



QUEENSLAND BRANCH NEWSLETTER July 2025

## ***SAVE THE DATE***

### ***Saturday 16 August***

The postponed trip to COOCHIE MUDLO island will be a day of fun, ferry rides, garden visits and a café meal. Details and booking will follow at the beginning of August.



### ***Wednesday in September -date to be confirmed***

A guided tour of Fernberg gardens, Queensland Government House, Paddington. Details to follow



The ***Australian Garden History Society Northern NSW Branch*** is hosting two Winter Speakers and we are invited to join on both, or either, of these special one-off occasions. Bookings are open and encouraged soon so we have numbers to confirm speakers and venues. For more details and to book, please follow these links.

For ***Sunday 3 August***, 3pm at TAS Hoskins Centre, Tim Entwisle presentation and refreshments (\$45 per person): <https://www.trybooking.com/DARUF>

For ***Sunday 24 August***, return coach trip to splendid 'Wanderriby' garden, light lunch, plus Stephen Utick speaking at the Hoskins Centre (\$115 per person):

<https://www.trybooking.com/DASBI>

## ***Report of the Toowoomba trip***

Despite the weather and Warrego freeway blockage, the Toowoomba autumn gardens visit on 17 May was successful and 20 attended. The Japanese garden covering three hectares at the University of Southern Queensland is now 36 years old and beautiful in its autumn coverings and very well maintained.

After an excellent lunch at Wendland Fine Foods we walked through Queens Park to Eleanor St where the original palm plantings from the botanic gardens are now being replaced by new shrubs with a loss of history and character. We visited the Askin's garden where we were treated to samples of the garden produce -honey, fruits and then onto Atkinsons in Godsall St. Both of these gardens in an historic area are threatened by new buildings with walls to the boundary blocking sunlight into the gardens. Thanks to Wendy Lees for organizing this tour.



## ***Memorial tree planting in honour of Maurice Wilson***

Brisbane City Council held a Community Street Tree Planting Event in Silver Top Park in Keperra on 31 May and a tree was planted by Annette McFarlane in honour of Maurice Wilson, a long-time member of AGHS Queensland who passed away quietly last year.

Annette gave a short talk about Maurice's work in the Botanic Gardens, in PNG and his generosity supporting the education of young PNG students in Brisbane. An award from PNG in recognition of his work there, was one of his most valued possessions

The tree is *Lophostomen confertus*, the Queensland brush box tree, an evergreen, fast growing rainforest tree with an attractive rounded shape. It has white fluffy flowers in spring and summer, and leathery dark green leaves. Elizabeth Teed attended and we thank her for this report.



