

ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019

AUSTRALIAN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY

Annual Report of the Australian Garden History Society Inc. for the year ending 30th June 2019

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Journal Editor	Dr Bernadette Hince
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Membership Secretary	Melinda Neylan

National Chair's Report 2018–19

Our year began in Mittagong where the Southern Highlands Branch delivered our 2018 conference on the theme of 'Gardens in time of peace and conflict'. Held at the Mittagong RSL it was fully subscribed and a great success providing participants with a stimulating program and a particularly stirring conference after dinner speech by our newly installed patron Dr Tim Entwistle.

A preconference Symposium was held at Joadja, an historic industrial landscape created by shale oil mining and extraction. This gave members a different participatory experience broke and was led by Dr Helen Armstrong. The Society thanks the Southern Highland conference coordinating committee for delivering a stimulating and beautifully organized conference program that also demonstrated their work in the region in the recently established botanic gardens.

At the AGM held during the conference there was only one change to the NMC elected members (eight positions) and our Treasurer of the past three years Elizabeth Teed stood down creating a vacancy to be filled later in the year by Graeme Capel. Elizabeth had practiced careful stewardship of the Society's funds and was acknowledged and thanked by the Chair on behalf of the NMC and members present. Graeme took up his role in January and has been instrumental in assisting Lisa, our National Executive Officer, in bringing improvements to the membership data base management and financial administration. Membership levels have fluctuated but remain at the respectable mark of 1583 (previous year 1544).

The Annual Planning Day for the NMC was held in February at Melbourne and hosted by the National Trust of Victoria. Coordinated by Jess Hood (Vice Chair) and Bronwyn Blake (Secretary) time was spent in small groups working on topics ranging from advocacy, membership, marketing and approaches for the 40th Anniversary year. A particular focus was given to our organizational structure and governance questioning whether it aided or impeded attracting other generations and potential members from professions related to the Society's mission of advocacy and conservation.

Branches remained strong and vibrant providing three changes to Branch Representatives to the NMC (nine positions) and we welcomed: Julia de Roeper (SA), Lyn Barrett (NSW) and Anne Claoue-Long (ACT) to the NMC.

Three projects that make up the national program continued to advance including: the National Oral History Collection program; 'Expanding Horizons' the 2019 conference in Wellington, NZ and the completion and launch of the AGHS publication Recording Gardens (both hard copy and online formats). Considerable work has also been invested in ensuring that the 2020 Fund to finance Branch driven events and projects for the 40th Anniversary program has a firm base and lasting benefits.

Bernadette Hince, our esteemed journal editor and Mariana Rollgejser our highly prized designer have again produced four editions of the journal to inform and delight us and they are to be congratulated on the very high standards of content and presentation that our journal delivers.

I have greatly appreciated the skill and management abilities of Lisa Tuck, our National Executive Officer, who is continually improving the way our Society organizes its business and membership services. In only her second year in the role she has truly made a difference to how well the Society is run.

Richard Heathcote

Sub Committees and Working Groups

Advocacy Subcommittee

M Probyn (Convenor), S Read and C O'Halloran

Editorial Advisory Committee (EAC)

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Engagement Working Group

J Hood (Convenor), R Morgan, R Aitken, C Dyson, B Blake, S Read (cc Email), NEO

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R Burge (Convenor), B Blake, J Maurer, H Page, Dr M Probyn, S Read, P Vizents

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Recording Gardens Working Group S Read (Convenor), L Lawson, E Ganguly, B Hince, B Blake

Website Working Group

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L Walker, R Bird, J Maurer, A Maurer, S Read

ACT MONARO RIVERINA BRANCH

Office Bearers and Committee Members

Chair	Sue Byrne
Deputy Chair and Newsletter Editor	Judy Pearce
Treasurer	Anne Claoué-Long (from February 2019)
State NMC Representative	Helen Elliot (Treasurer until February)
Secretary	Nancy Clarke
Committee	Bronwyn Blake (also elected member NMC), Sue Cassidy, Wendy Dodd, Greg Johnson, Helen Wilson

Functions

- Talk by Dr Greg Johnson Write Now: Gardening in Australia 1989-2038.
- **Annual Lecture following Branch AGM**: Lainie Lawson OAM *Rescue and Reality:* some thoughts on garden restoration.
- Bus visit to the Australian Botanic Garden and PlantBank, Mt Annan. Guided tour.
- Film Afternoon: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf.
- Artist's talk and walk for Sculpture Event Contour 556 on foreshore of Lake Burley Griffin.
- Joint event with Reid Residents Association Talk by Phillip Johnson Not a Drop Wasted working with nature, not against it.
- **Bus Tour** to Bundarbo Station, Jugiong, Goonawarra (Flanery garden), Harden, and St Clement's Retreat, Galong
- End of Year Celebrations at Palerang Homestead home of Sue and Ulli Tuisk
- Saturday ramble within the Parliamentary Triangle: Anna Howe Growing Democracy: Plants, Places and People in the Parliamentary Triangle
- Guided tour of the Australian War Memorial Gardens
- Swedish Embassy Opening of the Solander Garden
- AGHS information stall at National Trust ACT Open Day at Gungahlin Homestead.
- AGHS/National Trust ACT joint event: Visit to Director's House and Garden at Mt Stromlo with Amy Jarvis, ANU Heritage Adviser
- Talk by Textile Artist Julie Ryder: Ocean's Gay Flowers
- Annual joint event with Friends of the National Library of Australia: Tim Entwisle Shared Dreams and Destinies

Advocacy

Lake Burley Griffin Guardians with support from our Branch continues in its quest for Commonwealth Heritage Listing of Lake Burley Griffin and a review of the private residential and commercial building estate proposed for West Basin.

The Branch has expressed interest in being involved in the tree management and green spaces forums to be conducted by National Capital Authority and ACT government.

Representation at the ACT Legislative Assembly 'Nature in our City Inquiry' hearing.

Projects

Digitisation and incorporation of 36 items of early Australian gardening and horticulture literature into Trove, the search engine created by the National Library of Australia, is now in progress. *Flora Australasica or, A selection of handsome, or curious plants, natives of New Holland and the*

South Sea Islands by Robert Smith which required specialist photographic work prior to digitisation is already available for viewing on the Trove website.

Our Oral History project has commenced with Ros Burge conducting and recording interviews with four individuals presently residing in the ACT Monaro Riverina region who have made significant contributions to garden history.

Chair's Report

Lake Burley Griffin continues to be a heritage at risk site as there has been no change in either the Commonwealth or ACT Government's attitude towards the lake and its foreshores' heritage values. The ongoing development plans being pursued by the ACT government of privatising public parkland is threatening a significant cultural landscape of the national capital.

