



*Campsis radicans* Trumpet Flower  
Beverley Graham 1994

# Campsis

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Sixteen gardens from Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, New South Wales and the ACT have contributed to this issue. Their main concerns are funding cuts, flooding rains and staff shortages. But there is lots of good news too: grants won, development projects started, awards awarded, new plantings, wiki guides, paintings, sculptures, music and an upcoming trip to the Chelsea Flower Show and to gardens in southern England. And there is sad news; the death of Beverley Graham, extraordinary artist who donated her drawing of *Campsis radicans* to the Association.

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## Vale Beverley Graham



Australian wildflowers by Beverley Graham

Members of the Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne and Botanical Illustrators were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Beverley Graham on 3 December 2010 aged 78. Beverley joined the Friends in April 1988 and was a foundation member of the Botanical Illustrators group.

At the time the Botanical Illustrators group was formed, there were few botanic artists working in Melbourne or, indeed, in Australia. In company with Anita Barley (at the RBG Melbourne), Jenny Phillips and Celia Rosser, Beverley Graham's name was foremost as an exponent of botanical art.

Bev received training as a designer in graphic art, and her silk screen designs and fabrics are included in the collections of the Australian National Gallery and RMIT University. This early training is evident in much of her botanic work. While she occasionally accepted commissions to paint exotic flora, Bev was passionate about promoting our wonderful and unique Australian native flora, with much of her output adorning cards and stationery produced by Pettis Studios.

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## Vale Beverley Graham (cont.)

Amongst a wealth of other achievements, Bev produced eight botanical watercolours for a Plant of the Month series in *Your Garden* magazine; painted a beautiful floral bouquet for Australia Post's first *Thinking of You* stamp; was commissioned to create a circular design featuring the Australian and State floral emblems for Franklin Mint's *Australian Federation Flora* plate; and her work is represented in the State Botanical Art Collection housed at the Herbarium. In 1999, Bev was presented with a Certificate of Commendation by the Society for Growing Australian Plants, Victoria, in recognition of her promotion of Australian flora in her watercolours. Bev was one of the first botanic artists to have limited edition prints produced. In fact, she was the only artist offering prints at our first exhibition.

With Lois Brunt, Bev set up and ran the sales desk at early *The Art of Botanical Illustration* exhibitions. During our first few years, Bev was a frequent attendee at Whirlybirds meetings where she generously shared her accumulated knowledge and imparted a deal of practical advice. Bev's output gradually decreased as her health deteriorated, but she was always delighted to receive telephone calls from her artist friends.

A warm, generous and immensely talented botanic artist with a delightful sense of humour and a wicked throaty chuckle, Beverley Graham will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

*Helene Wild*

### *Note from Janet Thomson, Committee member AFBG*

Beverley Graham's drawing of the Trumpet Flower, *Campsis radicans*, was adopted by the Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens as its logo in 1993. At about the same time our newsletter was given the name *Campsis*. Sadly, Beverley died on 3 December 2010 and the tribute which appears above was written by Helene Wild and appeared in the Autumn 2011 edition of *Botanic News*, the publication of the Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne, as well as on the Friends' website. Beverley and Helene were very good friends and both joined the Melbourne Friends' Bo-

# Secretary's report

Well, the elements continue to challenge our resilience as Friends of Botanic Gardens while the La Nina runs her course—creating 'opportunities'!? We hope for a better winter and spring to bring about some restoration.

## Membership

We have actually lost a couple, now down to 51. Shepparton Friends, you recall, had their 30-year community land for a new Botanic Garden taken for housing! They are now waiting for another site—to be capped'. Portland Friends—their mid 19<sup>th</sup> century Botanic Gardens have been struggling to recruit members.

Membership fees—late and very late payment by a minority of members, still a torment! To resolve this for 2012 we will introduce payment of membership fees by electronic transfer, which must occur anyway as cheques disappear from bank systems.

## New Secretary/Admin Officer

There having been no voluntary response to the request for a Secretary, the position was advertised on a contract basis and circulated through the Botanic Gardens network. My thanks to Brigitta Wimmer at BGANZ Secretariat Canberra, and to Virginia Henderson in the Friends RBGM Office. We have received a number of excellent applications and will be confirming the appointment of an Administrative Officer within the next fortnight.

However, under the Association's rules we still require an elected Secretary, albeit with a very much reduced role and responsibility. To make it possible and practical for interstate members to nominate for Secretary, and to manage the AFBG Committee, in future Teleconferencing and 'Skype' (now legal VIC) will be used for Committee of Management meetings as necessary, with the exception of the AGM, which must be 'face to face'.

## Website update

This is a work in progress and should be completed very soon. We hope to have a related look for *Campsis*. Friends/gardens currently with little or no internet exposure have been offered a 'static page' on the AFBG website. Please respond very soon if that means you!

## *Campsis*

Our thanks to Friends of ANBG Canberra members, Anne Rawson, Barbara Podger and Margaret Clarke, for undertaking *Campsis* on behalf of the AFBG Committee, which will of course bring some changes. AFBG/COM will continue to have final oversight and provide circulation to members. A *Campsis* 'opt in' function will be on the website.

19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MONDAY 23 MAY 10.30 am

Domain House Meeting Room, Dallas Brooks Drive Melbourne  
(across from the RBGM)

Nominations for committee are now being sought—for Office bearers  
and Ordinary members.

Nomination forms have been distributed to Members (more available)

Completed forms must be forwarded to the Secretary by Monday 16 May

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## An opportunity not be missed!

### AFBG and Botanic Gardens of Australia and New Zealand (BGANZ)

The AFBG, being an Associate Member of BGANZ, was recently invited to write to BGANZ Council and suggest how our organisations might establish closer links.

In brief, we arrived at two issues for consideration, which were then underpinned with the objectives of the issue and the potential outcomes.

1. A Friends category for discounted registration fees at BGANZ Congresses, National and Regional Conferences
2. Regional BGANZ meetings notify/invite AFBG members within that region or state to attend, participate or support the appropriate workshops, talks, visits or discussions.

