



Friends of
Brisbane Botanic Gardens
& Sherwood Arboretum

Lilygram #7

Welcome to our seventh issue!

Suggestions for stories or actual articles or photographs are very welcome!

Please send them to the Editor, via info@fbbgsa.org.au

Newsletter

November 2017

Better late than never!

Let's be friends...

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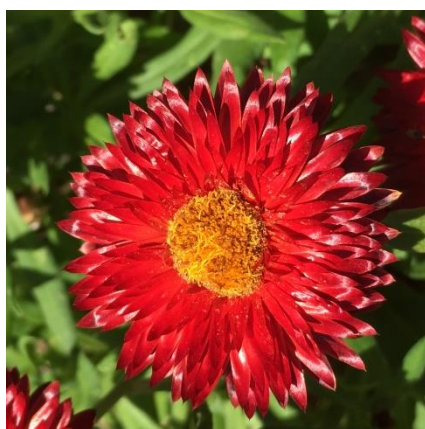
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Annette Irish (Vice-Chair),
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Jeannie Sim (Secretary &
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Arno King (Events) and
Dale Arvidsson (ex officio as
Curator of both BBGs & SA)

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Breaking News!
We have a Patron at last! Read more on page 6



DELECTABLE PLANT TREASURE:

Xerochrysium 'Mohave Dark Red' Straw Daisy, at
BBG Mt Coot-tha, Visitor Centre (JSim photographer).



OUR FLORAL EMBLEM

Proiphys cunninghamii Brisbane Lily
planted on 14 October 2015 at Launch.
These lovely blooms photographed in
November 2015 [MJK]

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Please refer to our main website
www.fbbgsa.org.au 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 merry band!

July: Gary Inch, Susie Craig

August: Lorraine Blaney, Vicki Risby,
Sharon Hoare, Nickie Westcott, Matthew
Blampey, Ruth Kennedy, Michael Kely,
Friends of Sherwood Arboretum
(first NFP corporate member!)

September: Leah Mason, Ian Slorach,
Yanxia Li, Dan Clowes (first commercial
corporate member!)

October: Sally Mitchell, Hedrick Kwan
November: James Adams, Frances
Cowper, Clarissa Tedder, Jenny Eldridge,
Louise Quinn

Membership Counter

30 November 2017: 133*

*Current financial members!

From the Chair

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Welcome to all of our new members (including corporate ones) and thank you to our existing ones for your ongoing commitment to us! The Friends of Brisbane Botanic Gardens & Sherwood Arboretum has had a busy few months with activities including:

- our inaugural MasterClass sessions on Botany (watch for the 2018 courses coming up)
- "Hidden Garden" tour at Norman Park by our generous members Kim and Michael Rabbidge (gorgeous garden let alone the morning tea and cottage plants for sale)
- Our propagating group started in September (thanks to the rain these cuttings are already flowering!)
- finishing the inaugural 2017 Kitchen Garden volunteer group after our first 8 months of helping, learning and teaching with the BCC Garden staff (watch for start-up dates for 2018 and be part of the fun!)
- during the inaugural National Gardening Week (8-14 October) Arno King presented Summer Vegie Gardening (he has agreed to give sessions every season to keep us in the know – watch this space!)
- all of this was after a very successful Horti Couture and Botanique Bazaar in September!

There is a heap of firsts in this list and we hope to consolidate our firsts to ongoing activities and add a few more. However none of this would happen without the wonderful support of all of our volunteers. So a special thank you goes out to each and everyone involved in making these events a success and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Am I hearing that some of you missed out? Maybe our emails to your email address were overlooked (some of mine go into the Junk Mail too!) or because you were too busy; maybe our email address system does not have your current address; maybe your work/ life balance was out of kilter! Whatever it was please keep in touch with us and give us feedback – we can only get better and better with your feedback. Go to info@fbbgsa.org.au or look at our website and see the changes and the notifications of events there as well as our newsletter too.