Earlier this year the Committee reluctantly accepted the resignations of Kay Johnston (Nov) and Helen Elliot (Feb), both professionally adept at managing financial affairs and after the AGM in August Helen Wilson and Wendy Dodd will be leaving. My grateful thanks go to them all for the extremely valuable contributions they made during their time on the committee.

Bronwyn Blake and Anne Claoué-Long have been National Management members this year and our committee appreciates not only the work they do for the Society at the national level but also for their enthusiasm and interest in keeping us well informed about and engaged in both national and local events and issues.

Again, a series of well attended and varied functions was organised by a most competent committee and I wish to acknowledge with heartfelt thanks the commitment and expertise applied to each and every walk, talk or project. The Branch membership and guests have been able to enjoy and appreciate a significant number of interesting and stimulating event.

Sue Byrne

QUEENSLAND BRANCH

Office Bearers and Committee Members

Chair	Ann Wegener
Secretary	Lois Closter
Treasurer	Elizabeth Teed
Newsletters/Publicity	Roberta Blake
General Committee	John Taylor, Helen Mackay

Chair's Report

Over the past year, the Qld Branch of the AGHS continued offering members a limited number of events. For a small branch, we've enjoyed good attendance figures, allowing our Branch to continue.

- The Branch combined with the Friends of Brisbane Botanic Gardens for a talk by AGHS member Stuart Read for the AGM.
- We enjoyed a Christmas Party at the spectacular Clayfield home and garden of members Cathy Marchant and Jim Butler.
- We held a self-drive weekend event to Glen Innes for a tour of gardens and properties in that area and along the way. Our accommodation for 2 nights was at the historic Waterloo Station and Homestead, a property owned by Qld members Donald and Deborah Anderson.

To have such good attendances and the warm appreciation that follows makes the Committee feel we are providing members with events they want. Our thanks go to the Butlers and the Andersons for making members feel so welcome to their homes and gardens.

Advocacy for the protection of old gardens or places played a role in our efforts for the year. Committee member John Taylor, working with Tania Metcher, was successful in gaining a listing on the Heritage Register of Laurel Bank Park in Toowoomba, and now the same team is working on a listing for an avenue of hoop pine trees in Imbil.

At the suggestion of the NMC, the committee are currently trying to find a research project to mark 40 years since the inception of the AGHS. The committee would welcome suggestions from branch members for a project. The NMC has offered to subsidise \$1 for \$1 up to \$10,000 per branch.

In concluding, I wish to thank all members of the committee for their active involvement in running our Branch.

Ann Wegener

SOUTH AUSTRALIA BRANCH

Office Bearers and Committee Members

Chair and NMC Branch Rep Dr. Julia de Roeper		
Vice-Chair	Richard Heathcote	
Treasurer	Andrew Plumer	
Secretary	Dr. Julie Tolley	
Newsletter Co-editors	Elizabeth Dobson, Pam Mayer, Pamela Tonkin	
Committee	Elizabeth Dobson, Elizabeth Ganguly, Dr. Jeff Jenkinson, Pamela Mayer, Patricia Michell, Pamela Tonkin	
Oral History	Julie Tolley, Anne McCutcheon, Elizabeth Ganguly, Elizabeth Dobson,	
Sub-Committee	Janie Smylie, Pam Mayer, Pamela Tonkin, Julia de Roeper,	
	and co-opted member Anne McCutcheon	

Functions

- A programme of garden visits and presentations relating to the theme *Garden Making – Past, Present and Future* continued throughout 2018.
- August 2018 The AGM was held at Beaumont House, with 22 members in attendance. Elizabeth Ganguly retired as Chair but remained on the Committee, and Committee member Dr. Julia de Roeper was elected unopposed as the new Chair. The remainder of the Committee continued in their roles.
- **September** Members and friends travelled from Adelaide by bus to explore historic rural precincts Mundoo Station on Mundoo Island, and 'Riverside' on Hindmarsh Island, followed by visits to two gardens in Port Elliot with Open Gardens SA.
- **November** Several members attended the AGHS Annual Conference in Mittagong, at which Elizabeth Ganguly presented a paper, which she later presented in Adelaide (see July). An early evening event was held at The Cedars, the former home of artist Sir Hans Heysen, to launch the AGHS publication Recording Gardens in SA.
- **December** The last event in 2018 was a Christmas party for SA branch members, held at St. Vigeans, the home of Dr. Jeff Jenkinson and his wife Gill in Stirling.
- **2019** During a hot dry summer which was extremely trying for gardens and gardeners, the Committee held a Planning Meeting in early February and agreed that events to be planned for 2019 would have the theme of *Structures and Ornamentation in the Garden: transient and permanent*.
- **February** An early evening visit to the Adelaide Botanic Gardens to see the recently restored Palm House and Coalbrookdale 'boy and serpent' cast-iron fountain was conducted jointly by ABG Director Dr. Lucy Sutherland and Curator Tony Kanellos.
- March No events were held during 'Mad March', due to city chaos and competition.
- April Members visited two gardens in Aldgate: 'Wellswood Cottage', a contemporary garden owned by landscape and garden designer Jamie McIlwain, and 'Birchgrove', a mature garden of traditional design which is the home of Tim and Jenny Rymill.

- May No specific AGHS events were held in May, as there were a number of garden-related History Month events.
- June The first of two Winter Lectures at the Goodman Building in the ABG: Elizabeth Ganguly gave a talk on the gardens created by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and arid garden expert John Zwar gave the second part of a talk about arid gardens in the mid-north of South Australia and in South America.
- July At the second Winter Lecture, a panel of speakers convened by Elizabeth Ganguly addressed the topic of *Structures and Ornamentation in the Garden: transient and permanent*. Speakers were garden designer Evette Sunset, ABG curator Tony Kanellos, garden structure designer and fabricator Andrew Hood of Farmweld, and AGHS national Chair Richard Heathcote.
- The AGM was held at Cummins House on August 11 2019.

Advocacy

URRBRAE TAFE

In September 2018 the SA State Government announced plans to close the TAFE facilities and programs for horticulture, environment and conservation in the grounds of Urrbrae High School. A strong campaign to have this plan reversed was led by Acting CEO of the Nursery and Garden Industry of SA, Geoffrey Fuller and current Urrbrae TAFE Diploma of Horticulture student Elly Potter to have this plan reversed. The AGHS SA Branch supported the campaign with letters to the SA State Government Minister for Education John Gardner MP and the Minister for Primary Industries Tim Whetstone MP. The campaign was successful, and it has been announced that Urrbrae TAFE will not be closed.