In response Dr Philip Moors, BGANZ Council President/Director RBGM advised that BGANZ Councillors are very supportive of the benefits of collaboration.

Point 1: A discounted fee for AFBG members is not possible for general conferences, but for Biennial BGANZ Congress Council has offered:

- a heavily discounted registration fee for an AFBG Committee Member
- the opportunity to speak about the AFBG and activities of members.

Council asks that a reciprocal opportunity be provided by AFBG for a BGANZ Councilor to participate in AFBG Conferences.

Point 2: Council supports seeking ways to improve the communications and involvement of AFBG members with regional group activities (state), and suggests that:

- conveners of BGANZ (in Victoria, NSW and Queensland) are put in touch with counterparts of AFBG members in the region.

We are exceedingly grateful to BGANZ Council for this response and believe the Committee and the Membership need to take full advantage of the opportunity we have been offered for our Association/Friends to prosper and become a more effective parallel organisation .

Our thanks to Dr Philip Moors for his unstinting encouragement and support of the AFBG, and of Friends groups in general, over many years.

This may well be my last communication with you in *Campis*, however I have not retired yet, and I look forward to meeting some of you in Brisbane!

*Yours in Friendship, rain hail or shine!*  
*Annie McG*

# Funding cuts!

## *Friends of Botanic Gardens of Adelaide South Australia*

Work has commenced on the new and exciting Wetlands Development in the Adelaide Botanic Gardens and a new Walking Trail at Mount Lofty Botanic Garden, but the matter which has been taxing the minds of the Friends has been the funding cuts imposed upon the Gardens. Rumours abounded some months ago, after the leaking of documents produced by a Sustainable Budget Review Committee, that two of the three botanic gardens within the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide were under threat.



General view of Mount Lofty Botanic Garden (above) and wittunga Botanic Garden (below). Well worth fighting for! Photos by Eileen Harvey



(more than 15 per cent) will have a deleterious effect upon the Gardens. This writer is convinced that the damage done in the next couple of years will never be reversed.

A public meeting was held in Stirling to protest the effects of the cuts on Mount Lofty Botanic Garden and two resolutions passed. Another meeting was held in Blackwood to discuss the effects of funding cuts on Wittunga Botanic Garden. This writer fears that all of these protests will have no effect upon the Philistines who are currently making these decisions. However we must continue to agitate. It seems appalling that such a draconian funding cut should be imposed upon an organisation which is only one part of a department which represents only one per cent of the state Budget!

It had been suggested that perhaps Mount Lofty Botanic Garden could be handed over to the Adelaide Hills Council and a different management regime established. Later in the same document came the suggestion that if Wittunga Botanic Garden were to be sold for housing development, raising an estimated \$40 million, the need to change the management structure at Mt Lofty would disappear!

A great deal of public anger and pressure resulted in the Minister for Environment and Natural Resources, Hon Paul Caica, releasing a statement to the media to assure the public that these recommendations were not under consideration.

At the same time the Gardens has had a funding cut of \$500,000 imposed upon it, and will have the same imposed next year and the year after. Staff are being encouraged to take voluntary separation packages in an effort to help the government reach its target of getting rid of almost 4,000 positions over the next three years. The result was that nine staff accepted packages this year, in addition to the seven who went last year! One does not need to be a rocket scientist to see that the reduction of this many staff

*Ed McAlister*

# Tomatoes from sea and sun

*Friends of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden (AALBG)  
Port Augusta, South Australia*

The Friends quarterly meetings continue to be well attended with our last one on 26 February 2011 having a guest speaker from a new enterprise 10 km south of Port Augusta called Seawater Greenhouse (now called Sundrop Farms\*). They grow tomatoes using condensed seawater and the sun. Eventually it is planned to grow many other vegetables. A similar concept has already been tried out in other arid regions of the world with success. Our weather seems to be perfect for this project.



Our next meeting on 28 May will be all about attracting butterflies to the garden especially in arid regions, with Jan Forrest, recently retired from the South Australian Museum, being our guest speaker.

We have just acquired a grant from BHP for new bird posters in our bird hides at the AALBG. These are long overdue and we hope to have them installed by April.

At the ABC Gardening Australia Expo in Adelaide in March our stand was manned in shifts by staff of the AALBG and Friends. It was interesting to hear comments about our Garden from the public. The AALBG certainly was well known and many people were either organising to come to Port Augusta or had been. A very encouraging outlook by all.

Our Garden Guides are beginning to get many bookings for tours in the next three or four months due to tourists coming north to see Lake Eyre in flood. I predict a very busy season here at AALBG.

The Garden itself is looking wonderful after all the rain and even while I am writing this it is raining again.

A Desert Detective Day has been arranged by the management of the AALBG for 24 April as a school holiday initiative and the Friends will be doing Bush Tucker tours and helping fund the day. It is hoped to do this every school holidays.

Our newsletter continues to be well received so we will continue with our new full colour concept.

The Friends continue to help at the nursery and with some garden maintenance so all in all we are kept busy at the AALBG.

*Chris Nayda, Secretary and Guide*

\* The photo is from Sundrop's website. The site explains the process thus: 'The sun's energy desalinates seawater to produce freshwater for irrigation. Our seawater drenched greenhouse ventilation cleans and sterilises the air, making it possible to grow crops without chemical pesticides.'

# wiki guides

## *Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens Canberra, ACT*

As a new guide at the Australian National Botanic Gardens with a lot of interest in native plants but very little knowledge, I had a lot to learn! With a library background and a strong interest in resource sharing, I was immediately struck by the possibility of using online technology to supplement traditional sources of information.

**The plan** was to share information found on the internet which might be useful to other guides when preparing walks. Many questions arose, both technical and user oriented. Which of the new technologies available—wikis, blogs, twitter—was appropriate? We decided in favour of a wiki (an interactive website) because information is retained and organised so as to be accessible as the site grows. A Blog (or News) section could sit within the wiki.

