



Benalla Conference Program

Theme: *Cultivating Friends*

Friday, April 20 2018 Benalla Art Gallery	
5.30 – 7.30pm	Registration for the conference and Welcome Drinks
7.00 - 7.15pm	Welcome by Mayor of Benalla

Saturday, April 21 2018 Benalla Performing Arts and Convention Centre	
8.15 – 9.00am	Registration. Tea and coffee available.
9.00 – 9.10am	Welcome to Country – Chris Thorne.
9.10 – 9.20am	Opening: Dr Phillip Moors – Patron of AAFBG
9.20 – 9.35am	Welcome to Benalla – Friends & Benalla Botanical Gardens Overview
9.40– 10.25am	Dr Lucy Sutherland, Director of Adelaide Botanic Garden <i>Cultivating champions for the botanical world through seeds</i>
10.30 11.00am	Morning Tea
11.00 - 11.45am	Chris Russell, Director of RBG Cranbourne <i>From backyards to biolinks: Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria's role in greening communities</i>
11.45am – 12.05	Morning “wrap up” and discussion –AAFBG President Dennis Ayliffe & Friends of Benalla and Riverine President, Robyn Saunders
12.05 - 12.15pm	Presentation Friends Bendigo Botanic Garden “Garden of the Future”
12.15 – 1.00pm	Lunch (individual boxes provided for eating inside/outside BPACC)
1.15 – 1.45pm	Speaker – John Hawker, Heritage Officer (Horticulture), Heritage Victoria <i>The History and Features of the Benalla Botanical Gardens</i>
2.00 - 2.30pm	Transfer to Benalla Botanical Gardens from BPACC
2.30 – 3.15pm	Benalla Botanical Gardens Tour
3.15 – 3.45pm	Bus transfer BBG to Benalla P-12 College Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden
3.45 – 4.30pm	Tour and afternoon tea of Benalla P-12 College SAKG
4.30 - 6.00pm	Free Time



Conference Dinner, April 21 2018 Benalla Community Centre	
6.30 – 7.00pm	Arrival drinks and nibbles
7.00 - 7.15pm	Guests seated
7.20pm	Formal welcome – AAFBG President
7.30pm	First Course
8.00pm	Second Course
8.30pm	Stuart Read, Horticulturist, AGHS National Management Committee
9.00pm	Dessert
10.30 – 11.00pm	Dinner Concludes

Sunday, April 22 2018 Benalla Performing Arts and Convention Centre	
7.00 – 9.00am	Optional Winton Wetlands tour and “Breakfast with the Birds”.
8.30 – 9.00am	Arrival at BPACC. Tea and Coffee available
9.00 – 9.10am	Morning Welcome and awarding of Benalla Botanical Gardens Patron
9.10 – 9.20am	BGANZ Presentation by President Paul Tracey
9.25 - 10.25am	<p>“Gardens as Glue”– Friends’ Presentations and Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden, Port Augusta • Camperdown Botanic Gardens & Arboretum Trust • Cranbourne, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria • Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens • Melton Botanic Gardens • National Arboretum Canberra
10.25 – 10.45am	Morning Tea
10.45 – 11.15am	Members’ Forum
11.15 – 11.45am	AAFBG Annual General Meeting
11.45 – 12.15pm	Announcement of 2020 Conference by Friends of Brisbane BG Annette Irish
12.15 – 1.30pm	Lunch (AAFBG newly elected committee, meeting)
2.00 – 4.00pm	Optional Winton Wetlands Tour and visit to “Belvedere” private garden with



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