Projects

- Garden Recording The Cedars' Hahndorf, for the Hans Heysen Foundation The garden recording group consists of John Buchan, David Inverarity, Kath Inverarity and Malcolm Kentish, with assistance from Elizabeth Ganguly and Allan Campbell. Following completion of the survey by a registered surveyor of the property boundaries, contours and major hard landscaping, John Buchan has completed a plan of the property.
- Garden Restoration Charles Sturt Memorial Museum at Grange Members of the SA branch of the AGHS have provided advice to volunteers on garden restoration.
- **AGHS Oral History Project** The SA Branch was successful in applying for a History Trust SA grant of \$500 to pay for training at Oral History SA workshops and associated costs.

A consent form has been included in the Oral History Manual which will enable branches to borrow state-of-the-art recording equipment from state libraries and/or universities in return for lodging copies of interviews in state collections.

The SA Branch Oral History Sub-Committee has therefore negotiated with the State Library of South Australia for the use of SLSA recording equipment at no cost, in return for copies of oral histories recorded by the AGHS SA Branch being lodged in the JD Somerville Collection, with the original recordings going to the AGHS NMC.

A comprehensive list of potential interviewees has been drawn up, and interviews will commence shortly.

Chair's Report

2018-9 has been a busy year with a number of excellent achievements for the SA Branch of the AGHS, and I'd like to thank all the members of the Committee for their contributions and support throughout the year.

In particular I'd like to thank Elizabeth Ganguly for her very generous and smooth handover of the Chair's duties, and her continuing dedicated work on events and projects including the Garden Recording project at The Cedars. Very grateful thanks go to Andrew Plumer for his outstanding work in a number of areas: as Treasurer, and as the Committee's digital expert, handling distribution of the newsletter, running the Trybooking system and sending out notices to members throughout the year.

He has also been a terrific and reliable event coordinator. Special thanks are due to Dr. Julie Tolley, who retired from the role of Secretary of the Society in April after several years of sterling work. Committee member Dr Jeff Jenkinson has provided sound advice based on his long-term involvement with the AGHS, as well as this years' theme of *Structures and Ornamentation in the Garden: transient and permanent*, and Committee member Patricia Michell has been a valuable contributor of new ideas and information, and some delicious Marble Hill wines which members have enjoyed at numerous events. Last but not least, my warmest thanks go to national Chair and Branch Vice-Chair Richard Heathcote, whose enthusiasm, encouragement and the occasional bottle of red have kept us cheerful and committee throughout the year.

We are all grateful to the Editorial team of Pam Mayer, Pamela Tonkin and Elizabeth Dobson, who have continued to produce the excellent POLLen and DiRT throughout the year, with technical assistance from Andrew Plumer. And lastly, a new Oral History Sub-Committee was formed in October 2018, consisting of Julie Tolley, Pam Mayer, Pamela Tonkin, Elizabeth Ganguly, Elizabeth Dobson, Julia de Roeper, Anne McCutcheon and Janie Smylie.

Retiring at the end of 2018-19 are Treasurer Andrew Plumer, Newsletter editors Elizabeth Dobson, Pam Mayer and Pamela Tonkin, Committee member Elizabeth Ganguly and Chair Julia de Roeper.

Dr. Julia de Roeper

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS BRANCH

Office Bearers and Committee Members

Conference Committee

Chair	Meg Probyn
Secretary	Jane Clifford
Treasurer	John Biffin
Committee	Lyn Barrett, Pamela Bennett, Raymond Bradley, Merryleigh Brindley, Jennifer Carroll, Laurel Cheetham, Elisabeth Heard, Annabel Murray

Conference committee dissolved November 2018.

December to June

Chair	Lyn Barrett
Secretary	Elisabeth Heard
Treasurer	John Biffin
Tours	Ray Bradley
Committee	Annabel Murray. Pamela Bennett resigned February 2019. Thank you Pamela for all your work.

Membership is 180 members in the June listing 2019

Functions

June Winter Seminar at the Bradman Museum lecture theatre Bowral

Guest Speakers

Leonie Norton Topic 'Marrianne Collinson Campbell; A Privileged Life'. Marrianne and George Campbell with their two children moved to Duntroon in what is now Canberra. Marrianne set about transforming the home into an imposing two storey Gothic revival house. Gardens were redesigned and planted with numerous exotic and rare blooms, Duntroon became the home of Australia's Military College

Dr Stephen Utick- Director of the International Camellia Society, co-ordinator of the Camellia Ark project. Topic The significance of Camellias in Garden History across the World.

August – Annual General Meeting at St Judes Hall Bowral

Guest Speakers

Tanya Hoolihan, a botanical illustrator spoke about her research 'Beyond Exploration' Illustrating the Scientific Legacy of Ludwig Leichhardt drawing on the explorer's field notes, diary entries and letters as well as his collection of 4000 plants in the Sydney and Melbourne Herbariums.

Susan Hand and Colin Blanch provided an entertaining conversation on 'Volunteering at Great Dixter' in Surrey UK. They shared their experiences and knowledge of this very special place. Ralph Suter facilitated the discussion and shared his vast collection of Great Dixter images with a rolling film display of stunning photos over the afternoon.

December Christmas Party at Timbarra

A special thank you to Laurel and Richard Cheetham the owners of this interesting garden of hidden rare plants.

February 2019 – Berrima Talk and Walk

Berrima is one of the last remaining intact colonial villages in the Georgian Style built by convicts on the mainland, 16 buildings are on the State Heritage Register, a living museum on our door step.

Guest speakers

Dr Eric Savage and Clive West spoke about the establishment of the township of Berrima. Colleen Morris spoke on the Cultural Landscape Assessment report for the area which won the NT Heritage Award 2018 with co-writer Christine Hay. Stuart Read provided an entertaining show and tell presentation on the village trees and plantings. Frances Simons spoke about the First World War prisoners camp in Berrima and their huts and gardens along the Wingecarribee River. After the lectures the attendees broke into small groups to explore various areas of the village.

March Jazz in the Garden – Greenbrier Park

A very big thank you to Robert and Janet Constable who opened their magnificent garden for the event and National conference. Band "Next on the List" provided the entertainment. Liaised with 'The Fold' a like minded social media event directory with the aim to reach young people.

May Autumn Seminar East Bowral Community Centre

Guest Speakers

Roslyn Burge spoke about Callan Park's Broughton Hall and the talk was brought to life with photographs never seen before provided by Friends of Callan Park. Interesting that Broughton Hall has more tree species than Central Park, New York.

