

Inflorescence

December 2017



From the Chair

Dear Members, we are looking forward to 2018, the year we host the National Conference in the Southern Highlands.

Our first event for 2018 will be **Jazz in the Garden** at *Somerley House* in Sutton Forest, 4.30 to 7pm on Sunday 25 Feb 2018, with music from our old friends Next On The List. We do hope that you will be able to join us - the booking form is in this newsletter.

Photographs from our Christmas Party at *Bangala* also are in this newsletter. Our heartfelt thanks to Susan Hand and Ralph Suters.

These occasions are most delightful for our members. Less delightful are when we get involved with Council consultations in our advocacy role.



Station Street Upgrade A great deal of work is taking place behind the scenes to fight to save the heritage avenue of trees and camellias. What we all want is a sensible solution for the Wingecarribee Shire Council's so-called 'Station Street Upgrade'. The branch committee is working closely with the organisation Highland Matters, a dynamic group of retired professionals. In the last couple of months, the group has managed to delay the Council from proceeding with the current project, met with the State member of Parliament, Council Officers, Mayor and Councillors and is now getting a petition together for the Premier of NSW. I hope you have signed the petition - if you haven't and would like to, please contact us (aghs.sh.info@gmail.com) or drop in to the Bowral Market on Saturday 27 January.

Southern Highlands Winery Development AGHS Committee members plus concerned neighbours of the SH winery and representatives from Highland Matters attended the Wingecarribee Council meeting on Wednesday 13 December. Council did not approve the revised plans but urged the reluctant developer/owners to meet with Council representatives and the community to discuss the concerns. An excellent outcome, as the owners have previously refused to meet the community.

Oral History Project Laurel Cheetham and Lyn Barrett have started the process of interviewing the former owner of *Golden Vale*, now a National Trust property.

On behalf of the committee, I extend to you Season's Greetings. I hope you enjoyed a break over Christmas, ideally with family. Thank you for your continued support of the society's activities and we are looking forward to seeing you all in 2018. Our conference planning for October 2018 is proceeding very well and it promises to be an exciting time for the Southern Highlands branch.

Once again with apologies to Edna Walling....

Goodbye and good mulching,

Yours deciduously

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Christmas Party at *Bangala*



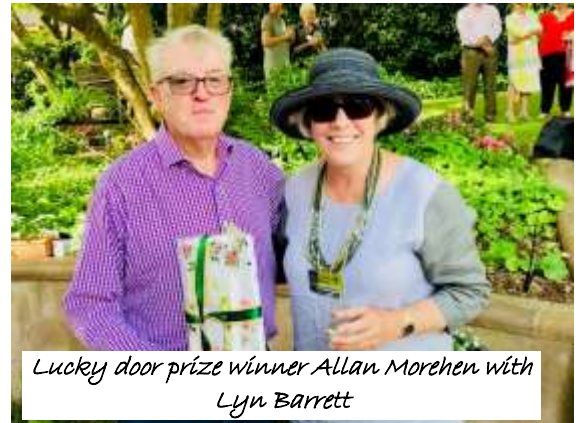
*Chris Blaxland, Laurel Cheetham,
Jennifer Carroll and Jo de Beaujeu*



Elaine and Les Musgrave



Bruce Rosenberg and Jan Yabsley



*Lucky door prize winner Allan Morehen with
Lyn Barrett*



Clive Probyn and Tim Webb



Ray Bradley and Elisabeth Heard



Barbara and Al McKay



Jane Whitehouse with Jo de Beaujeu

Landscapes at Risk

Station Street Bowral is on the AGHS National Landscapes at Risk Watch and Action List at <https://www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au/2017/07/event-report/>.

Highlands Matters has asked Howard Tanner for his expert opinion on the proposed Station Street Upgrade. Among his many credentials, Howard is a joint founder of the Australian Garden History Society.

Howard has concluded that "Surely a better outcome – preserving all or most of the mature trees – is for a highly considered upgrade of the existing two-lane road, especially its general formation and margins, and its intersections, allied with improved access to the railway station." Howard's expert opinion is a Hot Topic at www.highlandsmatters.org.au.



AGHS Annual National Conference 2018

The 39th Annual National Conference with the theme **Gardens in Times of Peace and Conflict**, will be held in the Southern Highlands of NSW from 25 to 29 October 2018, just a few weeks before the centenary of Armistice Day

News from National Office

Lisa Tuck has been appointed as National Executive Officer for the Society. She has been a long serving member of the AGHS Victorian Branch and centrally involved in the Ballarat conference and Chair of the Organising Committee for the Melbourne 2017 conference. She has also been the coordinator of the Friends of the Australian Botanic Gardens and has broad experience running events and administering organisations. We welcome Lisa.

Georgina Ponce de Leon, the Membership and Marketing Assistant, is leaving the Society; we wish her well.

To enjoy AGHS member benefits, go to <https://www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au/membership/>, after the national office opens for 2018 from 15 January.

