

Inflorescence

December 2016



On behalf of the committee, I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season. We have been busy planning the program for 2017 and we look forward to seeing you at the first event on

Sunday 19 February 2017—
'Jazz at Prittlewell'.

Jenny Carroll, Chair, Southern Highlands Branch



Program for 2017

Sunday 19 February 2017: The first event for 2017 is 'Jazz at Prittlewell' to be held in the lovely garden at 'Prittlewell', Bodycott's Lane, Fitzroy Falls: 4.30 to 7.00pm. Our favourite band 'Next on the List' is booked.. Bring your picnic, chairs and rugs. Drinks will be provided. Please put this date in your diary. The booking form is included on page 4.

1 May to 9 May: Victorian Gardens and Historic Homes Tour. (Fully booked - see below)

Saturday 8 July: The winter seminar will be held at the Bradman Museum with a talk given by Richard Heathcote, currently Director of Carrick Hill historic house and garden in Adelaide. Previously he had managed Rippon Lea Estate, the National Trust's flagship property in Melbourne, for a decade. He chairs the AGHS National Management Committee.

Sunday 20 August: AGM will be held at the East Bowral Community Centre. Speakers to be advised.

(Mid-September: Date to be finalised) A workshop on recording gardens is under consideration in conjunction with the National Trust property 'Golden Vale'.

Saturday 11 November: Kangaloon gardens (fundraiser for Kangaloon Public School)

Friday 1 December: Christmas party (venue to be decided).

Christmas Party: Oldbury Farm: Saturday 3 December 2016



Oldbury Farm

The stream of traffic along the little-used Oldbury Road, Sutton Forest, on the afternoon of Saturday 3 December was a sure sign of a special occasion.

Almost 100 members and guests of the Southern Highlands Branch of AGHS gathered at historic Oldbury Farm for the 2016 Christmas Garden Party, kindly hosted by owners David and Jane Newby.



Flip Motteram, David Newby, Bill Motteram



John Biffin, Tom Carroll & Jennifer Carroll



Sue & Ulli Tuisk



Ian Carroll, Head Gardener, leads the garden tour

Chair Jennifer Carroll gave a warm welcome, and introduced David Newby and head gardener Ian Carroll, who both spoke about the past and present of Oldbury. Ian conducted a tour of the estate, highlighting significant features including the layed Hawthorn hedges.



Mike Ellis & Allan Morehen



Roslyn Burge & Pamela Bennett

People travelled for this event, including AGHS NMC members Roslyn Burge and Stuart Read from Sydney, Sue and Ulli Tuisk from Palerang and Alison Scott from Jamberoo. Visitors Trevor and Liz Stevens from Devon, UK, were guests of Bev and Pete Middlebrook.

Delicious food and wine until dusk rounded out a sublime Southern Highlands evening.

Pamela Bennett (thanks also to Pamela for photos)



Trevor Stevens, Pete & Bev Middlebrook, Liz Stevens

Waiting List only for May 2017 Tour Victorian Gardens and Historic Homes

The nine-day tour of Victorian Gardens and Historic Homes, which will commence on Monday 1 May and return on Tuesday 9 May, has been fully booked.

The full itinerary and booking form were distributed with the September edition of *Inflorescence*. As there may be cancellations, please contact Ray Bradley if you would like to put your name on the waiting list:

(T) 4861 4090 or (E) aghs.sh.info@gmail.com

Bowral Station Street Development

The AGHS branch committee discussed the concerns raised by members about the proposed upgrade/ development of Station Street, Bowral, which will affect trees and shrubs along the street. These trees and shrubs include an avenue of pin oaks (*Quercus palustris*) and a row of heritage camellias.

A letter raising the concerns was sent by Jennifer Carroll on behalf of the branch to the General Manager of Wingecarribee Shire Council, Ms Ann Prendergast. In it she pointed out that the streetscape of the northern part of Station Street is unique in the Southern Highlands because of these plantings—the camellia hedge outside the station car park is an important part of the streetscape, and the pin oaks form an important canopy and welcoming entrance to Bowral.