Catherine Stewart provided an entertaining talk titled 'From Australian Garden to History Society – my sequential rather than simultaneous life experiences of AGHS's core subject', with insights into her fascinating experience of building a successful garden communication business, its stellar transition to social media and the problems therein followed by her 'retirement' managing a patch of land with a complex history.

Advocacy

- Station Street, Bowral: following representation by the Branch, the National Trust Landscape Conservation Committee has listed the Pin Oaks and camellia collection at Bowral Railway Station on the register of the National Trust. Thank you Laurel Cheetham for all your work on this project.
- **Hume Coal and Berrima Rail Projects:** Independent Planning Commission submission prepared by the Branch for the Public hearing and site inspection with the IPC panel.
- **Boral Cement Works:** Investigation of this Paul Sorenson designed planting undertaken by Branch members and completed with a commissioned Tree Management Plan and seasonal maintenance schedule prepared with a Tree Survey Map. Chris and Charlotte Webb Heritage Landscape Consultants completed the work. Documents handed over to Boral with local newspaper coverage. On the AGHS Landscapes at Risk Register. A Conservation Management Plan is required.

Wingecarribee Shire Council

- Heritage committee has been reinstated, and Laurel Cheetham is our representative.
- Proposed changes to the Rural Tourism Policy: Submission lodged by Branch requiring the policy to exclude land in the conservation area of Berrima.
- Proposed planning changes: Submission lodged by Branch objecting to zoning and minimum lot size changes in the Berrima conservation area.
- Berrima Remembrance Driveway Landscape: representation made to Wingecarribee Council and Remembrance Driveway Committee to save this very significant plantation of trees designed by Paul Sorenson, planted and maintained by Claude Crowe and containing 9 Corporate Plaques a memorial to WWII and Korean War Servicemen and women, over an area of 35 acres much in private ownership along Hume HIghway to the south of Berrima. Berrima Residents Association is entering into an MOU with RDC to take on the custodianship of this memorial. Site now known as Berrima Remembrance Grove.

Branch organised a public meeting with Berrima Residents Association on site with talks on the history of the plantation by Charlotte Webb and its significance today. On the AGHS Landscape at Risk Register. A Conservation Management Plan is required.

Projects

- Harpers Mansion Heritage Camellia Collection identification program and labelling.
- **Camellia cuttings** of *Plantipetala* a rare species were taken for Camellia Ark from Oldbury Farm for propagation.
- Station Street Claude Crowe second collection of cuttings taken.
- Berrima Remembrance Grove working bees.

Student Support

Student studying Archaeology at Sydney University – Unit Public Archaeology and Management – topic 'Impact of Hume Coal Mine on Mereworth a Paul Sorenson garden and Berrima Village'.

Student studying Cultural Heritage Management Course at ANU Canberra - topic 'Markdale an Edna Walling garden'. A special thank you to Stuart Read and Annabel Murray for their expert assistance and advice. Planned student outreach UNSW trimester 3 2019, will integrate a component in the curriculum which allows History of Landscape design students to produce work for exhibition and be eligible for the Nina Crone award. Annabel Murray and Prof Craig Burton are liaising with UNSW to see this through.

Tours

April Horse Island and South Coast Tour sold out quickly. The tour included Hazel King's garden in Berry *Avia Hortus, Werribee Gardens* at Numbaa, Horse Island at Tuross Lake near Bodalla garden of Christine and Trevor Kennedy, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens at Batemans Bay. Horse Island fees were donated to Bodalla Public School, Hazel Kings fees went to a new community garden for a mature Blueberry Ash tree (*Elaeocarpus reticulatus*) in Berry. Ray Bradley once again put together a memorable tour which was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you Ray.

Chair's Report

Southern Highlands Branch has had a very busy year with the delivery of the 39th Annual Conference, *Gardens in Times of Peace and Conflict*, 26-29 October 2018. Anne Vale wrote a blog "The Southern Highlands branch hosted a stimulating and inspiring Australian Garden History Society Conference with many take-home messages and enjoyable memories". The dedication to the job by the conference chair Meg Probyn was reflected in the success of the event. The target of \$30,000 for AGHS NMC was achieved with control of expenditure by our treasurer John Biffin, and the success in seeking sponsorship. Our sincere appreciation to our GOLD sponsors Mittagong RSL, Downes Wholesale Nursery and The Diggers Club, and our many supporters.

Private Garden owners waived entry fees, a most sincere thank you to them for their generosity and hard work in presenting their gardens in such a professional manner. Delegates visited the following locations and gardens *Bradman Museum, Greenbrier Park, Retford Park, Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens, Oldbury Farm, Somerley House, Rotherwood, Red Cow Farm, Harper's Mansion, Carisbrooke, Southdown, Whitley, Mossybank and The Kaya.*

The speakers contribute significantly to the success of a conference and the range and quality was excellent, entertaining and educational. We owe many thanks to the following speakers: Charlotte Webb OAM, Professor Craig Burton, Ian Scott AM, Greg Jackson, Elizabeth Ganguly, Phil Roberts OAM, Stuart Read, Graham Wilson OAM, Linda Emery, William Oates, Dr John Dwyer and Frances Simons.

Annabel Murray organised the Symposium at the Joadja site a fascinating area of the Southern Highlands cultural landscape. Guest speakers were Emeritus Professor Helen Armstrong, Charles Massey, Djon Mundine, Professor Craig Burton and Caroline Grant.

The current committee while small in number has been active in advocacy, education, conservation and activities. I thank all of the Committee for their time and effort through the year as well as the many guest speakers and garden owners for their time, hard work and preparation to deliver entertaining and educational sessions and places.

A special thank you must go to the Conference Committee a friendly, hard working group of volunteers and I thank them all for their assistance and support to the Branch and Society this last year. We look forward to 2020 and our special Anniversary activities and projects.

Lyn Barrett

SYDNEY & NORTHERN NSW BRANCH

Office Bearers and Committee Members

Chair	James Quoyle
Vice-Chair	Christine Hay
Secretary	Tempe Beavan
Treasurer	David Low
Committee	Angela Low, Gina Plate, Anne Smith, Susan Stratton, John Maurer

Functions

- Berrima, Sutton Forest and Exeter Cultural Landscape Assessment, illustrated lecture by Colleen Morris and Christine Hay unfolding their study that celebrates the rich history of the Berrima-Sutton Forest area and tantilised the audience with stories of its landscape and people.
- Former Lidcombe Hospital Heritage Precinct and Auburn Botanic Gardens, guided Walk by Stuart Read a large scale landscape setting with buildings by James Barnet and then a wander around the Japanese Garden within Auburn Botanic Gardens.
- Jacaranda Harbour Cruise on the Lady Hopetoun of the Heritage Fleet an extraordinary craft from which to investigate the harbour foreshore.
- Satyrs Automata and Love in the Garden Bomarzo Revisited illustrated lecture by Lindsay Sharp on the garden Bomarzo, a world famous, mid- sixteenth century Italian 'sculpture garden' in upper Lazio close to Caprarola and Villa Lante with vestiges of the complex waterworks revealed.
- **Christmas Function** generously hosted by Jill Wran at her delightful home in Woollara. Jill's garden provided a wonderful setting to enjoy our festive celebration.
- Heritage Roses illustrated lecture by Glennis Clark about the organisation Heritage Roses in Australia Inc., (HRiA) as well as the old rose varieties that do particularly well in Sydney. The presentation included public gardens that HRiA are involved with and some of the history and stories that have developed around these old roses.

