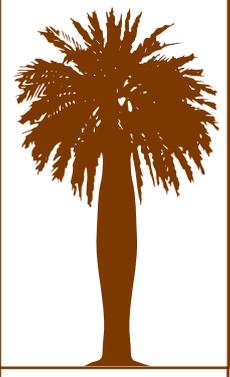


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Bangalow or Piccabeen palms with elkhorn and staghorn ferns: Palm Grove Nature Park, Tamborine Mountain

Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens Conference 2014

In August this year the Australia-wide Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens (AFBG), held its biennial conference on the Gold Coast. After twenty-one years, AFBG membership now includes fifty-seven Australian friends' of botanic gardens groups, and two affiliates: Volunteers Garden Guides, Capetown South Africa, and Friends of Christchurch Botanic Gardens, New Zealand. It is traditional for individual member groups to host each conference. Five of our FBGB Committee members travelled to the Gold Coast, not only for much needed warmth, but essentially for the excellent papers, networking and camaraderie we encountered there, and to present our credentials as hosts of the 2016 conference (see ... from your Committee). At the AFBG Annual General Meeting, Kate Heffernan, Horticultural Consultant and Founder of Friends of the Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens, was elected the incoming President. Annie McGeachy stepped down after ten years as Secretary, and Judith Trimble was elected as an ordinary member. Dr Philip Moors is the new Patron of the AFBG.



Kate Heffernan,
President AFBG

The sessions introduced a range of topics pertinent to Friends supporting botanical gardens. A few are identified here.

Dr Tim Entwisle spoke both seriously and entertainingly of the blurring of seasonal dates, demonstrating their incongruity across differing regions, countries and cultures, calling for at least five less definitive seasons, and instituting 'sprinter' and 'sprummer' between winter and summer. These he based on the behaviour of

flora and fauna, also noting the trend for seasonal changefulness, which long-term studies have concluded is ten days earlier across the world.

An inspiring paper was given by Mark Ballatyne, doctoral research student and ecologist studying at Griffith University, who demonstrated the 'Use of Apps to Communicate Species

Conservation and Learning'. His program encourages learning more about biodiversity and nature, using personal phones and tablets. Schools, universities, bush walkers, gardeners, community events, councils and others may use and contribute to the app he has built, which can be continually developed, updated and adapted to accept specialised input through a large range of morphological plant features. High definition photographs refined the app's research value using zoom to reveal fine detail. To date, the app—Grows@Griffith—has had 3000 downloads across Australia.

Botanist Naomi Christian manages threatened species on the Gold Coast in 850 reserves, where both high and low biodiversity areas are scattered throughout a 13,000 hectare conservation estate. Research botanist, Gwen Harden, and colleagues Bill McDonald and John Williams are publishing an 'interactive Lucid key' to Rain Forest Plants of Australia from Rockhampton to Victoria'. The extraordinarily detailed information is to be available through a Google and DVD package by October. Other presenters spoke on working effectively with volunteers and regional councils, expanding networks with other community groups, building sponsorship, and marketing, including digital strategies and branding, attractive signage, the development of regional

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herbariums from scratch and their role in weed control. Several speakers showed a range of their successes over recent years, and we illustrated the historic success of Music in the Gardens.

It was surprising and rewarding to see a number of relatively recent Botanic Gardens established, initially, entirely by the efforts of Friends' groups, the best of which are now well supported by regional councils. Maroochy Regional Bushland Gardens, Noosa Botanic Gardens, Melton Botanic Garden, Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden at Port Augusta, and Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens are exemplars. Conference participants were taken on a guided tour of the Gold Coast Gardens. The Gold Coast Friends built their Gardens on a thirty-one hectare site. It includes a two kilometre long walk—the Mangroves to Mountains Transect—past regional plant communities. There are also: a large lake and 'backwash', a Bush Food Garden, a Sensory Garden, a Children's Garden, a Butterfly Garden, a dedicated Friends' building, and much more. See the Gold Coast Friends at work at: www.friendsgcrbg.org.au/

Other Conference tours took in different land uses on Tamborine Mountain and in the upper Currumbin Valley.