Talking about our website have you seen the **Brisbane Botanic Treasures** site with details on the City Botanic Gardens (mostly completed) and Mt Coot-tha and Sherwood Arboretum (in progress)? The wealth of knowledge, photos and stories on the City Botanic Gardens will surprise you how much you didn't know about this historical site and a good topic of conversation with friends over Xmas! Check it out www.brisbanebotanictreasures.info and if you have any details to add for any of the sites please send them in via info@fbbgsa.org.au

Our other botanic treasures are the flowering plants at the Gardens. Now we have a full year's worth of **What's Flowering** for each month with botanical names attached. Want to know more? In time we hope to expand this part of the website to offer planting and cultivating tips. And you would love to help I hear? Then contact info@fbbgsa.org.au and advise us of your skills and/ interest and we will welcome you.

In 2018 we are starting the year with assisting a Book Launch! Has anyone heard of **Jeannie Baker**? She has written and illustrated her new book "Circle" and we will be selling signed copies at the Richard Randall Studio at Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha from 9th January 2018 through to 25th February and only open from Wednesday to Saturday 10am to 2pm. Tell your friends and consider volunteering for a day or two to support this wonderful author and her message about the environment.

What else could we possibly we involved with? Well the attendees at the Xmas Party had a lovely time at the Lookout with likeminded friends and missed all of the storms that were brewing around us! With the opening of the beautiful Mt Coot-tha Visitor Centre we hope to have other opportunities for FBBGSA to become noticed to the wider public. If you haven't been to any of the Gardens recently or meeting family and friends before Xmas why not go to one of the Gardens? Now is a great time with the Botanical Cafe at MCBG being upgraded, the new Visitor Centre open and the plants enjoying the weather and the tender caring by the BCC Gardeners. Merry Xmas and New Year to you all!

— Julie Lumsdale

BOARD Members

2017-2018



Julie Lumsdale (Chair)



Annette Irish (Vice-Chair)



Jean Sim (Secretary)



John Taylor (Treasurer)



Arno King (events)

Please read more about the current Board members on our website: <http://fbbgsa.org.au/fbbgsa-board-members/>

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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INSTAGRAM news

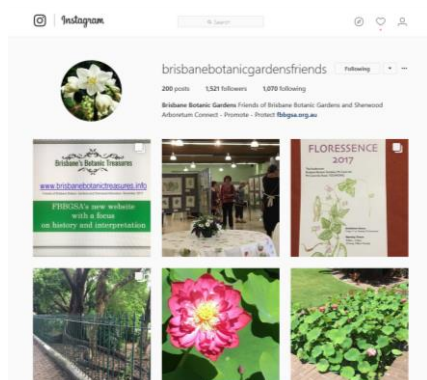
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This social media outlet has been established since March 2016 and is thriving with **1,521** followers and still growing! WOW! And we just reached #200 posts! Here's our tag:

@brisbanebotanicgardensfriends

You can also follow Instagram on your computer. There are lots of botanic gardens, horticulture, arts, crafts and design postings out there!



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FACEBOOK news

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Or maybe you favour this platform?

Friends of Brisbane Botanic Gardens and Sherwood Arboretum
<https://www.facebook.com/brisbanebotanicgardensfriends>

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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/Friends of Sherwood Arboretum/>

WEBSITE news

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Friends now operates two websites!

Our original one is the operational heart of our communications while the new one is devoted to interpreting the history and values of all three botanic treasures.

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

We have such a great archive of "WHAT'S FLOWERING?". Starting in October 2016, we now have all the months up to and including November.



<http://fbbgsa.org.au/category/whats-flowering/>

Brisbane's Botanic Treasures

www.brisbanebotanictreasures.info

featuring the fascinating
NOW and THEN Gallery!

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1905 THEN: shows S. macleayana (Source: SLQ/SLQ)
 2017 NOW: Mt Coot-tha in background now obscured by new buildings and row of banyan trees in foreground.

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 2017 NOW: Mt Coot-tha in background now obscured by new buildings and row of banyan trees in foreground.

Please tell us what you think of our
 new website! Contact us here:

info@fbbgsa.org.au

Our new Brisbane botanic treasures website captures some of the interesting stories, images and ideas that have been prepared in recent times to interpret these places.

And it will continue to grow as more articles are written by more people, more maps uncovered and more photographs taken. We aim to provide information for the casual visitor and the serious scholar, for real visits and virtual explorations. Thus the real purpose of this website is to provide interesting and useful educational experiences.

Just like a botanic garden, this website is where history and science meet fun, games and creativity.