- Underwater Cultural Heritage from the Great War illustrated lecture by Tim Smith covering his involvement in a range of international military archaeological projects including battlefield surveys at Anzac Cove in Turkey, the AE2 submarine, and his recent involvement in the team that located the AE1 submarine in New Guinea (1914).
- Garden Treasures of the UK National Trust Some Favourites illustrated lecture by Anne Smith, who led us through some of her favourite gardens managed by the UK National Trust from magnificent borders, topiary, long walks, secluded garden rooms and parklands to wonderful walled gardens, beautiful woodlands and fruit tree collections.
- Seven Islands Cruise on the Heritage Fleet Harbour Cruise The cruise navigated around the seven islands west of the Harbour Bridge, and included a brief stop at Cockatoo Island.
- Significance of Camellia in Garden History: Ten Fabulous Tales illustrated lecture by Dr Stephen Utick, who invited us to step back in time to over 1500 years ago and then through to the twentieth century, across diverse global civilisations and cultures and learn about the challenge to help preserve the colonial camellia treasures of New South Wales'.
- Write to Garden Pioneer garden writing in Australia illustrated lecture by Dr Greg Johnson exploring the publications and the writers in the period from 1888, the Centenary of European settlement of Australia, to 1938, 150 years after their arrival. The talk covered writers and writing during the Federation, Edwardian, WWI and depression periods.

Advocacy

Tempe Beaven (Secretary), lodged letter of support for the curtilage extension to the State Heritage Listing for Varroville. Jacquie Kirkby wrote to all supporters to thank them for their support, on 31 October 2017 the NSW Heritage Council recommended to the Heritage Minister that a curtilage extension for Varro Ville Homestead and Estate be listed on the State Heritage Register.

Unfortunately, before the Minister could sign the letter to move the recommendation further, the Independent Planning Commission approved of the cemetery within the curtilage. Another cultural landscape is seriously degraded by inaction and pressure.

Christine Hay (Vice Chair) who was involved in association with Colleen Morris, and with the assistance of Wingecarribee Council, in writing the *Berrima, Sutton Forest and Exeter Cultural Landscape Assessment 2017*, lodged an objection to 2 planning proposals within the Berrima Landscape Conservation Area (BLCA) because they would negatively impact on its natural, historical and aesthetic significance. She advised that as a gazetted LEP heritage listed item it requires a 'whole of landscape approach' when considering the impacts of such change. Christine urged Council to refuse the 2 planning proposals for Berrima because the place has important heritage significance, recognised as having National Significance when on the Register for the National Estate and for its state heritage values for which a nomination for listing is under consideration.

Having recently worked with Council in collaboration with The Berrima, Sutton Forest and Exeter Cultural Landscape Assessment 2017, and experiencing their commitment to heritage conservation, Christine was encouraged Council will embrace community feedback to reject the proposals and continue as a model custodian of this significant heritage place.

Gina Plate continues her valuable volunteer work at Yasmar as manager of a regular 'working bee'. The garden of the last remaining colonial estate on Parramatta Road, which came close to losing a large slice of its grounds thanks to the cross city tunnel, has had the attention of the AGHS Sydney Branch for some time. Gina, who organising a group of volunteers, coordinates the maintenance activities with the property owner Crown Land NSW, educating the state body on how to manage a historic garden.

A great success and prototype for future hands on advocacy.

Projects

• The groundwork and preparations to host the 2020 Annual AGHS conference in Sydney that marks the fortieth anniversary of the establishment of the Society.

- The branch continues to allot \$500 per annum to a potential travelling exhibition to increase awareness of garden history.
- \$500 has been set aside for a plaque to commemorate Charles Fraser at St John's cemetery, Parramatta.
- The promise of \$2000 to Eryldene for aboricultural work within their garden
- 2 high quality editions of newsletter Branch Cuttings were produced by co-editors Anne Smith, Gina Plate and Angela Low.
- The Branch has established a sub-committee, chaired by Christine Hay, to advance plans for the 2020 AGHS Conference to be held in Sydney. Huge strides have been made and we are always looking for volunteers to assist.

Chair's Report

We started the year strongly with an illustrated lecture by Colleen Morris and Christine Hay elucidating their *Berrima, Sutton Forest and Exeter Cultural Landscape Assessment*. This study will provide expert guidance for the local community to prepare informed responses to challenge the shifting legislative framework that is currently biased towards development, reminding us that advocacy is one of the Society's drivers. Then the illustrated lecture by Lindsay Sharp unfolding the decadence and brilliance of those naughty sixteenth century Italian cardinals in Tuscany that threw themselves into competitive gardening. Lindsay insisted warnings be issued to members that his talk included adult themes. I am pleased and proud that the Society engages with subjects of such erudition and scholarly work. The presentation by Greg Johnson on Australian garden writers from 1888 until 1938 was very memorable for the links forged by the speaker to art and gardening, the irascible characters that were illuminated and I was surprised to learn so many Australian garden writers used a nom de plume.

There was much passion and love in all the presentations this year and we have had many outings that have been fun and novel, such as the two cruises on Sydney Harbour. I believe strongly that our only currency is gratitude and I'd like to thank the members of the Executive that are tireless in sourcing speakers that challenge and inform us. Boffins galore! To the members and the committee who provide the refreshments and extend a warm welcome at our events. And especially I wish to thank you - all the members who support our Society whether by attendance or quietly supporting advocacy by swelling our numbers. I hope 2020 is a fabulous year for us all and a special marker of our fortieth anniversary – I salute the 2020 conference to be held in Sydney – Many dreams one landscape.