Information on our wiki is divided into broad divisions for example 'Themes and topics' has subdivisions for Adaptation, Biodiversity, Climate change, Fire response, etc. Entries include the link (URL), title, source and a comments option. New entries are marked with **New** (in red) and the date. As time progressed new headings, such as Special Walks and Training, were added. The design of the site is flexible and under constant review.

**How did we do it?** A small 'Brains Trust' was set up and all guides were kept up-to-date at our monthly meetings. We agreed that the wiki must be easy to use for people who were not necessarily easy with IT and the web. It needed to be interactive so people could add material themselves. Issues considered included currency, broken links, sources, authority, copyright, and who should have access. Access is by password – limited to guides.

Fortunately one of the guides had an information technology background and worked at the ANBG. Her knowledge of wiki technology was invaluable. We also had advice and assistance from IT savvy partners, external professionals and several others, including ANBG staff. We looked at and trialled several wiki software packages which seemed to meet our needs, but our lack of hands-on experience was a problem. We had to find software the guides could use and preferably contribute to from a variety of home equipment supported by many and varied providers. Response time and technical support were a problem with some packages.

There was also the issue of where the wiki would reside. We could try to tag onto ANBG website or the Friends website, or go it alone. Awful things can happen. Might the provider go bust and disappear, taking our data with it? What about backing up? Cost? So many questions. After struggling with these issues we decided to approach the ANBG for help and now the Guides wiki sits among others managed by the ANBG using Confluence software. We are lucky to have the support and security provided by our parent organisation.

How useful is the wiki? It is still early days, but feedback is good and participation increasing. My favourite bit? 'Anecdotes and stories'—a guide's paradise!

*Jill More*

# Beds of gold

*Friends of White Hills Botanic Gardens*  
*Bendigo, Victoria*



Recent visitors to the Bendigo Botanic Gardens, now officially 'White Hills,' will have noticed some significant changes to the Gardens.

The most obvious is the creation of large garden beds, linked with a network of gravel pathways. The Gardens once boasted extensive garden beds in this area and a city council engineer's note book from the 1880s contains a pencil sketch of these beds and paths. Workmen found the remains of the old pathways when they were preparing the ground for the beds.

It is not precisely known which plants were growing in the original beds but most of the plants that have been chosen were listed in 19th century catalogues and would have been available to Samuel Gadd, the curator and designer of the Botanic Gardens in the 1870s and 1880s.

Today's beds are designed to have a serpentine line of plants with bright yellow flowers or foliage to represent the seams of gold that were found in the rock strata under Bendigo. The *Coreopsis grandiflora*, 'Early Sunrise' (garden origin) planted in August 2010 has taken advantage of this year's mild and spectacularly wet summer and has made a lovely golden, linking line through the beds.

These garden beds once had a trellised walkway that featured grape varieties. It was, judging from all old photos, a simple, crudely built timber-framed construction, providing a pleasant, shady walk and giving height to an otherwise horizontal garden. Funding is in place to rebuild the arbour and we await the final design.

In 1957 the southern side of the lagoon was extensively altered during the construction of the swimming pool. Part of the lagoon was filled in so the 1900s picnic pavilion and the island it was on are now part of the lagoon bank. The City of Greater Bendigo has received a grant of \$80,000 from Heritage Victoria to repair and restore the picnic pavilion.

The Karroo Thorn tree (*Acacia karroo*) that grew near the old wallaby enclosure succumbed last year to a fungus infestation. It was, judging by its great size, over 100 years old and it did die from natural causes, which hadn't seemed likely because the Department of Primary Industries wanted to remove the tree and the soil around it. The Karroo Thorn was their 'weed of the month' for May 2010, with the caption stating that it is '...a South African wattle and has the capability of spreading across most of Victoria'. A most interesting detail about our specimen was that throughout its long life it only produced a couple of seedlings in the last two years, when it was clearly in serious decline. There is no argument about the weediness of this plant in other areas but it is curious that this plant over its long life in Bendigo produced so few fertile seeds.

*Jan Orr, President*

# Luffman Lily Ponds re-opened

*Friends of Burnley Gardens  
Melbourne, Victoria*



The Burnley Gardens are part of the University of Melbourne's School of Land and Environment. In May 2010 Professor Barry Jones, in the presence of Alex Chernov, Chancellor of the University and newly appointed Governor of Victoria, re-opened the refurbished Luffmann Lily Ponds. The Friends contributed \$22,000 to this project, and that's us in the picture, not quite all fitting into the newly restored garden shelter that faces the lily ponds. The Friends supported the refurbishment of this shelter and the mud brick hut in the native garden. Around 200 people attended the opening of the ponds, including past principals of the Burnley campus, former teaching staff and students.

Burnley Friends offer services to the wider community, including professional engraving of plant labels for indoor and outdoor applications. The labels are made of durable UV resistant two-ply 1.6 mm thick laminate and are available in a wide range of colours and finishes. They are available in two sizes, 150 mm x 75 mm @ \$12 each and 120 mm x 60 mm @ \$10 each. Aluminium stakes and double sided tape to fix the labels are available at an additional nominal cost. All label information is retained on a computer catalogue for each client's future use. Volunteers from the Friends engrave the labels and all proceeds from label sales are used to fund projects in the Gardens.

The FOBG Propagation Group meets weekly on Wednesday afternoons to propagate plants for sale at the July Open Day and at other FOBG events during the year. Our focus is on plants with a connection to Burnley Gardens, with an emphasis on water-wise or drought tolerant varieties. We recently introduced bi-monthly plant sales and plan to continue these through 2011; the next will be held on Wednesday 4 May. We are happy to discuss propagation projects for clients with plans for larger scale plantings at home or at work. One example of this is our ongoing collaboration with the Friends of La Trobe's Cottage to propagate material for their revamped cottage garden.