MARY JO retires

Goodbye Madam Chair



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Thank you to Mary Jo Katter, we miss your cheery face and wise counsel.

Mary Jo was our founding Chair of the Board and a powerhouse of energy and dedication. She passed the baton of leadership over to Julie after the AGM this year.

So many events would never have taken place let alone succeeded without MJ's wonderful care. We have so much gratitude for the untold work behind the scenes to encourage membership and attendance.

While the Board made official thanks at the AGM in August, I would like to re-endorse those thanks and wish you all the best in the future. Cheers, Jeannie.

New Corporate Memberships!

We now have two corporate members on board and we hope for many more!

Welcome to Andrew Benison representing Friends of Sherwood Arboretum (our first not-for-profit corporate member) and Dan Clowes (our first commercial corporate member).

Members! Can you convince a relative, friend or colleague to join? Direct them to our online joining procedure:

<http://fbgbsa.org.au/product/membership-2/>

Christmas Party 2017!

Launching the BTT website

Upon an afternoon clear, on a mild spring day (Saturday 25 November), we held our inaugural Christmas function at the Lookout within the Brisbane Botanic Gardens at Mt. Coot-tha. We aim to hold a similar event next year!

Mary Jo and her wonderful family managed the catering and we drank bubbly and nibbled as we nattered. Julie and Bettina arranged bouquets and a raffle and more! While Dale was our hero and drove the van bus up the hill and back again (several times)!

However, the star of the show was Sally Anne Atkinson who officially launched our Brisbane Botanic Treasures website with her usual skill and aplomb! Sally Anne became a member on launch day 2015 so we thank you for your ongoing support, generosity of spirit and showmanship!



Good sport Sally Anne! We improvised a physical launching of our new website with a fluttering silk scarf, thereby initiating the wifi waves of connection!



Members and friends who attended the Xmas Party – a cheery, supportive crew.



The stunning view – greenspace (botanic gardens) and a City skyline!
[Annette Irish photographs]

EXPLOITS!

Kitchen Garden at MCBG

The Kitchen Gardens Volunteer group have finished for the year. There are 15 members of FBBGSA registered and we worked once a month from March to October.

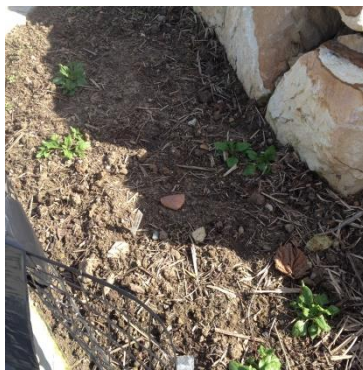
The site can be challenging in summer as it is very hot but winter provides its challenges with a lot of shade. Despite this, the garden was looking wonderful on our last day in October and why wouldn't it look wonderful with all that care by the Gardens staff and volunteers aided with plenty of compost, worm juice, Seasol and milk (providing calcium and helping fight powdery mildew). We did PH tests of the soil and were amazed that .5 of a percent could make such a difference to the development of sunflowers planted in these 2 areas. The gardens were edged with Afro parsley and survived the ducks, scrub turkeys and visitors! Tomatoes, kale, eggplant, silverbeet, strawberries, beans, broadbeans, artichokes, zucchini and snowpeas were growing alongside sunflowers, Nasturtium, lemon grass, alyssum, marigold, rosemary and more.

Three compost bins with glass sides show the public the various stages as the compost breaks down and were quickly filled as plants were removed at the end of their season. A morning was spent potting up seedlings, grown on and used in the FBBGSA display at the Ekka in August when volunteers manned the display for the week. Volunteering in the Kitchen Garden has been a very enjoyable experience working alongside like-minded Friends and learning each week from Dale, Mark, Tash, "Farmer Dale" and each other.

Cheers, Patty Munro



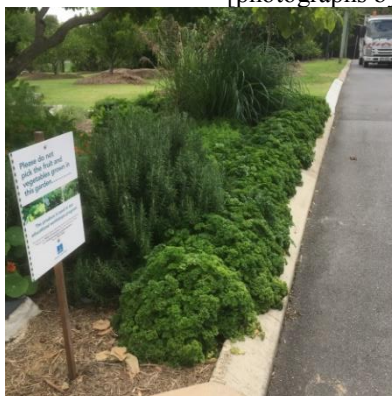
Interested in joining the group in 2018?
Please contact us through
info@fbbgsa.org.au



What a difference when you check the pH and make adjustments to suit.