James Quoyle

Northern NSW sub Branch Committee

Chair	Bill Oates OAM
Vice Chairs	Liz Chappell and Graham Wilson
Secretary	Helen Wilson
Treasurer	Elton Squires
Assistant Treasurers	Carole Fullalove and Raymond Cantrell
Publicity Officer	Lynne Walker
Committee Member	Owen Croft

Functions

Illustrated Talks

- Robyn Jackson and Caroline Fitzroy "Let's Visit Spain and Morocco"
- Bill and Helen Oates "Gardens: Germany to Scotland"
- Marilyn Pidgeon "A Gardener's Eye in Scandinavia"
- Liz Chappell "Gardens in the Footsteps of Jane Austen"

Open Garden

• Fundraiser for Saumarez Heritage Rose garden at the home of members Susan and Raymond Cantrell

Advocacy

- Input to Armidale Regional Council re removal of healthy street trees
- Support for State Heritage Listing of Central Park in Armidale
- Involvement on the Revitalisation of the Armidale Mall Committee
- Ongoing involvement with the National Trust's Conservation Management Plan and Landscape Plan for Saumarez Homestead

Projects

- A further two interviews recently conducted for Oral History Project
- Ongoing development and planting of the Saumarez Heritage Rose Garden
- Funding grant for above from Armidale Regional Council acquitted
- Negotiation with Armidale Regional Council for a "Rosey Roundabout" on the new England Highway near the Armidale Airport

Chair's Report

Another busy year of advocacy, projects and events in the north. Ongoing hard work especially in the rose garden by committed members must be acknowledged. We also extend a huge thankyou to Sydney branch for providing the umbrella under which we operate and for its generous ongoing support.

Bill Oates OAM

TASMANIA BRANCH

Office Bearers and Committee Members

Chair	Lynne Paul
Deputy Chair and Treasurer	Prue Slatyer
Secretary	Ann Burnett
Committee	Bruce Chetwynd, Jean Elder, Mike Evans, Tom Lyons, Rosie MacKinnon,
	Jennifer Stackhouse

Functions

Garden visits

Historic Longford Gardens, 13 October, 2018

- **Ravensworth** is part of an early grant to J C Nicholson, c 1830. In 1987, Phyl Frazer Simons in her book, Historic Tasmanian Gardens, described the house as being completely hidden from the road by large exotic trees, including elm and conifer, while the inner garden contained beds of old roses. Her sketch plan also shows an old orchard, and hawthorn, juniper and privet hedge
- The property **Jessiefield** is part of an early land grant to the pioneer John Cox who arrived in Van Diemen's Land from Norfolk Island in 1813. Phyl Frazer Simons described the garden as having enormous red and white formal camellias behind a clipped hawthorn hedge, and old elms sheltering the stables.
- Norley was built in 1836. John Glover included a drawing of Norley in one of his sketchbooks. In 1987, Phyl Frazer Simons describes the garden as having a long winding drive, planted with old oaks and elms with box edging and an underplanting of rhododendron, viburnum and lilacs. The drive led to a carriage turning circle around a circular lawn and planted thickly with trees and shrubs around the edges. Phyl described these plantings as including ash, oak, blackwood, wattle, box hedges, laurels, robinia, elm, viburnum, sycamore and grevillea.

Garden walls, borders and Christmas lunch 9 December 2018

• Governor Macquarie chose the site for the town of Oatlands in 1811. Today **Oatlands** has the largest collection of Georgian sandstone buildings of any town in Australia.

• Weedington was established by James Weeding who arrived in Van Diemen's Land in 1823. Maria Weeding is credited with inspiring a team of women who have revived the art of dry stone wall building in and around the Oatlands district. Dry stone walls have been a feature of the area since settlement in the 1820s and this tradition has been continued in recent times with many stone walls constructed in private gardens and public spaces.

The sandstone Oatlands Community Hall was the venue for our Christmas lunch.

Bruny Island, 16 March 2019

- Inala Jurassic Garden: Designed across five acres of gently undulating land, Inala's Jurassic Garden gives visitors an insight into the heady times when Australia was part of the supercontinent Gondwana.
- **Sprokkelwood Art Garden** was developed by artists Grietje van Randen and Keith Smith. It is a beautifully designed garden with long vistas and spaces defined by trees and shrubs. It is full of rare trees and plantings, art and sculptures
- **Hiba**: Described as a garden of grand gesture, sweet sentiment and playful whimsy, Hiba's garden is also considered one of Tasmania's most beautiful by garden designer Paul Bangay.

Hagley's Agricultural Landscapes and Rural Gardens, 12 April 2019

- **Hazelbrae** has been transformed from a family farm to an agri-tourist attraction showcasing 5000 hazelnut trees, a late 1800's house surrounded by clipped hedges, mature oaks, elms and birches.
- **Hagley Farm Primary School** began in 1855. Today it provides an educational experience for 370 students. Another 5000 urban visitors attend the school annually to learn about the local history, the agricultural initiatives, the environmental pressures on the landscape and the social experiences of living in a farm cottage.

Lectures

The Heritage of Our Landscapes, Ian Shears, 21 July, 2018

• Many of Melbourne's urban landscapes have heritage value and this brings additional complexity to lan's work. In a changing climate, how do we preserve the existing? How do we concurrently respect the past and plant for the future? How do we manage successional planning?

Conserving Dame Enid Lyons' Garden, 26 August 2018

• Susan and Prue talked about their research which has uncovered some delightful stories about Dame Enid, and show how her character was expressed through her garden. They showed how the garden has changed over time, particularly since Enid's death and discuss the challenges of balancing the heritage of Enid's garden with local government requirements for a public landscape. Their recommendations for managing the garden were presented.

Cambria's Cultural Landscape, 22 June, 2019 Swansea Town Hall

 A story of a colonial estate set within its wider, more ancient, indigenous cultural heritage landscape. This is rich, rare (if not unique), authentic Australian history. This lecture by Stuart Read and Gwenda Sheridan concentrated on George Meredith, his wife Mary, later members of the family and the setting of their homestead. In 1821, George selected his first 2000 acre grant with its astonishing "prospect". George's vision for Cambria was as a *place*, which resonates in 2019 as the landscape is at risk.

Of Trees and Ships and Sealing Wax, Seed Packages and Kings, 21 July 2019

• At the Royal Tasmanian Botanic Gardens, Hobart a guided walk and special presentation by plantsman and professional horticulturist Marcus Ragus investigating some of the early plant introductions to Tasmania and the amazing people involved in this trade, from the captains to the kings.

Advocacy

• Home Hill: We continue to advocate for the restoration of the gardens at Home Hill in Devonport.

We have developed a detailed Landscape Management Plan for the site which has not yet been adopted by Devonport City Council. We have funds available from AGHS Tasmania and National Trust Tasmania to begin implementation the plan but await Council agreement to this.