For enquiries about labels or plant sales, please contact Andrew Smith, Gardens Co-ordinator at Burnley, via email at: <a.smith@unimelb.edu.au> or on (03) 9250 6861.

Our big event for 2011 is the Burnley Gardens Open Day on Sunday 17 July, run jointly as the campus open day with the University of Melbourne. We have lots on offer for potential students and the public: talks, hands-on workshops, kids' activities, raffles, gardeners Q & A sessions, plant sales and a sausage sizzle. Further details of the program will be posted on the FOBG website early in June: <<http://www.fobg.org.au>>. Our other events for the year are listed here too.

# Five years on

*Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne  
Cranbourne, Victoria*



Wonderful *Xanthorrhoea* in the Eucalyptus Walk in Stage 1. Photo by Alex Smart

Amazing landscape takes shape! Many of you will remember visiting The Australian Garden at the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne as part of the Conference held at Cranbourne in 2006. The landscape was quite dramatic with the Red Sand Garden and the Rockpool Waterway creating the Wow! factor. The Landscape Architects, Taylor, Cullity and Lethlean, together with Paul Thompson had created a design that clearly told the story of this vast country from desert to coastline and the important story of water.

Five years down the track we see dramatic changes. Stage One is beautifully established with the aid of an efficient irrigation system, enhanced by the incredible rainfall over the last 12 months. The staff have been busy trimming and shaping well established plants thus demonstrating the benefits of foliage in many shades of green, providing year long pleasure. The Eucalyptus Walk has taken form and the beauty of the developing bark and maturing foliage is evident. There have been the inevitable challenges where plants have not responded as expected and there have been some minor drainage issues. The central feature, the Red Sand Garden, is in the throes of rehabilitation with a heavier surface, a mixture of red sand and crushed terracotta tiles, which will not get blown away. Changes to the circles of *Rhagodia spinescens*, should ensure that the plants form a more even cover and better achieve the design intent of a series of geometrically placed 'discs' of vegetation, inspired by natural clumping patterns of vegetation found in arid areas.

Contrasting the growth in Stage One are the massive earth works taking place over the fence! There have been mixed responses from visitors. The majority share my enthusiasm for the exciting design features already taking shape; however, there are some who have reservations about the noise and disturbance caused by the construction. However once they get a closer look they are mostly placated! Mature trees are being planted. Retaining walls and pathways are visible and Gibson Hill is almost complete, including planting. The story of water continues metaphorically to the coast where a beautiful linear planting of *Melaleuca linariifolia* (Snow in Summer) will be stunning.

The Ian Potter Lakeside Precinct, a large grassed area and stage, will make possible grand outdoor performances. Another seated amphitheatre provides a large area for educational sessions already proving very popular. There seems rarely a day that there is not at least one coach load of children visiting Stage One. There is so much more to tell another time, but to whet your appetite just imagine the Gondwana Garden, the Weird and Wonderful Garden, Home Selections Gardens and many others.

Look up our website: <<http://www.rbg.vic.gov.au/rbg-cranbourne/australian-garden-stage-2>>.

*Margaret Clarke*

# Bad and good news

## *Friends of Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens Batemans Bay, New South Wales*

The Friends of Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens (ERBG) have had some big lows and highs in the last year. Among the lows was the decision by Eurobodalla Shire Council, which runs the Gardens, to take \$50,000 from the Gardens annual budget of about \$250,000. That leaves very little after the wages of the two permanent staff, occasional casual staff, vehicles, machinery and running costs are deducted. Our Council had asked the community whether it would prefer service cuts to libraries, life guards and the Botanic Gardens or a rates rise. The responsible NSW State Minister did not agree to an increase above the rates cap after noting community representations. Council then proceeded with the cuts to services.

Usually the Friends have donated funds for capital projects. Annual fundraising would not cover a \$50,000 shortfall in recurrent operating costs; it would be unsustainable for the Friends to agree to provide this level of support. Instead we are considering recurrent items on a case by case basis and so far have agreed to pay for some promotional material and the repainting of a part of the Visitors Centre. We have also donated \$24,000 to Council for two 'Gator' utility vehicles, one a replacement for an older vehicle. The huge amount of work it did after the windstorm probably sealed its fate!

That is the bad news. But the good news is very good. The Friends have won a grant of \$50,000 from the NSW Government Community Building Partnership Program for a children's play space. Friends offered \$75,000, of which \$25,000 was from the Friends Trust Fund, to match the \$75,000 in Council's Recreation and Open Space Strategy. Also the Friends were selected by Council for its Jeff Britten award for the pursuit of excellence, made in the shire's Australia Day celebrations. At the same time Jennifer Liney, our honorary Herbarium Curator, was awarded an Order of Australia medal for services to conservation and the environment, particularly through the ERBG. And in March the Friends were awarded the only NSW Seniors Week State award in the Environment/Science category for their work protecting and enhancing our natural environment through the conservation of a significant collection of Australian native flora.



Clearly we have good writers of submissions in our ERBG community. Those writers were greatly helped by a volunteer, from the Management Committee, who wrote a history of the Gardens in early 2010, which is now published on our website. In turn he used summaries made for the BGANZ Conference at ERBG in 2008 and a power point presentation of Gardens history made in 2009 from photograph collections donated by senior Friends.

Our Friends organisation continues to promote the recreation, education and conservation aims of the Gardens and to support the work of the volunteers. We will have to keep focussed and determined, buoyed by the appreciation shown in these awards.

*Sue Grahame  
Newsletter editor*

A founding Friend of the ERBG, Helen Rees, with ERBG President Harry Phillips. Photo by John Knight, ERBG Manager from the Bay Post

# An old friend becomes new Patron

## *Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens Corio Bay, Victoria*

Geelong Friends 25 years was celebrated in November with an excellent ‘Silver Friendship’ dinner, held at Truffle Duck’s new venue, where about 80 old and new members enjoyed very good food, music and some dancing. Old Friendships were rekindled and stories exchanged in an atmosphere of camaraderie while a series of photos of Friends through the years were played on large television screens, to much hilarity and disbelief. My how some of us had changed!