See-through sides to compost bins show how it works. Proud Farmer Dale!
[photographs by Julie Lumsdale]



Curly parsley makes a rich green edging (if the possums don't get at it)!



Elderberry *Sambucus ?nigra*, widespread across the world.

Mary Berry, the cooking National Treasure from Britain describes how to make Elderberry Cordial here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01w8j9s>
[Jean Sim photographs 27 November 2017]

Garden Tip

Ever had any milk that you thought you would toss out?
Instead of tossing, add equal amounts of water and use it on your garden.
Farmer Dale says it is good fertiliser/ calcium for your plants.

PROPAGATING!

Humble beginnings...

By Julie Lumsdale

Propagating is up and growing!

First there were nine of us (including the trainer, Jo) in September, then there were four of us in October, and how many will there be in November? Yes propagating is on again. We have had a difficult start with the weather of hot winds, steamy hot days and no showers with propagating in September. Still some of the cuttings went ahead despite this. Then in October it rained, and rained, and rained! Great you say – normally yes but the weight of the pots challenged one of the shelves and down came two trays of cuttings.... Feeling despondent? No way because each time we gather we try propagating in a different way, a different plant, a different person some times. And who can control the weather – not me! So come along to the Seminar Room at the Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha on the second Tuesday of the month usually from 9am to 12noon and learn some skills with like-minded people. Sadly November had to be cancelled due to other commitments. The next session is on Tuesday 12 December 9am-12 noon and we think we might do Bromelads and succulents. So bring your heavy gloves!

We are targeting the rare, unusual and old fashioned plants that are typically not available in commercial nurseries. And we have had our first sales of \$52 from the Xmas Party!



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Other activities

Master Gardener Class Programme

Introducing our Master Gardener Class programme designed with a difference to provide an in-depth learning experience focussing on horticultural practices and gardening skills alongside leading horticulturists in their fields.



Annette Irish has begun a series of workshops to provide much need horticultural knowledge and will continue into 2018. Please look out for email notices and our website for the most up-to-date information.



And find out who is "Pettigrew"!

Veggie Gardening Talk (Summer)

During National Gardening Week the Friends hosted members and guides to a morning with Arno King (Registered Horticulturist, Registered Landscape Architect) at the Kitchen in the Garden, Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha on the 8th October 2017.

This event proved so popular, Arno is organising one of these informative talks per season so watch out for the notice for the first one in 2018.

Summer Veggie Gardening National Gardening Week Talk



Arno King
Registered Horticulturist
Registered Landscape Architect
at the Kitchen Garden
Brisbane Botanic Gardens
Mt Coot-tha
8th October 2017
10 am to 12 noon

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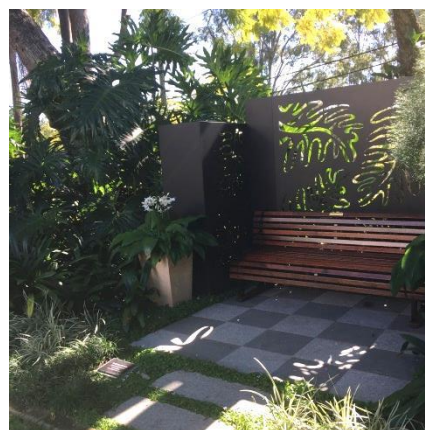
Breaking News!

Our Vice-Regal PATRON

24 November 2017 — **His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC Governor of Queensland** has agreed to be the patron of the Friends of Brisbane Botanic Gardens and Sherwood Arboretum for the duration of his term. The members of the Board take great pleasure in thanking His Excellency for this wonderful support and look forward to future events.

Meanwhile, we recommend scoping the official Government House website <http://www.govhouse.qld.gov.au/> and especially the delightful Instagram posts from @qldgovernor featuring the Vice-Regal Dog called Gavel! Such a good story behind this former police dog who sports a stylish cape at official functions and acts as an outstanding greeter!