“Camellias are an unusual streetscape anywhere, and after inspection of the trees/shrubs in Station Street, Dr Stephen Utick, who is one of the three Australian Directors of the International Camellia Society, concluded in his comments on 5 September 2016 that the collection is not only a fine one but important because of aesthetics and the historical influence of Claude Crowe and Berrima Bridge Nursery. As a unique 19th century collection it represents an important part of garden history in the Southern Highlands. The cultivars are all *Camellia japonica*. They include: **Camellia japonica 'Rosa Mundi'** 1827, Europe; possibly **'Prince Eugene Napoleon'** 1859, Europe, probably from Berrima Bridge Nursery as there are still several bushes on the Nursery site; **'Orandako'** 1739, Japan, which is a rare formal double; **'Aspasia Macarthur'** 1848, one of the Camden Park camellias; **'Virginia Franco'** 1858, Europe; **'Contessa Woronzoff'** 1858; and **'Odoratissima'** 1867.

Jenny asked the question whether Council had investigated the origin of these plants. Had they been planted to commemorate an event or a person?

Subsequently we discovered that the pin oaks were indeed planted to commemorate two women who had made an outstanding contribution to Bowral Girl Guides. A plaque on the Springett Commemoration Wall says:

Guiding in Bowral has been a tradition since 1930. Many young girls have enjoyed the friendship, learning and opportunities that guiding has provided. The voluntary efforts of various leaders over the years is (sic) to be commended.

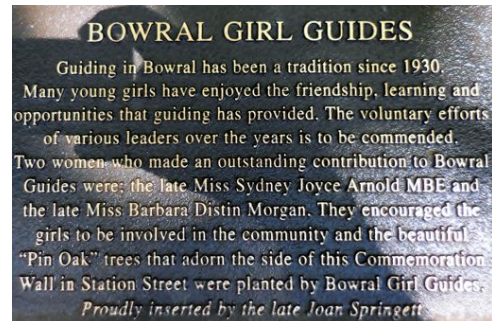
Two women who made an outstanding contribution to Bowral Guides were: the late Miss Sydney Joyce Arnold MBE and Miss Barbara Distin Morgan.

They encouraged girls to be involved in the community and the beautiful "Pin Oak" trees that adorn the side of

this Commemoration Wall in Station Street were planted by the Bowral Girl Guides.

Proudly inserted by the late Joan Springett.

We have asked Council to keep the Society informed about any further development in the planning and progress on the Station Street upgrade. ***Do you or any of your friends know anything about the history of the trees or the camellias?***



National Conference in 2018

A committee has been set up to begin the process of organising the national conference to be held in the Southern Highlands (19-21 October 2018). At a later date we will be seeking volunteers to assist, however, if anyone would like to join the committee we will be pleased to include you in our group.

The theme will be: *'Gardens in times of peace and conflict'* and following discussions about the advantages and disadvantages of several locations in the Southern Highlands, it was agreed that Mittagong RSL would be the best venue for the number of delegates and the logistics of getting them watered, fed and moved on to buses for garden visits.

'Milton Park' will be the venue for the conference dinner despite the fact that it can only cater for 200. It will be an optional extra: this suits some people who do not wish to attend formal dinners.

The 2018 Conference committee is as follows:

Meg Probyn (Convenor), Pamela Bennett, John Biffin, Narelle Bowern, Ray Bradley, Merryleigh Brindley, Jenny Carroll, Laurel Cheetham, Jane Clifford, Annabel Murray.

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Sunday 19 February 2017

**Jazz at Prittlewell
Bodycott's Lane, Fitzroy Falls.**

Time: 4.30pm – 7.00pm

Cost: \$35.00 per member (\$40 non-member) – please bring your own picnic (wine will be provided)

Your name/s: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Number of places you require: _____

Names of members / guests:

Total payment: \$ _____

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Jazz at Prittlewell

Payment options

1. Cheques payable to **Australian Garden History Society, NSW Branch.**

Please return this form and cheque to:
Bookings AGHS, PO Box 2327,
Bowral 2576

OR

- 2 Direct credit to ANZ Bank: Account name:
**Australian Garden History Society
(NSW Branch)**
BSB: 012 547 Account no: 237 514 077

Please make sure you include the following:
19 February and your surname.

OR

- 3 If you pay cash/ cheque directly into our bank account at an ANZ branch, **please request that your phone number be recorded as the reference. The bank can only record a numerical reference.**

Email your phone number and names of your guests to aghs.sh.info@gmail.com

ENQUIRIES: — Jo de Beaujeu 4862 3532
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BOOKINGS CLOSE:

Monday: 13 February 2017

PLEASE NOTE: No tickets will be issued.
You will be notified if sold out