During the evening Jayne Salmon and Annie McGeachy took us on a quick trip from our ‘years in the wilderness’—meeting in kitchens and on card tables, to our first building shell (a Tea House)—then a better building, a bigger garden and the huge challenges, while acknowledging the many Friends who had contributed.

A highlight of the evening was the announcement by Helena Buxton, President, that Richard Barley had accepted the role of Patron to Friends of Geelong Botanic Garden. This was loudly applauded, particularly as the Friends have a long relationship with Richard, being one of our very early speakers.

Richard, a past Director of the RBG Melbourne and currently Chief Executive of the Australian Garden Scheme, is also well known for his support and generous attitude towards many Friends groups, particularly in Victoria.

Geelong Friends are thrilled with this news and look forward to a long relationship. Richard will be the speaker at our Winter Lunch in July.

*Annie McGeachy*



Photo by Annie McGeachy

# Wet and soggy

## *Friends of Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens Mackay, Queensland*

Mackay had a very wet and soggy November, and unfortunately the very wet weather continued into December and caused the cancellation of the popular Christmas in the Gardens event. This was the first time in six years, so you could say we have been very lucky.

With first the flood of 2008, then Cyclone Ului in 2010 (and a very wet time in general since 2007) – the Gardens' public programs have had to focus on different ways to entice visitors into the rain. A bonus has been the fungi and myriad wildlife that has made the most of the warm and humid conditions and this has become a major part of school visits, guided walks and general interest with temporary interpretative signs appearing and disappearing with whatever short-term highlights nature offers. The general public are often bringing in strange plants, 'growths' like fungi and insects that they have never seen before and the Gardens staff are providing a useful service to residents—whilst often making new discoveries themselves.

Many areas of the Gardens are now so lush that you would not even be aware of the devastation of a year ago after Cyclone Ului. But that's the nature of the tropics—and the mixed curse and blessing that the weather offers us.

Despite all the wetness we did manage to hold a successful Christmas party where we farewelled Helen Paulsen, the original Curator of the Gardens, then the Manager, Parks and Environment for Mackay Regional Council, who was leaving to take up a similar post in Gladstone. We wish her well in her job, and hope to see her when she returns frequently to visit her family in Mackay.



Photo by Clinton Withers

Our Visitors Services Officer, Maya Harrison, has continued to conduct hugely popular and heavily booked classes with groups of children, making decorations in the week before Christmas, and then holiday activity workshops in January. She themed her classes around the flora and fauna in the Gardens and took the children exploring, which they all loved. During school term time she hosts many visits of school children, as well as going to visit the schools to present programs to the children there.

There is a busy year ahead for both Friends and Gardens staff. The detailed design work has commenced for Stage 3—the exciting Meadowlands Outdoor Performance and Events centre, major new carpark and the beginning of the trail system that will begin to open up vast new areas on the western side of the Gardens. Works will commence mid-year with an early October launch in the planning. Over the next 10 years the development of Meadowlands will see the area 'under gardens' quadruple in size and the Friends propagation group form to commence planting hundreds of thousands of bioregional native plants in what will become the heart of the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens. Exciting times are ahead for the Friends!

*Robin McWhinney, Secretary*

# Short, sharp floods!

*Friends of the Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Gardens  
Tanawha, Queensland*



Photos by Bob Ducrou

At the Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Gardens, the drought of November (135 mm) was well and truly broken – 700 mm in December, easing off to 640 mm in January. As the Gardens are situated in the headwaters of Mountain Creek, our floods tend to be short, sharp and often.

Adding to the torrent coming down Mountain Creek is the overflow from our major water storage, the Lagoon, which collects most of the water not going down the creek—with 82 hectares of Gardens, that's a lot of water! The creek and the overflow meet in the Fern Glade, and that's where most of the damage occurred.

The Fern Glade is a low-lying area of piccabeen and cabbage tree palms, flooded gums, crow's nests king ferns, tree ferns and many others. We have only recently identified and labelled the existing ferns, and are in the process of adding new plants to form a comprehensive collection of ferns of the region.

Sadly, a lot of these ferns and their labels are now somewhere between the Gardens and the Pacific.

Our intrepid overseers of the Fern Glade, Dan and Wendy Johnston, managed to recover some plants and labels immediately downstream, but the losses are substantial. The upside of these losses is that we will become much more proficient in identifying ferns—learning by repetition. The floods have also highlighted the need to make modifications to the paths, bridges and watercourses in the Fern Glade to minimise damage by future inundations.

Other parts of the Gardens escaped relatively unscathed. There was some scouring of the banks along Mountain Creek, and the Ephemeral Wetland area became the Permanent Wetland area. Our collection of the endangered Swamp Orchid (*Phaius australis*) remains intact.

Apart from a number of large trees toppling in the saturated ground, the other main problem was the phenomenal growth rate of grass and weeds. Happily the ground hardened sufficiently to allow grass cutting before it became necessary to send out search parties for lost visitors.

Now that rainfall has returned to normal levels (220 mm for February and March), much of the obvious effects of the floods has been cleaned up or grown over. We consider ourselves extremely fortunate when we see the damage to other botanic gardens around the country.

# Melbourne's botanical artists

## *Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne Melbourne City, Victoria*

At the Friends 10<sup>th</sup> Art of Botanical Illustration exhibition in November, 160 works displayed the high standard of emerging artists as well as those already renowned. Attendances and sales rewarded the great effort demanded of the organisers. Works were purchased for the State Botanical Collection with a grant from the Friends, while others were selected for our artists' Illustrated Garden Collection. The only exhibition hitches were technical, not artistic. An external interruption to the RBG website meant that the online catalogue was inaccessible on the opening day and the mobile Multipos machines were unreliable. Artist Mali Moir led a field trip of botanical illustrators to Menindee in NSW to find and paint samples of plants collected on the Burke and Wills expedition. Jean Dennis, one of the participants, has recently completed a full florilegium of the Genus *Brachychiton*—an awe-inspiring achievement.