In other news, His Excellency and Mrs Kaye de Jersey were the motivation behind a recent addition to the stunning historic gardens at Government House. The new **Rainforest Retreat** within the Rainforest Border provides a welcome shady rest and includes some Eucharist lilies from the de Jersey family's own garden, handed down the generations! Our new patron and his wife love gardens!



News to hand: **Christmas lights at Government House.** The grounds will be open to the public each night from 7-8pm from the 8th to the 17th of December 2017. Please check details on the Government House website.

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EXPLOITS 2!

Horti-Couture 2017

Story by organiser, Bettina Palmer

This year's event was again located within the Japanese Garden at MCBG was opened by Friends member and avid supporter, Cr. Kate Richards. The gala morning tea on 15 September was catered by Mary Jo Katter and friends.

Horti-Couture is a creative event held annually highlighting the versatility of plants as interpreted by various artists and expressed in wearable form. The Botanic Gardens has always held fascination and inspiration for artists of all disciplines, but now Horti-Couture presents a creative collective of fibre, textile and mixed media artists who have sculpted works to be worn, however temporarily, with plant material ranging from very raw forms to more processed material but still using flowers and leaves as either dye material or embellishments. Ten Brisbane artists/designers were encouraged to work with multiple media to present these fabulous costumes, and unlike the usual canvas these works of art come on human legs.

This year we contributed \$1500 in encouragement awards to the artists while extra funds raised will be denoted by the FBBGSA to the MCBG for upgrades and improvements to the Children's Trail.



Brittany Pate of My Little Flower Shoppe

This dramatic design, using decadent foliage, innovative mixed materials and bold colour combinations was inspired by the latest wedding trend – vintage glamour. Using seasonal blooms with the classic combination of cream and soft pink hues with a bold Contrast of maroon, allows a thoughtful selection of raw materials and floristry embellishments with different textures for an elegant blend of old and new



Horti Torti Trio: "Super Missy"

The 3 designers/ creative artists, Helen Mackay, Jennie Duke and Julie Lumsdale, have pooled their creative interests to contribute some new talent for the Horti-Couture event. Seeking out potential material within the Botanic Gardens, grilling friends and colleagues for ideas and pooling expertise made this collaborative effort with its trial and error process built a great social and intellectual bond. As a culmination of all those coffees and cakes, mosses, tillandsias, dyed paperbark, banksias, dried citrus slices and zig zag wattle produced a mask, top, skirt, bag and shoes – complete for any spring catalogue.



Lauren Dawney: "It's Spring and the Garden is Changing its Clothes"

Lauren was inspired by the lifecycle of flowers, fruits and leaves as fresh shoots sprout and old leaves fall. This is a flamboyant playful celebration of the circle of life in the garden. No plants were harmed in the making of this garment. Lauren has given these dried fallen and gathered treasures new life.

"Growth and Decay are the natural ways,
But in-between there are inspired days.
For dry and press, stitch and weave.
Cut and shape, tug and heave.
For covers and wraps, and belts and things,
Then to marvel and enjoy what creativity brings."



"Rant Clothing" Sarah Garrett-Hodoniczky was hypnotized by our artist in residence Les Kendall and reproduced her watercolor painting of local grevillea species onto organic cotton. Sarah is a local designer who prides herself in sourcing locally produced organic fibers, and maintains a high consciousness of ethical production.



Wonderful photographs by
Kim Woods Rabbidge.

EXPLOITS 3!

Hidden Treasure Garden Tour

By Julie Lumsdale

Thirty two attendees (members and guests) enjoyed a rain free time (mostly) on Monday 16 October at FBBGSA's member, Kim Woods Rabbidge's home at Norman Park. We feasted our eyes over Wanda's (Grandmas's Garden) cottage plants, all of which were flowering beautifully.



The front garden was beautifully green lawn and behind the hedge was the prolific vegie garden surrounded by the tree gardenias, *Gardenia thunbergia* and white 'Iceberg' standard roses. Who would have thought a vegie garden in the front garden could look so beautiful! Under the stairs a number of attendees admired the hanging coconut shells filled with orchids – another little hidden treasure adding interest to this garden.



Kim's place is on an incline so terracing was their answer. Up the stairs and into the living area was an inviting verandah and outside entertaining level looking out over the back terraces. Three hedges of a *Muraya* 'Min-a-min' created separate spaces and interest. The use of "hard to find" 4-5mm warm-coloured pebbles eliminated the need for lawn in this area.