Scheduled before and after the conference session days, tours included a wide range of experiences, and while everything looked relatively lush to many visitors, the Gold Coast is drying out for want of regular rain. The eleven-hectare, temperate rain forest Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens is 'supported' by the Tamborine Mountain Garden Club Inc. whose members have carried out nearly all the work since it began twenty-five years ago: everything from garden construction, planting, feeding, mulching and maintaining the Gardens, to building the irrigation system and the structures. Situated along a stream in a gully among very tall, smooth trunked Flooded Gums (*Eucalyptus grandis*) and Bangalow Palms, temperate climate loving exotics also thrive on Tamborine Mountain. (Photographs of the Garden and volunteers are available at www.tmbotanicgardens.org.au/)



Strangler figs, Palm Grove Nature Park, Tamborine Mountain

Palm Grove Nature Park is a densely vegetated, wild, natural place of tall blackbean (*Castanospermum australe*), lofty bangalow or Picabeen palms (*Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*), yellow carabeens (*Sloanea woollsi*) with their buttressed trunks supporting strangler figs (*Ficus watkinsiana*), elkhorn and staghorn ferns. It is instructive to see such tall, dense trees growing from difficult stony ground and amongst huge boulders and moss-covered fallen giants of the forest. By contrast, the manicured park-like private garden, Glenloch, started in 2007 on Mount Tamborine, provides quite a contrast, even considering its beautiful, framing stands of tall eucalypts.



Flooded Gum, Mt Cougal, Springbrook National Park, Currumbin Valley

Many large and small plants are identified in the natural, forested Mount Cougal area of the Springbrook National Park in the Currumbin Valley. A track leads along the headwaters of the Currumbin Creek high above occasional small waterfalls, which become raging torrents in the wet season, pouring through the rock-floored creek when the forest drips with rain and mist. In this area, dominant *Eucalyptus grandis* and *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana* are joined by Blue Quandong (*Eleocarpis grandis*), protecting a lighter understorey of Red Carabeen (*Geissois benthamii*), Macleay Laurel (*Anopterus macleayanus*), Wait a while (*Calamus muelleri*), Stream Lily (*Helmholtzia glaberrima*), and many others less readily visible from the track.

Further down the Currumbin Valley, as the floor widens below the National Park conservation zone, admitting agricultural activities, is Ecovillage, an award-winning sustainable environment built on an old dairy farm. All houses provide their own solar power, potable and recycled water, and the community centre is built of recycled materials. Revegetation, using native plants in open space, private gardens, and the riparian creek zone, is restoring the 110-hectare residential estate, encouraging endangered species, regrowth forest and the return of an abundant local wildlife: 'kangaroos, over 170 bird species and numerous mammals, marsupials, frogs and reptiles.'

All in all, participants enjoyed an instructive and inspiring conference, setting a benchmark for the 2016 AFBG Conference in Geelong.

Judith Trimble

...from your Committee



**At our Annual General Meeting,
August 25, Friends voted unanimously for:**

New Committee of Management 2014–2015:

Judith Trimble (President), Susanna Keith (Vice President), Allison Martland (Vice President), Luanne Thornton (Secretary), Judy Fyfe (Treasurer), Helena Buxton, Geoffrey Davis, Helen Rodd, Jayne Salmon and Anthea Williams (members). We warmly welcome Geoff as a new Committee member.

Don Spittle retired from the Committee. We thank Don for his support and co-operation, and his work obtaining the Nursery tables.

Honorary Life Memberships:

The AGM awarded Liz Bennetto and Heather Boyd Honorary Life Memberships in recognition of their long and loyal service to the Friends and the Gardens. Congratulations Liz and Heather!

