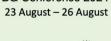


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FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST

- 8.30am 3:30pm PRE CONFERENCE BUS TOUR 'Snapshot of the Sunshine Coast' Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve, Noosa Botanic Garden, starting from and returning to the MRBBG
- 2pm 4pm Other delegates:

Registration - Cafe and MRBBG Gardens are open.

Join others to have a walk around and to get to know the Gardens

Wild Flowers of the Gardens Photographic Exhibition Open - Arts and Ecology Building

4pm - 6pm WELCOME DRINKS - A&E LAWNS

Welcome to the Mayor, AAFBG patron, AAFBG committee, delegates and partners, *President, Friends of MRBBG*

Welcome to the Sunshine Coast, SCC Mayor, Cr. Rosanna Natoli

Presentation Handbury Awards, Dr. Judy West AO, AAFBG Patron

SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST

- 8:30am 8:45am Last Minute Registration Everyone Seated by 8:55am
- 8:55am 9:00am Introduction to the Conference by the conveners Bob Ducrou, Lynn Vlismas and Malcolm Cox MC: Kate Heffernan, Friends of Gold Coast Botanic Gardens
- 9:00am 9:15am WELCOME TO COUNTRY Briana Hanson, Kabi Kabi First Nations
- 9:15am 9:30am Welcome from the AAFBG Patron Dr Judy West AO



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9:30am - 10:30am **'THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE' : Keynote speaker** "The Changing Climate and Changing Expectations of Botanic Gardens"- Projects that address change

Dale Arvidsson, Curator, Brisbane Botanic Gardens and Sherwood Arboretum, Brisbane, Queensland

- 10:30am 11:00am MORNING TEA
- 11:00am 11:45pm 'Change in a Sub Tropical Botanic Garden' "The Challenges Involved in Creating a Bushland Botanic Garden within a Biosphere"- Making a difference by maintaining Biodiversity

Bill Hadrill, Sunshine Coast Council Group Executive, Liveability and Natural Assets, Sunshine Coast Council and
Michael Gilles, SCC Environmental Visitor Centre Officer; Mary Cairncross Rainforest Scenic Reserve, Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden, Bli Bli Wetlands

- 11:45 12:30 MORNING WRAP-UP WITH THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS' QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY THE AUDIENCE Facilitated by Kate Heffernan
- 12:30pm 1:30pm <u>LUNCH</u>
- 1:30pm 2:15pm **'Challenges always come with Opportunities?'** 'The value of the promotion of native plants through Regional Botanic Gardens in Australia'

Lawrence Smith AM, Landscape Architect, Native Plants Queensland Garden Design Study Group Leader

SATURDAY 24th August PROGRAMME CONTINUED

2:15pm -3:15pm 'Friends Responses to the need for Change'

- the importance of maintaining strong *Relationships*
- changing the appeal of Volunteering
- responding to changes in *Climate*
- opportunities through *Technology*

- Friends of MRBBG
- Volunteering SC
- 'Let's Grow Wild" Kings Park, Perth
- 'Plant Mapping' Noosa Botanic Gardens

3:20pm - 3:30pm DAY 1 WRAP UP

Dr Judy West AO Former Executive Director, ANBG Canberra, ACT

Garden closes at 5:00pm

Return to your accommodation

5.30pm - 9.30pm Conference Dinner at Mooloolaba Surf Club

Dinner Speaker - **Sheridan Stewart** (pending ABC approval) ABC Sunshine Coast Saturday Breakfast and Gardening show Presenter, and Author of *'I Am Enough'*

SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST

8:30am - 10:00am Welcome to Day 2 & Introduction to Linda Beveridge, President AAFBG AAFBG Presentation and AGM BGANZ Presentation Cassandra Nichols, BGANZ CEO

10:00am - 10:30am MORNING TEA



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10:30am - 11:00am **'Engaging the next Generation'** Environmental programs and experiences for children and young people

Ms Liz Capelin SCC Engagement Officer and **Ms Mandy Botterell**, SCC Education Officer from the Environmental Visitor Centres, Natural Areas Team, Sunshine Coast Council

11:00am - 12:00pm 'Collaborating for Change' Panel Discussion with MRBBG Community Partners

- 'Conserving our unique Heathlands: what DNA tells us' Dr Hilary Pearl University of the Sunshine Coast
- 'Koalas, Drones and Dogs' changing the fate of Koalas through Innovation' Dr Romane Cristescu, University of the Sunshine Coast Detection Dogs for Conservation
- 'Bush Food Cultivation and Cooking from an Indigenous Perspective' Tanika Orr, Nooks and Cooks
- 'Natives Naturally'
 "How Community Nurseries can contribute to Gardens for Wildlife"
 Joan Dillon,
 Native Plants Sunshine Coast

12:00pm - 1:00pm **'THINGS WE FRIENDS WANT TO CHANGE'** Come prepared with your thoughts to contribute to one of 3 facilitated 30 minute workshop discussions followed by whole group presentation of ideas and Q&A

> The Role of Botanic Gardens in supporting community behaviour and changes toward native gardening Presented by Dr Laura Skates, Botanist with Chris Olney, President Kings Park Perth (TBC)

Point of Difference - The Rare and the Threatened Kate Heffernan, Landscape Architect, and former President AAFBG

Changing visitor expectations: The growing pressure to make Botanic Gardens a multi-purpose social, educational and wellness venue for the community Dr Nita C Lester

Former Qld Govt Botanist, academic, author and botanical artist

1:00pm - 2:00pm LUNCH

2:00pm - 3:00pm **Rapid Fire - 'Our Story'** 6 groups of Friends are invited to have a "brag session" 6 groups for 8 minutes with a final 10 min Q&A. All digital material to be submitted prior to Conference, first in first chance.

Subject can be on any topic, programme or achievement.

- Friends of MRBBG talk about our Council/Friends collaborative effort in creating a SC Butterfly and Richmond Birdwing Butterfly Garden
- (Another 5 Friends groups to nominate their topic)
- 3:00pm 3:30pm Next Conference announced, and Presentation
- 3:30pm 4:00pm WRAP UP OF CONFERENCE AAFBG President, Linda Beveridge MRBBG President, Lynn Vlismas MRBBG Manager - Michael Gilles

FAREWELL FROM CONFERENCE 2024



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MONDAY 26TH AUGUST

Our Bush Magic tours

7:30am	Outer Gardens Tour
	- Bird Walk along the Creek Walk
	- Tall Gums Trail - with Bob Ducrou and John McCabe
10:00am	Morning Tea Tallowwood Shelter overlooking the Lagoon
10:30am	Inner Gardens Tour
	- Nature Play Whipbird Children's Garden
	- Art in the Gardens including the Fern Glade
	- Birdwing and Butterfly Discovery Garden and Lagoon walk
	- Walking with Dinosaurs
12:30pm	BBQ Lunch in the Gardens
1:30 pm	Farewell from the Friends