Kim and Michael found the perfect sculpture during a trip to NZ to be showcased in the pebbled area.

I spoke to Wanda about the use of cottage garden plants, in a formal way, in Kim's garden. Kim's husband, Michael, is the neat one and he manages the Bougainvilleas in particular, and also the other cottage plants trimmed to create a formal look. Kim has used several climbers to create shade for the summer months (as well as the frangipani) while opening up the space for winter. Under the covered area a collection of potted plants has created another area of interest. The back fence backdrop consisted of tall, established trees (they began the garden 12 years ago) including penda, palms, Brugmansias, etc. to create the peaceful retreat. Morning tea was had on the back terrace using Kim's delightful collection of china tea sets. Catering, which was organised by Mary Jo and her helpers, was a delight to the eye and the belly! You had to be there to enjoy it!



So look out for emails in 2018 for the next Garden Opening and have a delightful day like we did! Thank you so much to Kim and Michael for opening up your garden and your home to us. I had an inspiring day and I know other attendees did also.



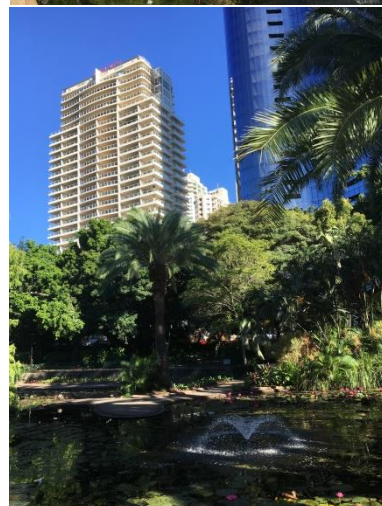
First image by Kim Woods Rabbidge; all others by Julie Lumsdale.

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All's not really quiet on the city front these past few months. Percolating away in the background is the continuing saga of inserting a large Queensland Police Memorial into the top section of the former Queens Park. Friends of BGGSA has voiced deep concern and has been assisting the Brisbane City Council with alternative locations that do not impact negatively on the historic botanic gardens. More news in next issue of *Lilygram*.

More news about the Botanica Arts Festival to held in the City Botanic Gardens next April will be released in the new year. This is looking to be a wonderful event with several art installations to delight and inspire.



JSim April 2017



NEWS!

The new **Mount Coot-tha Visitor Centre** was officially opened by the Lord Mayor Graham Quirk on 21 October 2017. This wonderful centre is much needed support facility, well deserved by the Volunteer Guides, the Gardens staff and visitors!

We will explore the design of the building and garden surrounds in the next issue of *Lilygram*. Meanwhile, please come up the mountain and see for yourself how this new facility settles so well into the established botanic gardens.



Inside has interactive displays and gorgeous vistas to outside.



Late News!

The Café and restaurant called **Botanical** has reopened at last!



Check out the new facilities and let us know what you think.



Stately palms mark the new Visitor Centre at the end of the carpark, between the Planetarium and the Botanical Café.



Officiating: Lord Mayor Quirk and Cr. McLachlan



Everyone joins in to plant a commemorative tree: Cr. Richards, Dale Arvidsson, the Lord Mayor, Cr. McLachlan and Mary Peden from the Volunteer Guides. And the tree is an endangered species of *Brachychiton* sp. Ormeau (yet to be officially named)!



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

fBBGSA is always welcoming donations to help fund projects we feel are important. What's next? What are your suggestions?

Lord Mayor Graham Quirk has graciously approved the installation of our first **DONATION BOX** adjacent the new Mt Coot-tha Visitor Centre. We hope to get that installed before Christmas. 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! They raise thousands each year from this source alone!

BIGGEST NEWS!

Many thanks are extended to the **Toowong Save Endrim Group** who donated \$10,000 to the fBBGSA specifically for improvements to the Children's Trail at MCBG. The redevelopment of the historic house Endrim is a sad story, still unfolding, that will be related in more detail in the next issue of *Lilygram*.

Many thanks also to Mary Jo Katter for facilitating this generous donation.