Resolutions:

Friends voted to broaden the scope of our Purposes and Rules and our Gift Fund Trust Deed to include Eastern Park. This change recognises the City Fathers' original intention that the Botanic Gardens occupy the entire 200-acre site, part of which is now Eastern Park. Your Committee also intends to grow the Gift Fund and its effectiveness by developing public appeal projects in partnership with the City. Grants won for Friends' projects shall also be received through the Gift Fund. However, before these changes become effective, they need Consumer Affairs Victoria and the Australian Taxation Office ratification, a process your Committee will undertake.

Summary Report 2014-2015

As the incoming Committee of Management at our last AGM, we saw our role as one of facilitating activities and serving our association, while leading us towards a bright future in accordance with our Purposes and Rules. Your Committee has sought to achieve these goals by managing the association business well; by supporting the Gardens; by maintaining a happy atmosphere and supporting our volunteers; and by providing our members with fruitful and meaningful events.

Next year we hope to continue all of this and: raise membership numbers; support a number of projects in the Gardens and Eastern Park; build the Gift Fund in partnership with the City; engage the wishes of the membership. So please let us know what events and support you would like.

As we know, the year 2013–2014 has been a big one. Your Committee and volunteers in all fields have worked hard and co-operatively with real success. Two items are particularly exciting.

Your Committee won a City of Greater Geelong Community Concepts grant of \$35,000 for interpretative signage and plant labelling for the GBG.

Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens will host the next nationwide Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens Conference, 29 April–2 May, 2016.

Management

Consumer Affairs Victoria accepted, without adjustment, the Friends' new Purposes and Rules. We have a new and supportive Patron in Dr Philip Moors. The Treasurer and administrative staff have husbanded our funds with meticulous care. Our Gift Fund is growing gradually, with potential to expand. Our Secretary has carefully managed business and correspondence. The new FGBG Members' Induction Handbook ensures our compliance with the City's volunteer requirements, while reducing the need for repetitive and complex OH&S paperwork. A new website has been built and is substantially enlivening our image. We have a new Facebook page, reaching out to a different public and potential new membership group. Four issues of *Jubaea* have been distributed on time in hard copy, and uploaded onto our website in colour. Growing Friends' seasonal and weekly Plant Sales have contributed greatly to our income. The Library is well managed and growing. The Botanical Art School continues to thrive. Representatives of your executive have met with the City and Councillors to discuss partnership development, and a possible public appeal project to advance the Gardens and Eastern Park.

Supporting the Gardens

The Friends have contributed a further ten thousand dollars to support the Geelong Botanic Gardens' Education program, and volunteers assist with research and teaching materials production. The Friends have pledged twelve thousand seven hundred dollars for maintenance works to the Raddenberry and Cabmen's Shelters, and the Customs House. The Friends have applied for a Heritage Victoria grant to restore the Ladies Kiosk in Eastern Park (in the vicinity of the new catchment dam). The Heritage Rose Gardeners successfully tended the Rose Garden again this year, and our Perennial Border Gardeners reconstructed the Garden to beautiful effect after disruption by irrigation installation.

Volunteer support

Volunteers were introduced to the Members' Induction Handbook and OH&S requirements. Nursery tables, to lift plant stock off the ground are a huge success. Your Committee has celebrated our volunteers' commitment to the Friends and the Gardens with well-attended morning tea/luncheon parties in recognition of their service and for enjoyment.

Events

Each event is a project requiring selections to be nominated, agreed, and bookings, marketing, financial and logistic management undertaken by your Committee. After months of documentation, February was again dedicated to Music in the Gardens. Extremely hot weather on Music Sundays this year deterred all but the keenest followers, so that, while our costs were covered, profit was extremely small. It costs

the Friends between sixteen and twenty thousand dollars for permits, staging, bands, security and safety officers, and one thousand volunteer hours to present the four concerts each year. Many months are spent on masses of paperwork. Should two concerts be lost to storms, or attendance low, the Friends make a loss. It is sad, therefore, that after sixteen years of Music and extraordinary efforts to continue the event, it has outgrown our ability to carry out the work and to risk loss. Therefore, your Committee has relinquished the event in its present form, and is seeking other means to provide Music in the Gardens.