The Friends have established The Helen McLellan Research Grant to provide awards of up to \$20,000 annually for scientific research to benefit the Royal Botanic Gardens. It has been made possible by a totally unexpected bequest and honours our generous benefactor.

At our Annual General Meeting in November five winners of Friends Staff Scholarships for 2010 were congratulated and Volunteer Service Awards were presented to Members: three for 20 years, one for 11 years and six for 10 years. Cathy Trinca, who has filled various Council positions with great energy for 14 years, was welcomed as our new president.

The contribution to the RBG of the Growing Friends (founded in 1988) and their continuing success has been recognised by the planting of a *Pinus armandii* on the Hopetoun Lawn.

Our Events Committee has reviewed the popular and financial success, or otherwise, of activities held over the past five years to assist future planning. Some booked-out events are repeated, where possible, to meet demand. An absorbing talk by the author of a new book, *Australia's Remarkable Trees*, attracted a full house. What a near-impossible task to narrow to 50 the individual trees for inclusion; so many marvels were discovered! Other recent events included a leisurely bird-watching twilight walk, a visit to the Shrine of Remembrance and a 'virtual tour' of a Mornington Peninsula nursery, showing how seeds are raised to produce superior plants.

Described as the most significant botanical event ever held in Melbourne, the RBG will be a joint host of the 18<sup>th</sup> International Botanical Congress in July. About 2,500 participants are expected, with a program including 1,300 presentations running in 20 parallel sessions. Pre-booked visits to the National Herbarium, Gardens walks led by the Voluntary Guides and a trip to RBG Cranbourne are also on offer. Three of our Botanical Illustrators have seized the opportunity presented by the congress to showcase the talents of Australia's leading botanical artists. They are curating an exhibition from 18 July to 7 August entitled 'The Eternal Order in Nature: The Science of Botanical Illustration'; it will be sponsored by the Friends.

There is cautious optimism that one of the RBG's treasures, the Separation Tree, is recovering after being ringbarked in an overnight attack last August. A River Red Gum estimated to be between 200 and 400 years old, it is so named as the site of the celebrations in 1850 when Victoria was separated from the colony of New South Wales. The tree is being closely monitored, but its fate will not be known for at least 12 months.

*Heather Ironmonger*



First aid for the Separation Tree. Photo by Richard Kirsner

# Officially: 'Melton Botanic Garden'

*Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden  
North-west of Melbourne, Victoria*



Photo by John Bentley

The place name 'Melton Botanic Garden' was listed in the Victoria Government Gazette on 10 February 2011. The directional and site signage will now be done by the Shire of Melton.

The Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden were saved from any major work from the damaging weather that other Gardens have endured. Apart from the usual damage to secondary paths close to the flooding Ryans Creek most of our seedlings that have been planted along the sides are now popping up again and, remarkably, flowering.

With landscape design plans now accepted by the Melton Shire Council, the Eucalyptus Arboretum Development is underway. The project requires site preparation, building of pathways plus getting associated materials. We have been given some large rocks and have placed same through the planned garden.

The eucalypt seedlings were potted up in late November and are continuing to grow. They grew slowly through the cool weather over summer and we had some losses with the wet weather in January, but they are enjoying the warmer drier weather that we are now getting. Spraying of weeds has been undertaken in the Arboretum area and the area was ripped a few weeks ago.

With a grant we received from the Melton Shire we have had 100 tree labels, made by the Friends of the Ballarat Botanic Gardens, for prominent trees already established in our Garden.

Melton is 35 kms west of Melbourne's CBD and is one of the fastest growing municipalities in Australia; areas of passive recreation like our Botanic Garden are necessary. Currently 112,000 people live here. We are a major future growth area and there has been a recent release of land for more than 24,000 dwellings for 60,000 people by 2030. Each week our community increases by just over 52 new households. Over 70 per cent of our population is under 45 years old, but we do offer options for seniors wishing to live here. Melton believes it can offer the best in urban and rural lifestyle within an affordable commuting distance from Melbourne, Geelong and Ballarat and airports.

History-wise\* the earliest inhabitants of the Melton area were the The 'Kurung-jang-balluk' or 'People of the Red Gum'. They lived primarily along the creeks and watercourses of the Werribee River centuries before the first European settlers arrived in 1830. Melton's recorded history begins with land surveys in 1839. A farming community which was helped by the discovery of gold at Ballarat in 1851, not only in revenue from travellers to and from the fields, but through supplies sold to support the growing population of the fields in the Ballarat region.

*Janet Dyke*

\*History reference taken from Shire of Melton website

# Music, birds and sculpture

*Friends of Orange Botanic Gardens*  
*Orange, New South Wales*



*Yesternight* by David Horton. Photo by Murray Fletcher

It's been a very busy few months for the Friends of Orange Botanic Gardens. Our ninth series of Music in the Gardens, in collaboration with the Orange Regional Conservatorium, ran from early February to early March and brought an enthusiastic crowd into the Gardens on consecutive Friday evenings (see photo).

The first Sunday of each month continues to be an active day with an early morning bird walk led by Bernie and Colina Huxtable. This always attracts a good group of enthusiasts who normally spot 30 to 35 species of birds in the Gardens. We were pleased that Bernie was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the New Year's Honour List for his services to medicine and the Orange community. Our bonsai group had the Bonsai House open and a regular stream of visitors made it a worthwhile morning for them. In February we also had former Orange mayor, Dick Niven, cooking egg and bacon rolls for visitors and bird walkers.