Currently, TSEGroup organiser Kirsty Faichen is working with Board members Julie Lumsdale and Jeannie Sim in liaison with Vicki-Lee Bower from the MCBC to find the best ways to spend the funds. Please stay tuned for the exciting outcomes.



Pretty young sprites found making the tour! Julie and Kirsty, following the guide flyer, 27 November 2017.

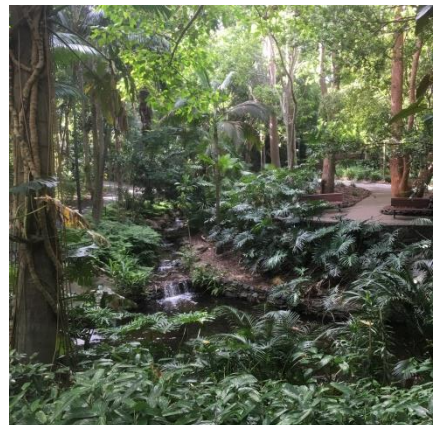
Children's Trail within the Mixed Rainforest Garden

In the heart of the oldest section of the Brisbane Botanic Gardens at Mt Coot-tha, is a selection of sculptures that provide a delightful adventure for children and adults alike.

We can forget to linger and enjoy this extraordinary collection of plants when wrangling littlies. But it is worth visiting for the landscape design and plants themselves. The little stream running through the gully with several bridge crossings and meandering paths is just delightful. If you haven't visited this hidden treasure before, please make the effort soon, before it gets too hot and muggy!



Dragon Bridge disguises the monster water main that runs through the site!



Another hidden spot: Wedding Lawn No 1 is a rare open grassy area.

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Josie's Visit!

As a child, one of Josie's 'favourite toys' was a heavy iron gate at the main entry to Sherwood Arboretum in the 1920s. 'We did all sorts of gymnastics on that gate, which use to be locked every day by my Dad,' she said. The entry gate has long gone but the memories of Josie Condie, 94, of Melbourne were as sharp as ever when she planted two specimen trees with the Curator of Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Dale Arvidsson earlier this year. Josie greeted Dale with a twinkle in her eye saying: 'I also knew the Arboretum's first Curator, Mr Bick, who use to come out by steam train to plant new trees here with my Dad.' The special planting, attended by the Berry and Hodgson family descendants, honours Josie's parents, William and Olive Hodgson and her late sisters, Margaret and Betty and late brother, Billy.



Josie and the Curator (pictured) added two new specimen trees to the Arboretum's collection – a Black Kauri and a Mullumbimbi Plum.

William Hodgson was appointed Council's first caretaker for Brisbane's new Arboretum established in 1925 for Australian native trees.



Josie remembered her Dad (pictured with Olive and Billy) 'absolutely drenched with perspiration' at the end of long days of planting and watering

trees or cutting and collecting the grass with the help of a horse-drawn mower, rake and dray.

'Council's two horses, Punch and Blossom, were given shelter at the Arboretum in a large corrugated iron shed, along with the harnesses and hay,' she said. Josie recalled the excitement of rowing in a boat over the Arboretum, 'seeing the snakes wound up in the Kauri trees' after one of the big floods (February 1931).

'Dad had a bit of a reputation for growling at people and for good reason', Josie said. 'I remember one Sunday afternoon, my Dad spotted a visitor leaving the Arboretum with a huge arm load of blossoms from one of his favourite trees. 'My Dad made the important point to the visitor that the Arboretum was there for everyone to enjoy.'

Thanks to the pioneering efforts of the Curator, Mr Bick and Bill Hodgson, we can enjoy many of those original specimen trees 92 years after Sherwood Arboretum was first established.

Arbor Day 2017

Sometimes one good idea can make a real difference. That's certainly true when it comes to Arbor Day, a 127-year-old tradition of planting trees to help green many Australian cities.



The Curator of Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Dale Arvidsson, last month helped students from Sherwood State School add new trees to the collection of more than 1000 Australian native trees in the heritage-listed Sherwood Arboretum for Arbor Day.

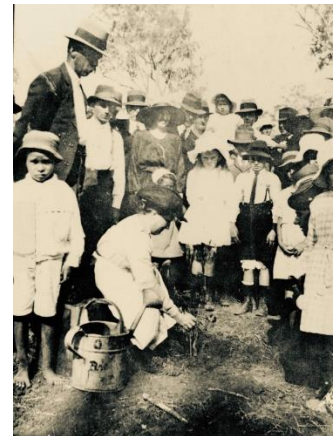
The school's long connection with Sherwood Arboretum first started in August 1925 when 100 students planted 100 trees shortly after the Arboretum's official opening in March 1925.