Our evening speakers' program was reinstated in March, with four speakers presenting this year. These evenings were planned to alternate with other monthly events. Dr Anne Vale will talk about 'Gardening with Native Plants' in September. A bus trip for members was taken to Mount Macedon, visiting Stephen Ryan's Dicksonia Rare Plants Nursery, his home

garden, and the garden estate, Duneira. Winter High Tea was a successful, profitable and elegant event in June, when Dr Philip Moors made the presentation. Our Botanical Art School Exhibition was held at Wintergarden in October, attracting admiring visitors from Geelong and other Victorian regions. In November members and their friends enjoyed the self-drive tour—Through the Garden Gate. Another such event is being planned for later this year. See the Activities page.

Your Committee of Management is an excellent team, and we thank our valiant administration staff for their enthusiasm, patience, support and hard work throughout the year. Nothing we do happens by chance or osmosis. We look forward to another busy and prosperous year ahead full of fun and achievement.

Dr Judith Trimble



Spring Weekend Plant Sales

Now that our gardens are showing signs of Spring, with heady perfumes and swelling buds, it is time to prepare them for the warmer seasons ahead. Our Growing Friends' giant Spring Weekend Plant Sale is on again, offering healthy plants at bargain prices. See you there!



Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 October, from 10 am until 4 pm, at the Friends' Nursery located at the bottom of the Gardens. (Car Parking provided next to the Nursery.)

Botanical Art Exhibition — Vessels and Christmas Drinks

Vessels

For the past two years, Botanical Art students and tutors have been interpreting plant material onto classic vessels. This series of drawings investigates Grecian, Moorish and other styles in a range of mediums.

Works will be on exhibition and can be purchased, making perfect gifts. Commission of proceeds will go to Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens.

The exhibition will be held at the GBG Meeting Room over the weekend November 22—23: open Saturday and Sunday 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Free entry. ... and

Christmas drinks

Join the Friends for their Annual Christmas Drinks at the Opening of this Exhibition.

The Opening will be held on Friday 21 November 5.30 – 7.30 pm.

Botanical Art News: Scraperboard Workshop

Winter settled in, grey, cold, windy and wet. You name it; we had it all during the Scraperboard workshop. Nevertheless, we all had a great weekend.

Participating artists of all levels enjoyed the rather simple but challenging process of producing a white image on a black background. Learning how to use the different scraping tools, then deciding which one or two to use for a particular or desired effect, all took our total concentration. The result is simply 'stunning'!!!!

Well done and congratulations to all.

Dolores Sk-Malloni



Gift Fund

Thank you to everyone who has made donations to our Gift Fund during the year, including those who chose to make a donation at membership renewal time. These added nearly \$3,500 to the Fund this year. Our June 30, 2014 balance was \$117,757.10.

We have several Gardens projects, which will be funded by the Gift Fund. Heritage Victoria has approved the repair work on the three heritage buildings: the Raddenberry Shelter, the First Customs House, and the Cabmen's Shelter. The Gift Fund will pay for these works in full, amounting to a total of \$12,692.

Our recent donors are:

Sue Apted, Dorothy Bailey, Judy Bailey, Barwon Heads Red Cross, Elizabeth Bills, Pat Brockman, Allan Collier, Cherry Collins, Noele Cook, Wendy Cowdery, Polly Cutcliffe, John Duncan, Loma Ellis, Lyn Gadd, Owen Griffin, Jennifer Heath, Alistair Hope, George Jones, Judith Kennedy, Jennifer Lund, Phyllida McCann, Carol McIntyre, Gerard Mullaly, Marjorie Nall, Joan Potts, Mary Thibou, Gail Thomas, Lionel Tunnell-Jones, Caryl Waugh, Rosemary Weatherley, Anthea Williams, Jan Venters, and nine listed anonymous donors.

Gift Vouchers

Gift Vouchers may be purchased from the Friends' Office. (They expire in 12 months.)