On 12 February, a new art exhibition by Studio 15 artists was opened in the Botanic Room which doubles as the Friends Shop. The Botanic Room is open every Sunday for visitors to the gardens to peruse the exhibition and perhaps purchase something useful from the shop. Two new sculptures have been donated to Orange City Council by NAB and these are currently being installed in the Gardens by Council. NAB offered the artworks to Orange because of our record in erecting public sculptures. The Orange Botanic Gardens were chosen as the most ideal location. The two works, *Yesternight* by David Horton (2007) and *and with a name to come* by Orest Keywan (2006), are past winners of the internationally recognised Sculpture by the Sea exhibition held at Bondi, Sydney. They will certainly add significantly to the landscape of the gardens.



Music in the Gardens 2011 – string quartet. Photo by Murray Fletcher

# Drought proofing?

*Friends of the Queen Mary Botanic Gardens and Edna Walling Pioneer Park  
St Arnaud, Victoria*



Just when we had got our Gardens and Park drought proof with a major project linking them with the recommissioned former Goldfields Reservoir on the edge of town, the flooding rains arrived. The floods washed away roads, inundated houses, demolished farm fences, and caused our farmers no end of grief with fly strike and weeds. But just quietly (we wouldn't want this to go any further!), after four years of stage four water restrictions, it's been absolutely brilliant for our Gardens.

We lost a lot of trees and shrubs in the drought, and after ten dry years, in which we've mainly concentrated on the architectural elements of the landscapes, we are able to contemplate replanting according to the conservation and restoration plans prepared by Trisha Dixon (Edna Walling Pioneer Park) and Kevin Walsh (The Botanic Gardens).

Our Gala Day fundraiser in the Gardens in March raised nearly \$4,000, with the plant stall doing brisk business as people sought locally acclimatised plant stock to replant their gardens. It was a beautiful sunny Saturday morning (something of a rarity this year) and people flocked to listen to the music, consume coffee and cake under the shade of the trees and browse amongst the stalls.

Richard Barley, former Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne, and now CEO of the National Open Gardens Scheme, and his wife Anita, were guests at our Annual Dinner in August. Richard spoke on the RBG and the botanic gardens movement and encouraged us to be adventurous in our Gardens' development. The election of officer bearers resulted in Lyn Box as President and Eric Walker as Vice President being returned unanimously.

Writer Alex Miller launched Mandy Stroebel's beautiful book *Gardens of the Goldfields* at Buda in Castlemaine in April. We were delighted that she included the St Arnaud Queen Mary Botanic Gardens in it as one of two representative botanic gardens, the other being the Ballarat Botanic Gardens. The contrast was plain to see—a small-town botanic garden in the north of Victoria and a big city botanic garden in that most temperate of garden cities.

We would like to pay tribute to the Northern Grampians Shire, and its Mayor Cr Hewitt who is a St Arnaud resident, and who is devoted to preserving the gold-rush heritage of the town, and to the Council-appointed Committee of Management, which is fortunate to have a Council representative, Cr Dorothy Patton, who is a gardener and has a lovely garden in one of the heritage precincts of the town. We would also like to thank our curator David Harvey and parks and gardens staff Ashley Dyke and Jason Abbott.

Now, if you'll excuse me, we have some planting to do...

*Rosalind Small, Honorary Secretary*

# Paint These Gardens

*Friends of St Kilda Botanical Gardens  
Melbourne, Victoria*



From left: Peter Roccella, winner of the Paint These Gardens art competition, and his painting; Councillor Serge Thomann; Geoff Parr-Smith, a member of Friends; Andrew Iodice, owner of major sponsor The Vineyard Restaurant and his daughter. Photo by Joy Durston

The past six months have been busy and exciting for the St Kilda Botanical Gardens and its Friends group.

In October 2010 the Friends held the second Paint These Gardens art competition. Once again, over 50 people aged from seven to 70+ participated in a weekend of painting the St Kilda Botanical Gardens in situ. Wonderful and generous sponsors enabled significant prizes. (They say imitation is the sincerest form of flattery—since the Friends established this art competition in 2009 several other Friends and artists groups have copied the concept!)

On that same weekend, City of Port Phillip celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Gardens by ‘opening’ four wonderful gates. These gates were designed and crafted by David Wood of Bent Metal. Each gate depicts icons of the portion of Gardens nearby. Look closely and you can discern subtle references to those people whose associations with the Gardens date from 1859 to the present time. It’s a delight to stand near a gate and overhear the words of admiration from passersby.



Tennyson Street gates. Photo by Joy Durston

This year, City of Port Phillip Council initiated the repair of the pond lining and renovation of the Rain Man sculpture, which normally sits in the middle of the pond. Work is continuing as we write and is expected to be completed in the next few weeks.

As part of the ongoing plant management program, new and replacement planting is being undertaken. The wonderful rainfall we’ve had over recent months has aided considerably—this is the first summer in many years when the lawns and trees haven’t suffered from lack of water.

For fabulous photos of these and other activities, log on to <[www.foskbg.org](http://www.foskbg.org)> scroll back to October for more details of the Paint These Gardens competition and a video of the inauguration of the new gates.

*Joy Durston*

# Progress on projects

## *Friends of Tamworth Regional Botanic Garden Tamworth, New South Wales*

The Friends of Tamworth Regional Botanic Garden resumed our activities for 2011 with anticipation that some ongoing projects would be completed early in the year.

The recently appointed new General Manager of Tamworth Regional Council inspected the Botanic Garden during December, escorted by our President and Secretary. President Doreen used the opportunity to inform him of our concerns regarding the shortage of staff and other matters, explaining that at times there are no staff in attendance at all. It is becoming obvious that general maintenance of the Gardens is an issue which needs to be addressed, so the Friends hope that Council will appoint additional permanent staff in the very near future.



Above: Newly sealed dam wall. Below: New Threatened Species garden, with a view over the city of Tamworth. Photos by Christine Reeves



The job of sealing the base of the dam within the Garden has at last been completed. The liner has been installed and soil been put down over the liner. Finally we would welcome rain to fill it now, instead of delaying progress on the project. We may be able to supplement the water supply with the installation of a bore. There may be funds left over for the landscaping of the edges and, we hope, to include a feature of granite rocks below the gazebo which overlooks the dam. The Friends will contribute towards this project when the design has been drawn up.