• **Cambria**: Our advocacy for the preservation of the unique and historic Cambria landscape began in early 2018. Along with over 600 other people and groups, we have made submissions to the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) in regard to the application for zoning changes that would permit the construction of a tourist resort comprising 70 villas, 240 units and a 120-room luxury hotel, a hospital, a golf course, retail facilities, a church and a crematorium. We have also held a lecture in the nearby town of Swansea which attracted 80 people – about double our usual lecture attendance; many of these were local people who are also concerned by the implications of this development proposal. The TPC will hold further public hearings in late August 2019 at which we will be represented by expert AGHS members Gwenda Sheridan and Stuart Read.

Projects

In preparation for an Oral History project in 2020, we have begun training some of our members to take oral histories.

As part of an upgrade of our risk management strategies we have trained some members in first aid and acquired first aid kits to accompany us on garden visits.

Chair's Report

This has been an astonishingly busy year. Our advocacy in relation to Cambria and Home Hill has occupied a great deal of the time of the executive committee. The presentation at about Cambria held at Swansea also engendered interest among local residents. Our tour to Bruny Island was a highlight of the year and as a result of that visit, we gained some new members.

This year two members of the executive committee are retiring. To Mike Evans and Tom Lyons, I extend my thanks for their work on behalf of AGHS. Those who have agreed to remain on the committee and those who have agreed to another three year term have the grateful thanks of the branch membership.

Lynne Paul

VICTORIAN BRANCH

Office Bearers and Committee Members

Chair	Robyn Robins	
Vice Chair	Sarah Wood	
Treasurer	Anna Long	
Working Bee Coordinator	Fran Faul	
Catering Coordinator	Annie Woodside	
Newsletters/Publicity	Lindy Neylan	
Advocacy and NMC Representative Wendy Dwyer		
Rep. Landscape Reference Group/Deputy Secretary		Anthony Menhenitt
General Committee	Julie Broderick	

Functions

Self Drive Exhibition Visit – McClelland Sculpture Park & Gallery Nov. 2018

• Atlas of Memory: (Re)visualising Gordon Ford's natural Australian garden – Annette Warner

Informal visit to the Art Gallery of Ballarat - May 2018

Lecture Series

- Managing living collections and a heritage landscape in a changing world Professor Tim Entwisle
- History of Gardening Ephemera Write to Garden Greg Johnson

- History of Japanese Gardening Su Laird
- Examination of Plant Hunters in China and Robert Fortune Alistair Watt

Walk and Talks

- Hoticultural Identities in the Kew Gardens Helen Page
- Birrarung Marr 21 February 2019 Robert Jones
- Edinburgh Gardens Tim Gatehouse
- St Kilda Botanical Gardens Lyndsey Poore

Working Bees

- Medlow July 2018
- Turkeith September 2018
- Longacres November 2018
- Medlow, Surrey Hills March 2019
- Mooleric, Birregurra April 2019
- Mt Boninyong, Buninyong May 2019

Advocacy

- Fawkner Park Pasley Street Entrance Letter of objection to the permit application for new basketball courts. Decision pending
- **Proposed development in Yarra Park** Letter to the Melbourne Football Club and the Minister for Planning over the development proposal at the northern end of the park. The works would remove many significant trees and destroy the original design. Decision pending.
- **Domain Parklands Draft Master Plan** Many comments from the Branch were submitted. The masterplan was approved at the Future Melbourne Committee on 19 February 2019.
- System Garden University of Melbourne The Victorian Branch recently congratulated Vice Chancellor Glyn Davis on the public release of the Master Plan and progress on implementation of the first stage.
- **Camperdown Botanic Gardens and Arboretum (CBGA)** The Victorian Branch has agreed to fund the restoration of the shrubbery and ornamental border, a key aspect of Guilfoyle's design. Further funding is being sought from the National Management Committee for rejuvenation of the rose garden and tree planting.
- Management Plan for H V McKay Memorial Gardens, Sunshine A Vic Branch representative is a member of the management group overseeing the Management Plan for the HV McKay Memorial Gardens in Sunshine.
- National Trust Landscape Reference Group A Vic Branch representative is a member of this group which has been resurrected by the National Trust to identify and record important natural and cultural landscapes.

Chair's Report

We have had another successful year in terms of events presented, projects undertaken and forward plans in implementation.

It was appropriate that we **began 2019 lecture series with our new Patron, Tim Entwistle** giving us a provocative talk about the implications of our changing climate on plants and planting behaviour in both public botanical and private gardens. It was a salutary lesson and one which we need to embrace in earnest to preserve species and continue to enjoy our gardens.

Other lectures throughout the year took us into a wide variety of topics. We went into the **history of** gardening ephemera with Greg Johnson, and to the origins of Japanese gardening with Su Laird. Alistair Watt expanded his examination of plant hunters in China with a fascinating lecture about those who followed Robert Fortune.

Outdoors we enjoyed **three Walk and Talks. Robert Jones lead us around Birrarung Marr** one warm summer evening and **Tim Gatehouse enchanted us** with the ever beautiful and historic Edinburgh Gardens while **Lynsey Poore took us inside the St Kilda Botanical Gardens**. Other events during the year included **a talk by Annette Warner** on Gordon Ford which was also the subject of an exhibition and installation at the McClelland Art Gallery.

We continued our **working bees** on a regular basis tending to historic gardens to preserve and ensure a lasting legacy.

In 2019 we commissioned **5 oral history interviews** which have been completed to draft stage and once the interviewees have given their seal of approval will be lodged with the State Library of Victoria as important records of the dedicated people who have contributed so much to AGHS Victoria.

In 2019 we started on **a programme of garden histories** and the first two are well underway with several others in the planning for next year.

AGHS Victoria was also active in **advocacy issues** for threatened landscapes both public and private. We maintain a constant and vigilant watch over our precious heritage.

In 2020 AGHS will **celebrate its 40th anniversary** and we have a calendar of events and projects in the pipeline. I trust you will find what we have in store of interest.

Join us in 2020

Many thanks to retiring committee members, Fran Faul, Anna Long, Sarah Wood and Lindy Neylan.