Vouchers may be redeemed for the purchase of plants from the Friends' Plant Nursery, and for a range of

merchandise, including: Botanic Art cards and Friends' aprons, membership subscriptions, and Friends' events and tours, all of which are available from the Friends' office.



Biographical Notes, Luanne Thornton

Having grown up in Melbourne, I often visited the Royal Botanic Gardens with my parents, but a period living nearby, meant I walked home from work through them most evenings. I loved the changes in the seasons and the peace of the walk after a day at work. Marriage meant a move to a small property in Ceres, where we lived for 15 years before moving to a larger property near Inverleigh. I had trained as a librarian and worked in a number of libraries, including a public, University, large company and The Gordon.

Like Roz Hill I was looking for an extra interest after retiring in 2006. I first spent a number of weeks volunteering at the Commonwealth Games and was ready to enjoy a change. Living on the land takes up a lot of my time, but volunteering at the Geelong Botanic Gardens had always interested me and when Meralyn Roberts rang one day I discovered my skills as a librarian could be used in the small library.

This is a joint collection and the various groups who meet regularly in the meeting room maintain their own collections of material. The Friends take responsibility for the updating and maintenance of the Geelong Botanic Gardens reference collection and a Friends

collection, which is available for members to borrow. Although I enjoy gardening I do not have the botanical and horticultural knowledge of many volunteers, but librarians are a bit like detectives. They are trained to find things out.

Not only does the library maintain a collection of books, but also a Friends' photographic record, a file of newspaper cuttings pertaining to the Gardens and the Friends, back copies of *Jubaea* and the earlier newsletter and most importantly copies of Geelong Botanic Gardens and Eastern Park reports and plans. The Friends purchase and donate a number of reference books for the Botanic Gardens collection, including the *Flora of Australia* series as volumes are published, and some other important works. The library receives donations and will keep the items that fit the aims of the library. Other material may be sold at our Plant Sale stalls and the money received is used to purchase items. More and more material is available online and the need to subscribe to paper copies of journals has almost ceased. The library also receives copies of the newsletters of the many other Friends' groups around Australia. These are kept for a period and provide information about other groups, their interests and activities.

We work quite closely with the Director and were involved in the recent project to provide an informal reading collection for families and children to use during their visit to the gardens. The Geelong Regional Library and Friends donated books for the bookshelf.

There is a great camaraderie among the many volunteers in and around the gardens. Lots of laughs and chatter happen over morning tea as people exchange news and talk, whilst providing all sorts of support to each other.

Regional Gardening from Bleak to Beautiful

Downsizing your garden is no easy task, especially if you have created gardens from expansive ‘paddocks’, and are as ‘compulsive’ a gardener as Jimmy Morrison admits to being. When they wanted to build a new garden, finding a block big enough to accommodate thirty large boxes of cuttings and fifty pots with trees and shrubs of various stages of maturity was the first task facing Jimmy and her husband. After about three years of searching, a double block with plenty of space and sunlight was located at Point Lonsdale. Massive tree stumps and several large self-seeded trees were cleared, and the old house there demolished a year later.

A new garden and house were designed to complement each other, with garden views from every room. Garden construction started in 2009, well before the house foundations were laid. Beds between four and seven metres deep along the fence lines were dug according to Jimmy’s plan, but the poor, sandy soil required a lot of work before planting could start. Areas were levelled, thick layers of sheep manure combined with pea straw and leaf mulch were spread, and in April 2010 the garden was ready to plant.

Plant selection was based on colour, size and suitability for local conditions, although these were sometimes ignored, with mixed results! The narrow east bed was planted with succulents and other grey and silver plants blending into yellow and white shrubs and perennials. These in turn led to the north centre bed of predominately blues, purples and whites. The largest, north-west bed, seven metres deep, has a red, blue and white colour scheme provided by trees and large shrubs, with perennials filling the spaces to great effect.