The Threatened Species program being undertaken jointly by the Friends and the Tamworth Australian Plants Society is continuing. The main infrastructure, landscaping and irrigation work has been finished, and volunteers from both groups were called to a working bee in March to dig holes and plant the first trees. Protection from kangaroos and effective irrigation will be the main issues until the plants are established, and we hope not to experience any extreme weather conditions during this period as well.

At the time of writing, we are waiting on confirmation of the receipt of a grant from the Community Building Partnership Program 2010 for the purchase of an engraving machine. We are very grateful to the local State Member, Mr Peter Draper, for his assistance in obtaining this grant. It will be used primarily for creating identification plates for plants, but the system we hope to purchase is very versatile and will be suitable for many other applications.

Some current areas of concern to the Friends include the theft of plants from garden beds; insufficient accounting for sales (or removal) of our plant stock to the public; the state of our potting shed after use by other groups; vandalism in the TAFE classroom; a lack of supervision of groups working in the gardens; and, as usual, not enough active members.

Our Autumn Open Day and plant sale will be held in April 2011. We look forward to a good result in terms of revenue and membership enquiries.

# Chelsea Flower Show

## *Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne and RBG Cranbourne*

In May last year the exciting announcement was made that The Australian Garden at Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne is going to be the inspiration for an exhibit at the Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea Flower Show in May 2011. It will be one of the major show gardens and is a wonderful opportunity to promote Cranbourne. Jim Fogarty, who is an award winning landscape designer, will be leading the Gardens' team, a mixture of Cranbourne and Melbourne staff together with experts in the UK. The theme is taken from the Australian Garden designed by Taylor Cullity Lethlean and Paul Thomson. It will tell of the metaphorical journey of water from the desert to the coast and will display Australian plants, many of which have not been seen at Chelsea before. Features of the display will be the desert with the familiar red sand, a boomerang shaped body of water, rusty steel elements, and many wonderful Australian plants sourced in England and Europe. More information is available on the net; just Google Australian Garden or follow prompts from: <<http://www.rbg.vic.gov.au/australian-gaden>>.

How could we resist getting up a group to fly to London to share in the glory of one of the major exhibits at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show and at the same time enjoy visiting gardens large and small? Following a request for expressions of interest from both Melbourne and Cranbourne Friends we were ready to go further. Jill Burness, a landscape architect, who is a member of the Friends Committee, as well as being on the staff of Cranbourne as Landscape Planner, took the lead and proceeded with the enormous task of planning the tour. We are travelling with Botanica World Discoveries, who already do tours to southern England but we were able to modify, or probably amplify, their itinerary to include gardens specifically of interest to us. Of course on the agenda is a full day at Chelsea on Members Day, all on the tour being made members of the Royal Horticultural Society.

Just to give you a preview of the main features of the eleven nights and twelve days. We will visit Kew Gardens and Chartwell, Great Dixter Garden and Manor, West Dean Gardens, Brighton Royal Pavillion, Sissinghurst, Wakehurst Place & Millennium Seed Bank, West Green House Garden, Beth Chatto Garden, Sudeley Castle & Garden and Bourton House, Barnsley House & Garden, Blenheim Palace and Hidcote Manor Garden, Aberglasney Garden, National Botanic Garden of Wales and finally, RHS Wisley Garden.

*Margaret Clarke, President, Friends of RBG Cranbourne*

On Saturday 25 June at 3 pm Chelsea Garden Presentation by Jim Fogarty & RBG crew, hosted by Friends of RBG Melbourne and Cranbourne. Ross Hall, Merton Hall, Anderson St, South Yarra. Tickets \$30 (no refreshments) Bookings through Friends of RBG Melbourne.



The Daily Telegraph Garden, Chelsea Flower Show 2007, designed by Gabriella Pape and Isabelle Van Groeningen. The floral excellence and exquisite garden design that typifies the Chelsea Flower Show. Photo by Jill Burness

## *Calendar of events*

### **2011**

19-23 July, Brisbane

6th World Environmental Education Congress.

Explore, Experience, Educate

<<http://www.weec2011.org>>

23-30 July, Melbourne

XVIII International Botanical Congress

<<http://www.abc2011.com>>

19-21 August, Maryborough Qld

Australian Garden History Society

32nd Annual National Conference

<[http://www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au/conferences\\_tours](http://www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au/conferences_tours)>

12-16 September, Brisbane

Australasian Conference of Volunteer Guides in

Botanic Gardens.

2-7 October, Marion, South Australia

Australian Native Plants Society (Australia )

2011 National Biennial Conference

9-13 October, Katoomba NSW

The Garden Clubs of Australia 2011 Biennial National Convention

<[www.gardenclubs.org.au](http://www.gardenclubs.org.au)>

20-23 October, Albury Victoria

BGANZ 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial Congress

### **2012**

17-20 August, Port Augusta, South Australia

AFBG Conference: Friends of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Gardens

## *Websites worth visiting*

### **Botanic Gardens Conservation International**

<<http://bgci.org/resources/news>>

### **BGANZ on line Newsletter. The Botanic Garden**

<[www.bganz.org.au/newsletter](http://www.bganz.org.au/newsletter)>

### **Australian Garden at Chelsea**

To find out more about the Chelsea Flower Show go to:

<<http://www.rbg.vic.gov.au/australian-garden/the-ag-goes-to-the-rhs-chelsea-flower-show>>

and click on the words 'our blog' in the last paragraph of the text. There are also links to the RHS site and Facebook entries.

## *Can you help?*

### **Dog policy**

Geraldine Davis, Treasurer of Friends of the Arid Lands Botanic Garden in Port Augusta, South Australia, would like to know if any Gardens have a policy about dogs in their garden. If you have any suggestions about dealing with dogs, can you please contact Geraldine on: <[glgadavis@bigpond.com](mailto:glgadavis@bigpond.com)>.

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