

# Inflorescence

October 2017



## *From the Chair*

Dear Members, we had such a splendid day out with AGHS members and guests on Sunday 8 October—lunch at The Loch and then a stroll round one of the loveliest gardens, *Upper Woodlands*, with the owners, Charles and Lynne Moore. See the Gallery Page for some photographs.

The next beautiful garden we plan to visit is *Bangala*, the home of Susan Hand and Ralph Suters, where we will be holding our Christmas Party on Friday 1 December. We do hope that you will be able to join us - the booking form is in this newsletter.



These occasions are most delightful for our members.

Less delightful are when we get involved with Council consultations in our advocacy role.

The **Station Street Upgrade** community consultation session on Wednesday 20 September turned extremely unpleasant when the Mayor was invited to sum up the discussion, which up to then had been led by thoughtful, intelligent and very knowledgeable people, including a number of prominent AGHS members and local experts. Then the Mayor spoke. Some of you will have read the apology to Laurel Cheetham, which was printed in the *Southern Highlands News* the following week.

On behalf of the AGHS branch, I sent two letters to Council—one concerning the debacle of the so-called consultation meeting and the other letter repeating the concerns raised by members about the effect that the proposed upgrade will have on trees and shrubs along the street. *These trees and shrubs include pin oaks (Quercus palustris) planted in 1897, elms planted by the Girl Guides in the 1940s as part of the Community Remembrance Driveway, and a row of heritage camellias. 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 mature trees form an important canopy and welcoming entrance to Bowral.*

The debate is still going on in the community. Is Wingecarribee Shire Council listening? Mayor Ken Halstead has given the community an undertaking that all issues raised by members of the public must be given due consideration by the Council before it resolves its position.

At the same time, we are knee-deep in planning events for next year as well as this month's National Conference in Melbourne. It would be enormously helpful if you would book as early as possible for the Christmas party - makes life a little easier for the committee.

Enjoy the spring weather and hopefully the rain. I always enjoy Christopher Lloyd's comment about gardening: *It is a humanising occupation.*

*Meg*

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**Lunch at The Loch and Upper Woodlands**



Upper Woodlands hosts Lynne and Charles Moore



Ladies at Lunch at The Loch: Meg Probyn with Elisabeth Heard and Deidre Hill



Brian and Maureen Graham



Charles Moore with John Biffin



Jonquil Temple with Jane Clifford and Des Church



Lynne Moore



## Our Mission

Promoting awareness and conservation of significant gardens and cultural landscapes through engagement, research, advocacy and activities.



To enjoy AGHS member benefits, go to <https://www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au/membership/>

## 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/>.

Wingecarribee Shire Council, in a Streetscape Fact Sheet, has counted 231 trees in Station Street between Bundaroo Street and Bowral Street. It plans to remove 159.

But never mind. Council points out, in respect of these trees, that some of the more prominent are showing signs of decline and will be approaching the end of their useful life in the next decade or two.

*Know how they feel.*

## AGHS Annual National Conference 2017

As Inflorescence goes to press, delegates are gathering in Melbourne ahead of the 38<sup>th</sup> AGHS National Conference with the theme **Marvellous Melbourne - The Challenge of Change**. Ahead of the Conference, Pamela Jellie is leading a pre-conference tour to the Western District of Victoria, staying in Camperdown.

The 39<sup>th</sup> 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

**Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens**

***Moving Ahead in Leaps and Bounds***



On a gusty Tuesday morning in September, John Olsen AO, OBE unveiled his Leaping Frog sculpture and presented it to Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens.

The Mayor, Ken Halstead, welcomed friends, members and guests to this significant event. SHBG Chair Charlotte Webb thanked John Olsen and led the congregation to view the Leaping Frog in its new location.

Attendees included members from AGHS, National Trust, Bowral Garden Club, Bundanoon Garden Club, Highlands Garden Society, and Friends of SHBG.



**AGHS Events: Save the Date**

**27 to 30 October 2017** 38<sup>th</sup> AGHS National Conference **Marvellous Melbourne - The Challenge of Change** <https://www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au/events-conference/38th-annual-conference/>

**Friday 1 December 2017** AGHS Southern Highlands **Christmas Party**

**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** 39<sup>th</sup> AGHS National Conference **Gardens in Times of Peace and Conflict** in the Southern Highlands

**Other Events for the Diary**

**Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October 2017** Bundanoon Garden Ramble  
<http://www.bundanoongardenramble.org.au/>

**Sunday 29 October 2017** National Trust Harpers Mansion Garden and Plant Fair  
<http://harpersmansion.com.au/announcements/garden-and-plant-fair>

**Saturday 4, Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 November** The Art and Culture of Retford Park National Trust  
<https://www.trybooking.com/316784>

**Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 November 2017** The Rose Society of NSW Miniature Rose Championship Mittagong RSL

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

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### Next Event:

**Friday 1 December 2017**

**Christmas Party**

**4 pm to 7 pm**

***Bangala***

**12 Clarke Street, Bowral**

AGHS is delighted to invite you to attend Christmas drinks and canapes at *Bangala*, the home of Susan Hand and Ralph Suters at 12 Clarke Street Bowral.

*Bangala* was built about 1920 as a country retreat for a Sydney solicitor.

Susan and Ralph bought *Bangala* in 2007 and undertook extensive repairs and renovations to the building in 2010. The house won a Wingecarribee Heritage Award in 2011.

The original estate included an orchard, rose garden, horse paddock and stables. Over time the three-acre estate has been subdivided, with the original house now on just under 1 acre. What remained of the garden was unstructured and very overgrown, until 2012 when extensive redesign and replanting began with the assistance of horticulturalist Martha Clarke.

The house has elements of an Arts and Craft style so Susan and Ralph are trying to develop a garden in this style. There is still much work to be done as they develop a garden for all seasons using a great range of plant species and varieties.

AGHS is most appreciative of the opportunity provided by Susan and Ralph to share this delightful garden in the making.

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. Bookings and deposits are being received and confirming advice is awaited from a number of potential travellers. 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](mailto:aghs.sh.info@gmail.com) or (T) 02 4861 4090). Booking Form attached.

## About Inflorescence

**Inflorescence** is the newsletter of the Southern Highlands Branch of the Australian Garden History Society.

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## 2017/18 Committee

**Chair:** Meg Probyn

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**NMC Representative:** Meg Probyn

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### Booking Form Christmas Party: Friday 1 December 2017 4 pm to 7 pm Bangala 12 Clarke Street Bowral

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**(AGHS members are reminded please to wear name badges to AGHS events)**

Names of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Event	Cost per person	Numbers Attending	Amount Incl \$
Friday 1 December 2017 Christmas Party at <i>Bangala</i>	Members of AGHS \$35	_____	_____
	Non-members \$45	_____	_____
Bookings Close: Sunday 26 November 2017			
		TOTAL	_____

#### 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 (1Dec) and your surname.*
- Email the above booking details to [aghs.sh.info@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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:** Lyn Barrett 0401 719 752

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:

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.