum when many specimen trees are flowering.

With a living collection of more than 1000 Australian native specimen trees, the Arboretum has some wonderful examples of Cauliflory, one way that 'Mother Nature' helps rainforest trees. This botanical term explains the marvellous adaption some trees have undergone to grow their fruit and flowers much closer to the ground on their trunks and main branches instead of the more common and sometimes less accessible location on young leafy stems.



Ficus racemosa (cluster fig) fruits on trunk (Cauliflory).

This ensures that many more native animals can help disperse the seeds and more insects can play their part in pollination, regardless of the fierce competition beneath the green canopy of our rainforests.

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§ OUR ACTIVITIES §

Currently there are six major areas of interest for 2017. They match up with most of the interests members have nominated in their application forms, but we can always refine and improve!

TALKS	☺	Going strong! 6 per year
WALKS	⚙	In pipeline !
GROWING	∞	In pipeline !
Gardening	🌿	Brand new but alive at MCBG!
Newsletter <i>Lilygram</i>	📄	Going well! 4 per year (#6 out now)!
SOCIALS	👏	Going very well! Horti-Couture rocks!

TALKS

Six Tuesday Talks are scheduled this year with supplementary lectures and seminars being planned as well.

WALKS

Don't forget the Volunteer Guides provide excellent guided walks around our two Botanic Gardens. Well worth taking! We still hope to offer Open Gardens visitors at some point in the future!

GROWING / GARDENING

Powerhouse Julie Lumsdale has gathered a workforce for the Kitchen Garden maintenance. Check the website for details. We can't begin our much desired propagation from botanic garden material until we have a small nursery facility. We are determined to make this happen.

NEWSLETTER (4 issues per year)

We will publish the newsletter using the email system for distribution of a PDF version with an archived version downloadable from fbbgsa website.

SOCIALS

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**" and her art/craft sales events called **Botanique Bazaars**. What else would you like?

RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP



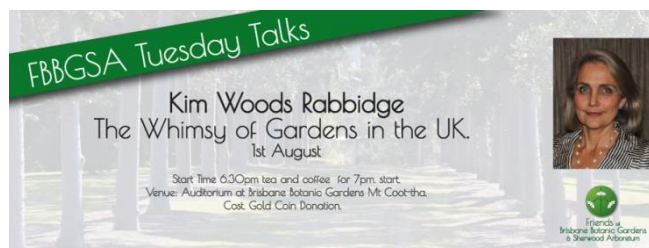
The easiest method to renew is to use the PAYPAL facility on our website. It is extremely safe and you can use it as a guest without making any commitment to join PayPal.

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Future Get-togethers!

Tuesday Talk ~ 1st August

Kim Woods Rabbidge



Well-known photographer and traveller Kim talks about some of those special British gardens. For more details, see our website:

<http://fbbgsa.org.au/whimsy-gardens-uk-kim-woods-rabbidge-1st-august/>

Tuesday Talk ~ 5th September

John Taylor



Forester and cultural landscape enthusiast John Taylor reveals some of the plant-hunting adventures by George Forrest. For more details, see our website:

<http://fbbgsa.org.au/planthunter-george-forrest-china-5th-september/>

Horti-couture in Spring!

Helpers behind the scenes are vital to the success of this event. **We need some volunteers!** If you want to know more please contact Bettina through our info@fbbgsa.org.au

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Horti-Couture

15 of Brisbane's finest florists and multimedia artists interpret
Garden Inspired Wearable Art
Exhibition and Morning Tea

10:00am Friday 15th September, 2017

Pre-book tickets \$40 (\$30 each for ten or more)
through members@fbbgsa.org.au
Japanese Garden of Brisbane Botanic Gardens
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