



What's inside the winter issue of *THE BOTANIC GARDENER: Community engagement in botanic gardens?*

Find out more by reading the *Editorial Insights* [here!](#)

And don't forget that the theme of the next edition is *Then and now – change and evolution within our botanic gardens.*

The deadline for contributions is **9 October 2023.**

Please contact Rebecca Harcourt, managing.editor@bganz.org.au, if you'd like to submit an article or have a contribution to other sections.

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BGANZ Arboriculture Professional Group (BARB) update

The BARB group aims to bring together tree management professionals working in botanic gardens across the BGANZ network.

We hope to:

- Strengthen and improve tree management practices across botanic gardens in Australia and New Zealand
- Highlight and promote the specialised skills required for botanic gardens arboriculture in caring for our amazing tree collections
- Promote and develop our tree collections and the benefits they provide
- Provide support to BGANZ member organisations to guide them towards best practice management of their trees.



On Wednesday 2 August, we held our first formal meeting to elect committee members to steer the work of the group.

The endorsed committee is:

- Convenor - Ian Allan (Blue Mountains BG)
- Deputy, Treasurer/Secretary - Chelsea Payne (Kings Park & BG)
- Committee members – Dan Marges (ANBG), Neil Bollinger (Orange BG), Peter Berbee (RBGV), Matt Coyne (RBGS), Chani Humphries (Geelong CC), Laura Williams (RTBG).

To help gather details for the BARB network contact list and information on botanic gardens tree management across the BGANZ network, please complete a short survey (it only takes four minutes!).

The survey will be open until **1 September 2023** and will help us develop the BARB group aims and actions for our first year.

Just follow this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/88PCHNR>

Please save **8 November** for our next meeting (TBC). We're planning to host a short presentation on some great work by one of our member organisations!!

You don't have to be on the committee to attend our network meetings - all are welcome! 😊

Please contact Ian Allan if you have any questions, Ian.Allan@botanicgardens.nsw.gov.au.

BGANZ Awards Program 2023

The objective of the BGANZ awards is to acknowledge the efforts, and contribute to the ongoing training and development, of BGANZ members through research or work experience with like organisations, which will bring a benefit to the applicants, BGANZ members and the wider industry.

There are two awards available in 2023:

- BGANZ Professional Development Award 2023, value AU\$2,000
- BGANZ Young Member Award 2023, value AU\$500.

For more information and to apply, see [2023-BGANZ-Professional-Award-Scholarship-Guidelines-2023](#) and [BGANZ Young Member Award Criteria 2023](#).

Applications close 7 September 2023.

BCARM August Forum - 22 August 10am AEST

Kings Park work with the Eden Project to install a WA flora display

Presenter: Ali Smith, Acting – Horticulture Project Officer

Ali Smith has worked in the Horticultural Displays team in the Western Australian Botanic Garden, Kings Park, since 2010.

She has recently taken on the acting role of Horticulture Project Officer.

In 2017 Ali travelled to the UK to assist Grady Brand (then Senior Curator of the WA Botanic Garden) with the planning and installation of the permanent display of Western Australian Flora in the Mediterranean Biome at the Eden Project.

Ali will give an overview of the preparation for this project, species selection, interpretation themes, challenges & successes for the ongoing curation of the display.

A new tropical conservatory at the Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra

The new Ian Potter National Conservatory is currently under construction at the Australian National Botanic Gardens.

The Conservatory will be a national showcase for tropical Australian native flora from the far north and islands, including rare and threatened species.

It will become a major destination in Canberra and interpret the rich story of Australia's tropical flora.

Presenter: Joe McAuliffe, Nursery Manager – Australian National Botanic Gardens

Joe has worked as a horticulturist and horticultural at the Australian National Botanic Gardens (ANBG) for over 30 years.

During this time Joe has worked across various areas within Parks Australia including Booderee Botanic Gardens, Uluru-Kata Tjuta, and Christmas Island Nation Parks.

As a field collector he has travelled much of Australia collecting plant specimens for the ANBG and the Australian National Herbarium.

Joe has extensive horticultural experience in growing Australian plants and has been an important cog in the ANBG's conservation programs.

Joe now leads the nursery team at the ANBG, currently focussing on managing horticultural operations of the ANBG's tropical collections and the new Ian Potter National Conservatory expected to be completed sometime 2024.

To join the meeting using Microsoft Teams, click [here](#).

Please email Sheree Parker if you have any questions about BCARM or the forum, SParker2@geelongcity.vic.gov.au

Saving Native Species Grant Opportunity

The Saving Native Species Program is providing \$224.5 million over four years to support the recovery of Australia's unique plants, animals, and ecological communities.

It is guided by the [Threatened Species Action Plan: Towards Zero Extinctions 2022-2032](#), which identifies 110 priority species and 20 priority places to drive action where it is needed most, and where it will have the biggest impact.