A huge *Liquidamber styraciflua*, under which nestles the quintessential garden shed complete with a window box filled with annuals, lends shade to the next section of the garden. Here, Cliveas, Aspidistras and other shade loving plants enter the picture, while across on the unshaded hot side of the terrace a healthy selection of beautiful and often rare plants is cosseted in the oversize pots. At the rear of the property stands a series of raised wooden boxes planted with either dwarf fruit trees or vegetables. (Of special delight to the dog is one box she has found she can climb into, dig up and eat the carrots, and discard the green tops.)

The garden was well established before Jimmy and her husband moved into their new house in May 2011, and is improving all the time as shrubs and trees fill out. It has not always been easy, with several mature trees not thriving, due to causes as yet unknown. Replacements are constantly being sought. However, these are challenges Jimmy enjoys. She will, no doubt, achieve her aim.

Jimmy is happiest in her garden, watering with stored water from huge underground tanks, and continually planting, moving, or removing and replacing plants. These practices ensure there is always something interesting to enjoy, regardless of the season. A favourite saying, along with ‘don’t believe many so-called garden rules’, is ‘if it doesn’t perform to your liking, it has to go’. This is advice worth following as you strive to create your own beautiful garden.

Pauline Lynch with Jimmy Morrison



Open Gardens Australia—seeking volunteers

This year, we are delighted to announce that some of our members are opening their gardens as part of Open Gardens Australia. Gwen and Malcolm Anderson will open their Newtown garden, Aroha, on the weekend of October 25–26 and all proceeds will be donated to the Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens.

On a quarter-acre site, Aroha displays many foliage and bedding plants as well as shrubberies and productive trees. Gwen is one of our Volunteer Guides at the Gardens and members will be assisting with this Open Gardens Australia event.

Entry is \$8.00

The garden, at 340 Shannon Avenue Newtown, will be open 10.00 am–4.30 pm. Parking is in Queens Road and Shannon Avenue.

We do need many volunteers to help on these two days. Please contact the Friends' Office as soon as possible if you can volunteer for a few hours during this weekend. The Spring Plant Sale is on the same weekend so it will be a very busy time for members.

Some other members will be opening their gardens later in the season and we will also need volunteers at these events. Look for more details in the next Jubaea.

Through the Garden Gates

This tour of local gardens is fast becoming a favourite for members and their friends. Private gardens on The Bellarine Peninsula were the focus in 2012 and Surf Coast private gardens were visited in 2013. The 2014 tour will be held on Monday November 17, commencing at 10.00 am. This year, we are planning to visit five gardens in Geelong with an emphasis on productive gardens, including three private home gardens. They also provide wonderful contrasts in scope and design.

The Growers will have a Plant Stall at one garden, and at another there will be a 'Tasting and Recipes' table

from garden produce with morning tea at the 'Tasting Table' garden.

BYO picnic lunch.

The day will end with a sumptuous afternoon tea offered at *Arundel*. There have been quite a few changes in this garden. Here, members and their friends can relax and view another twelve months of garden evolution with coffee and cake in hand.

\$25 member and \$35 non-member

Book at the Friends' Office from mid October.



Speaker: Dr Anne Vale - Designing with Australian Plants

Glen Wilson, Paul Thompson and Diana Snape have all created gardens with primarily Australian plants, however there are enormous differences in their philo-

sophical approach. Glen Wilson has been passionate about the broader landscape, the trunks and canopies of trees. Diana Snape has inspired interest in designing with Australian plants in the domestic garden. Paul Thompson has used Australian plants to create shapes and spaces on an impressive scale, particularly in commercial and public places. Each of these garden makers set an example for how we can create gardens that are unique to our Australian landscape

Anne's presentation will be an extract from her recently released book:

Exceptional Australian Garden Makers.

Her book will be available for purchase at her presentation—a lovely gift.

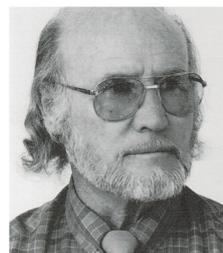
Dr Vale comes to us from her home in Gippsland. Please come and welcome her.

Monday September 29—5.30 pm at the
GBG Meeting Room
at the bottom of the Gardens.