AGHS Events: Save the Date

Sunday 25 February 2018 AGHS Southern Highlands **Summer Jazz Picnic**

11 to 21 March 2018 AGHS Southern Highlands Garden Tour **The Beauty of Tasmania**

Sunday 24 June 2018 AGHS Southern Highlands **Winter Seminar**

Saturday 25 August 2018 AGHS Southern Highlands **Annual General Meeting**

25 to 29 October 2018 39th AGHS National Conference **Gardens in Times of Peace and Conflict** in the Southern Highlands

Other Events for the Diary

23 to 27 March 2018 Australian Landscape Conference Melbourne
<https://www.landscapeconference.com/2018-conference/>



Next Event:

Sunday 25 February 2018

Jazz in the Garden

4.30 pm to 7 pm

Somerley House

**7207 Illawarra Highway
Sutton Forest**

AGHS is delighted to invite you to attend its annual Jazz in the Garden event at *Somerley House*. Once again we will be entertained by our favourites Next On The List. We will provide the drinks, please bring your own picnic and chair. Parking on site is readily available

New owners Nadine and Cal O'Brien have generously agreed to open their garden for us.

Somerley House is an important intact house and garden, located at Sutton Forest. The property was named *Woodside* by John Little when he built the house in the mid-late 1880s. After the sale to HS Badgery, the property was renamed *Montreal*. It was renamed *Summerlees* by Sir Charles Lloyd Jones. More recently, *Summerlees* was sold by Patty Mouhtouris and Roger Keyes (now at *Prittlewell*, last year's Jazz in the Garden venue), and is now *Somerley House*.

For those of us fixated on The Crown, Prince Philip, visiting Australia as a midshipman, was reputed to have visited *Summerlees* and danced in the ballroom. Billy Hughes and Dame Nelly Melba, both of whom were frequent visitors to the Southern Highlands, planted trees in the garden.

AGHS is most appreciative of the opportunity provided by Nadine and Cal to share this delightful venue.

Please complete the attached Booking Form asap for catering purposes.

The Beauty of Tasmania

Garden Tour March 2018

The itinerary for the garden tour to Tasmania commencing in Launceston on 11 March 2018 has been finalised and distributed to members. A few seats remain. If you are interested in travelling on the tour, it is suggested you make early contact with Ray Bradley (E) aghs.sh.info@gmail.com or (T) 02 4861 4090. Booking Form attached.

About Inflorescence

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Booking Form
Jazz in the Garden: Sunday 25 February 2018
4.30 pm to 7 pm
Somerley House
7207 Illawarra Highway Sutton Forest

Your Name: _____
(AGHS members are reminded please to wear name badges to AGHS events)

Names of Guests: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

<i>Event</i>	<i>Cost per person</i>	<i>Numbers Attending</i>	<i>Amount Incl \$</i>
Sunday 25 February 2018	Members of AGHS \$35	_____	_____
Jazz in the Garden	Non-Members \$45	_____	_____
Bookings Close:			
Sunday 18 February 2018			
		<i>TOTAL</i>	_____

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

By Cheque: payable to Australian Garden History Society, NSW Branch.

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

By EFT: Account name: AGHS BSB: 012 547 Account No: 237 514 077

- Include the following reference information: *the date of the event (25Feb) and your surname.*
- Email the above booking details to aghs.sh.info@gmail.com

By Direct Debit: If paying directly at an ANZ branch, *record your phone number as the reference.*

- Email the above booking details to aghs.sh.info@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE: No tickets will be issued. You will be notified if the event is sold out. No refunds can be given for cancellations made after the bookings close date.

ENQUIRIES: Elisabeth Heard 0417 247 213 or Pamela Bennett 0401 907 199

The Beauty of Tasmania
Sunday 11 – Wednesday 21 March 2018
Passenger/s Booking Form

to be completed and returned to Ray Bradley, PO Box 2327, Bowral 2576.

Deposit \$250 per passenger at time of booking

Final payment – Monday 29 January 2018

Please print clearly.

Tour Passenger/s Details

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Other _____ First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Other _____ First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone No: _____ Mobile: _____

Email address: ***Please print clearly*** _____

Passenger Requirements

Room Type: Double ☐ Single Supplement ☐ Ground Floor ☐

Twin Share ☐ Willing To Share With: _____

Dietary / Medical Requirements you believe we should be aware of. (e.g. - diabetic, vegetarian, gluten free)

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS:-

1: Name: _____ Phone: _____

2: Name: _____ Phone: _____

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I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the tour conditions specified within the itinerary.

Travel arrangements: to **Launceston**

Airline _____ Flight _____ arrive Launceston _____ Date _____

Alternate travel arrangements: _____

Return arrangements: to **Mainland from Hobart**

Airline _____ Flight _____ destination _____ Date _____

Alternate travel arrangements: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Enquiries/bookings - Ray Bradley (E) aghs.sh.info@gmail.com (T) 02 4861 4090 PO Box 2327, Bowral 2576

Payment options (please indicate)

1. Cheque payable to **Australian Garden History Society, NSW Branch** returned with this form to:

The Tasmanian Tour, 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 include the following reference **11 March and your surname**. Email your name and phone number to aghs.sh.info@gmail.com to advise the deposit has been made.