The **Saving Native Species (Priority Species)** grant opportunity aims to put the 110 priority species on track for an improved trajectory (Target 1, Action Plan).

30 of these species are plants.

For this opportunity, grants of between \$20,000 and \$500,000 are available.

Applications for this grant opportunity are now open and will close on **Thursday 7 September 2023**.

Organisations may apply for this opportunity if they meet the eligibility criteria (are an eligible entity, have an eligible project, and have eligible expenditure).

If you are interested in this grant opportunity, apply now at [business.gov.au](#) or [GrantConnect](#).

If you have any questions about this grant opportunity, please contact the Business Grants Hub via telephone at 13 28 46.

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Including news from around the Friends:

- WAMA
- Friends of Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens
- Botanic Gardens Conservation International
- Friends of Kings Park
- Friends of Wollongong Botanic Gardens
- Camperdown Botanic Gardens and Arboretum Trust
- Friends of Ballarat Botanical Gardens
- Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne
- Williamstown Botanic Gardens
- SA Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium
- The Friends of Brisbane Botanic Gardens & Sherwood Arboretum
- Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens.



To read the news, click [here](#).



News from Hortis

Our engineering team has grown, and so has Hortis – bringing you a host of new features based on your feedback.

This month, we introduced enhanced tag filtering, user deactivation, support for recording IPEN numbers, and the ability to load custom maps.

Read more about July's highlights and how they can help your garden [here](#).

News from APGA

To read the news, click [here](#).



Vacancy: Horticultural Labourer (Turf and Open Spaces) – Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan

- Ongoing Full Time Opportunity
- Horticulturist Grade 2/4, salary relative to experience and ranges from \$55,416 to \$65,152, + super
- Join the [Heartbeat of the Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan](#)

Our Natural Areas and Open Spaces team is currently seeking to appoint a Horticultural Labourer (Turf and Open Spaces) to join our team and contribute to the operational maintenance of turf and open space at The Australian Botanic Garden.

Applications close at **11:55PM Wednesday 9 August 2023**.

Should you require further information about the role please click [here](#) and/or contact Chis Cole via Chris.Cole@botanicgardens.nsw.gov.au

Vacancy: Senior Horticulturist – Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan

- Ongoing Full Time Opportunity, located at the Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan
- Salary relative to experience, and ranges from \$75,250 to \$83,211 + super
- Benefits include Rostered Day Off, Fitness Passport, Career and Advancement Opportunities

Our dynamic Horticultural Team is seeking to appoint an experienced Senior Horticulturist to be based at the Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan.

[Join the Heartbeat of the Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan](#)

The Senior Horticulturist develops and maintains the horticultural functions for an area of the Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan including; undertaking regular area inspections, maintenance of associated plant and equipment, research and development of a diverse living collection, consultation between stakeholders on developments affecting the garden, performing a wide range of horticultural tasks, and the supervision and training of staff.

This is an exciting opportunity to join an organisation of passionate, world leading staff from the fields of science and horticulture.

Applications close **Thursday 10 August 2023 11:55pm**.

Should you require further information about the role please click [here](#) and/or contact Chis Cole via Chris.Cole@botanicgardens.nsw.gov.au

Vacancy: Senior Horticulturist Greenkeeping – The Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan

- Senior Horticulturist, Greenkeeping – The Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan
- Ongoing Full Time Opportunity, located at the Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan
- **[Join the heartbeat of the Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan](#)**
- Salary relative to experience, and ranges from \$75,250 to \$83,211 + super

The iconic Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan is currently seeking to appoint an experienced Senior Horticulturist in Greenkeeping for the maintenance and development of all turf areas, grasslands, natural areas works, maintenance programming, record keeping, technical advice regarding developments affecting turf within the Garden, supervision of staff, contractor engagement and supervision, allocation of resources and planning.

This is an exciting opportunity to join an organisation of passionate, world leading staff from the fields of horticulture, arboriculture greenkeeping, conservation and science.

Applications close Sunday 13 August 2023 11:55pm.

Should you require further information about the role, please click [here](#) and/or contact Michael Elgey via michael.elgey@botanicgardens.nsw.gov.au

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Join BGANZ as a member

Membership benefits include — joining a network of national and international botanic gardens, arboreta and parks and a wide range of institutions and associate professional bodies, including groups such as Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI). **PLUS:**

- Training and development opportunities
- Professional development supported through BGANZ Prizes, Awards and Secondments programs
- Partnership and shared knowledge opportunities
- Professional network working groups (e.g. engagement, collections and record management network)
- Use of the BGANZ website, social media and email to promote events, news and jobs
- Botanic garden council advisory service
- Online forums, panel discussions and webinars
- BGANZ-developed resources
- Access to member network
- Subscription to The BOTANIC GARDENER online magazine, published half yearly

- Early bird invitations and discounts to our biennial congress, regional conferences and other events.

And much more!

Contact us for a BGANZ Membership Application Form

BGANZ acknowledges the traditional owners of Country throughout Australia, and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to elders past, present and emerging.



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