Designing with Australian Plants



Paul Thompson



Glen Wilson



Diana Snape

Special FGBG Spring Activities: September • October • November

Register your address to receive our detailed monthly 'What's On' bulletin via email, or collect your copy directly from our FGBG office. Please check our Website www.friendsgbg.org.au for more details of events.

All monies raised through these events are used in support of the Friends and their work in support of Geelong Botanic Gardens.

Meet FGBG Guides at the Discovery Table on the first Sunday of every month for interesting information and direction to key plants and seasonal change.

Regular guided walks are offered each Wednesday 11.00 am and Sunday 2.00 pm:

Take a themed walk, or enjoy making your own discoveries with a knowledgeable Guide. Come solo or bring a party of interested friends.

Take a 'self-guided' walk using a themed program available from our website.

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday September 2 at 7.00 pm—GFNC: Graham Patterson: Natural history of Port Phillip Bay

Sunday September 28 at 2.00 pm—Guides' Discovery Walk, Chicory Trickery. *Take a trip from austere times past into the hip café culture of today. Discover the plants which have been used as substitutes in the desperate times when tea & coffee were not available!*

Monday September 29 at 5.30 pm refreshments, 6.00 pm start—FGBG Speaker: Anne Vale—Designing with Australian Plants: Glen Wilson, Paul Thompson, Diana Snape (\$5 members/\$10 non-members) See *Jubaea* article.

OCTOBER

Tuesday October 14 at 7.00 pm in the GBG Meeting Room—the 'Dick Southcombe Wider Geelong Flora Lecture 2014'. John Arnott, Manager of Horticulture at the RGB Cranbourne, will speak on the Role of Botanic Gardens in Plant Conservation, providing an overview of threatened plants in Victoria, and highlighting projects and approaches to plant conservation in botanic gardens and other conservation agencies.

Sunday October 19 at 2pm—Guides' Discovery Walk, Billy Tea: *Australian plants can be used to make many different kinds of 'bush tea'. On this walk, learn about the teas of the aboriginal people, the early settlers and bush walkers as well as current health drinks.*

Saturday & Sunday 25 & 26 at 10 am — 4 pm—Spring Weekend Plant Sale at the Growing Friends' Nursery, bottom of the Gardens. The adjacent car park will be open for your convenience.

Saturday & Sunday October 25 & 26 at 10 am—4.30 pm—Open Gardens Australia. (More details: opengarden.org.au) at *Aroha*, 340 Shannon Avenue, Newtown, \$8.00 per person. All proceeds to the Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens.

NOVEMBER

Sunday November 9 at 2 pm—Guides' Discovery Walk, Plant yourself a Pele. *Explore the range of pelargoniums in the extensive GBG collection and learn how they are propagated. Take home a potted cutting for your own collection.*

Monday November 17 at 10 am—Through the Garden Gates. A self-drive tour of 5 gardens in Geelong. (\$25 member, \$35 non-member). Bookings essential at the Friends' Office from mid October and obtain your information Booklet and Garden Guide for the 2014 tour. See *Jubaea* article.

Friday November 21 at 5.30—7.30 pm—Christmas drinks at the Opening of the Botanical Art School Exhibition: 'Vessels'. Please join us at the GBG Meeting Room. See *Jubaea* article.

Saturday & Sunday November 22 & 23 at 10 am—4 pm—Botanical Art School Exhibition: 'Vessels' in the Geelong Botanic Gardens Meeting Room. Free entry

Jubaea: submission planning

We hope you are enjoying articles from our members in *Jubaea*. If you would like to submit a piece for publication, we need to receive it by: 1 Feb, 1 May, 1 August, 1 November. These dates allow for the complex business of publication in time for *Jubaea* to be received by our members on or near the first days of March, June, September and December.

We are also very pleased to hear your suggestions for new items, and your responses.

Thank you
Editorial Committee.

Submissions for *Jubaea* are due by 1 November 2015 for the winter issue.

Teahouse to re-open in Spring!

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