Queensland's first Arbor Day was celebrated on August 1, 1890 when the then Curator of the Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Philip McMahon distributed 2496 trees to schools. In Brisbane, Arbor Day now falls on the second Tuesday in October.

Arbor Day (Arbor is Latin for tree) is now celebrated world-wide thanks to its founder, American, Julius Sterling Morton, who first proposed a tree planting day in 1872 to help overcome a treeless landscape in his home State of Nebraska.

Last month's Arbor Day planting included the endangered Ornate-fruited *Neisosperma*, a large ornate rainforest tree, with white perfumed flowers similar to a Frangipani, found in the Mackay coastal ranges. The planting of a Leichhardt Bean, a native of inland Queensland, also illustrated the importance of replacing specimen trees which are now reaching the end of their life in the Arboretum.

The recent good rains have boosted some 140 young specimen trees, planted with the support of the Curator, Council's Arborists and the Friends of Sherwood Arboretum Association over the last two years.



Arbor Day planting 1920

FBBGSA members are always welcome to join in the volunteer working bees (just two hours of light work) held in the Arboretum on the third Sunday of the month. For more information, please email info@sherwoodarboretum.com.au or call 3278 6525.

Stories and images from
Andrew Benison President of Friends
of Sherwood Arboretum (FoSA)
Dated 30 October 2017

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§ OUR ACTIVITIES §

TALKS



We achieved six Tuesday Talks this year and more are planned for 2018. We also have started the educational Gardening Masterclasses series with Annette Irish and the seasonal Veggie Talks with Arno King.

WALKS



Don't forget the Volunteer Guides provide excellent guided walks around our two Botanic Gardens and even did one around Sherwood Arboretum this year. We also have great hopes for bird watching events in the future. Our first successful Open Garden event was in October! More to come!

Growing



We have begun our much desired propagation from botanic garden material without a small nursery facility and are selling already at events. But we will not give up on the real nursery goal!

Gardening



Our diligent volunteers helped maintain the Kitchen Garden this year. Check the website for details if you want to join in 2018.

Newsletter *Lilygram*



Going well! 3 per year (#7 now)! We will publish the newsletter using the email system for distribution of a PDF version with an archived version to download from the FBBGSA website. Also a hardcopy version will be available from MCBG Library.

SOCIALS



Going very well! 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. We have nibbles and beverages at our Tuesday talks that aid the socialising. What else would you like us to do?

OTHER!



New!? Other Good Works?

We have also started volunteering to help with the labelling of plants up at MCBG and provided some expertise in identifying herbaceous material in the CBG, and so on.

Watch out for email notices & our website for all future events!

RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

We will automate this process by the end of 2017, and then we can all share a common renewal date (probably April each year) with easier and more accurate processes.



CHEERS!

Best wishes to all members



Season's Greetings!

For a safe and healthy 2018.



WHY NOT GIVE A FBBGSA MEMBERSHIP TO YOUR FRIENDS OR FAMILY AS A CHRISTMAS PRESENT AND HELP TO PROTECT OUR BOTANIC TREASURES?!



Application for Membership

Friends of BBGSA

ABN 20 607 589 873

revised 4 July 2017

TITLE: First NAME SURNAME

Mailing ADDRESS

SUBURB State: Postcode

Email

Telephone/Mobile

☐ unsubscribe from Mailchimp newsletter

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):

<input type="checkbox"/> Plant Propagation	<input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture	<input type="checkbox"/> Rambles/walks	<input type="checkbox"/> Birds/Natural History
<input type="checkbox"/> Garden Design	<input type="checkbox"/> Heritage & History	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Visit other gardens
<input type="checkbox"/> Are you interested in volunteering activities?			<input type="checkbox"/> Arts/Crafts

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

Individual Membership:

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

CORPORATE ☐ NFP \$50/5years; Commercial ☐ \$250/5yrs(<\$5M/yr) and ☐ \$1000/5yrs (>\$5M/yr)

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.

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