Robyn Robins

WEST AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

Office Bearers and Committee Members

Chair	John Viska
Secretary	Lynette Petersen
Treasurer	Max Stewart
NMC Representative	Patsy Vizents
Membership	Sue Monger
Newsletter	Lyn Oliver
Website	Therese Putland
Committee	Roz Stewart

Functions

- Sunday July 1 2018, 18 members and friends attended an illustrated talk given by the Chairman, John Viska at the Grove Community Centre Peppermint Grove on the *Early Nurseries in the City of Vincent*, in which he illustrated how the former wetlands that were prevalent in the city were utilised for commercial nurseries. The presentation, originally part of the City's Local History program, was repeated for the benefit of members who missed it.
- The 29th AGM was held on Sunday 19th August 2018 at the historic property *Enderslea* in the Chittering Valley. The 23 people that attended met first at the Bindoon Historical Society's Museum and then proceeded to Enderslea the property of branch member Diane Pope. Following a picnic lunch in the grounds the AGM was held in the 1850's convict built barn which was attended by 19 members and 4 guests with 5 apologies being received. Carmel O' Halloran retired and Patsy Vizents was elected to the committee.
- Friday 7th September 20 members were amongst the invited guests that attended the official opening of the branch's exhibition *Historic Gardens of Perth, Western Suburbs* in the Jarrah Hall at the heritage listed Overton Lodge, Cottesloe. The 32 interpretive panels featured a selection of gardens from the western suburbs and was officially opened by. Richard Offen, the former director of Heritage Perth.
- On Sunday the 9rd of December the Christmas wind up and 30th Anniversary Celebration was held at the Mosman Park Golf Clubhouse. Before the function 26 members and four guests met at the Mosman Park Memorial Gardens, one of the gardens featured in the branch's exhibition and were given

a guided tour by the former mayor Ron Norris. Following the walk a special birthday function was held at which the present chairman outlined the history of the formation of the WA branch 30 years ago.

Then, along with the three former chairs of the branch, the occasion was celebrated by cutting a birthday cake. The inaugural secretary and treasurer Anne Willox was amongst the 30 attendees that at the conclusion of the formalities competed for a perfect score in the annual quiz.

- Saturday, April 27 and Sunday 28, the first function for 2019 took the form of a special event at Woodbridge House Guildford as part of the National Heritage Festival. The branch in conjunction with Heritage Roses Australia Inc. and the Woodbridge House Volunteers mounted a display based upon roses that were sold at Charles Harper's Woodbridge Nursery between 1895 and 1915. The two day event attracted a record breaking 900 people.
- On Sunday 26th May 20 people attended an illustrated talk presented by branch member Gillian Lilleyman at the Grove Community Centre. It was based on her recent publication *Pioneer Hostess*, which relates the story of how Fanny Brockman nee Bussell capitalised on the developing tourist trade in the Margaret River region due to the opening of caves to tourists in the early twentieth century.

Projects

Historic gardens of Perth, Western Suburbs

• The second in the series of exhibitions, Historic Gardens of Perth was the major project for 2018. Branch members Anne Forma, Robyn Chinnery, Lorraine Lingard, Elisabeth Hof, Gillian Lilleyman, Lisa Williams and John Viska researched nominated garden examples from the Western Suburbs. Funding from Lotterywest, NMC and community grants from 4 local councils enabled the event to be professionally designed and displayed. The exhibition of 32 interpretative panels and antique garden related items were displayed at the City of Cottesloe's Jarrah Hall with over 400 people viewing the event. Access to the gardens of three National Trust's properties that featured in the exhibition were an added bonus.

Roses of Woodbridge –Heritage Roses from Charles Harper's Nursery

• WA branch representatives compiled a spreadsheet of over 100 varieties of roses from two surviving nursery catalogues and Heritage Roses Australia Inc. sourced live specimens from their members for the display. Period floral arrangements and antique nursery items were also featured.

Working bees

• Five branch members are regular garden volunteers at Woodbridge House the National Trust's premier property at Guildford.

Chair's Report

During the year Lynn Oliver was co-opted onto the committee.

It was pleasing to note that historical garden information has been sought from the society on two occasions. The Bassendean Council invited the branch to be involved with the landscape architect employed to redesign a garden for an 1850's pensioner guard's cottage. I visited the site on two occasions and provided details on features and plants that were relevant to the garden's era.

Historical garden references and plant identification was provided for an update of the Conservation Plan for the WA National Trust's historic property Blythewood at Pinjarra.

During the year I have presented 10 talks to community groups including TAFE Diploma students and members of historical societies providing the opportunity to disseminate information about the society to a wider public audience. Four of the presentations have been based upon the society's recent exhibition *Historic Gardens of Perth Western Suburbs*.

The branch has applied for funding to prepare a publication based on the text and words from the 2011 and 2018 historic garden exhibitions as part of the state's contribution to the society's fortieth anniversary celebrations.

John Viska

AGHS Treasurer's Report 2018–2019

The Society is in a very healthy financial position, despite this year's small deficit of \$2,278.

Balances in Cash Management and Current Accounts are:

	30th June, 2019 Head Office	30th June, 2019 Branches
Cash on Hand	200	94
Cash at Bank	405,819	122,610
Interest Bearing Deposits	294,985	146,579
National Trust Victoria	20,805	0
	721,809	269,283
Less: NZ Conference Funds received in advance:	-324,410	
Plus: Kindred Spirits Fund	237,687	
	635,086	

The NZ Conference will be held in October, but the Advance Receipts occurred before the end of June. As at 30th June \$161,778 had been transferred to a new AGHS bank account in NZ and \$162,632 still remains in the bank in Australia.

Total Working Funds held by the AGHS (Head Office and Branches) are \$635,086 + \$269,283 = \$904,369.

The Kindred Spirits Fund has received its final distribution from the Myer Foundation. No funds were used in 2018–2019. Future income will be from interest earned.

The Summary of the Financial Statements of the Society for the period 1st July, 2018 to 30th June 2019 is on the following page. Contact the National Office for a copy of the Society's audited financial records.

Graeme Caple

TEMPORARY TREASURER

THE AUSTRALIAN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY INC

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th June, 2019

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GRAEME CAPLE TREASURER On behalf of the Committee

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the members of Australian Garden History Society Inc.

We have audited the summarised financial report of Australian Garden History Society Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2019 as set out above. In our opinion, the information reported in the summarised financial report is consistent with the annual statutory financial report from which it is derived and upon which we expressed an unqualified audit opinion in our report to the members dated 11 September 2019. For a better understanding of the scope of our audit, this report should be read in conjunction with our audit report on the annual statutory financial report.

PASCOE WHITTLE

Chartered Accountants

ROWENA WHITTLE Partner

Sydney,

11 September 2019



AGHS 40th Annual General Meeting

The Australian Garden History Society Inc.

40th Annual General Meeting will be held

Saturday 26 October 2019 at 11.10am

Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington, New Zealand

AGENDA

Business

- 1 To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held 27 October 2018. Mittagong RSL, Mittagong
- 2 To receive the Chairman's Report for the year ended 30 June 2019
- 3 To receive and consider the financial statement for the year ended 30 June 2019
- 4 To appoint an auditor for 2019/20
- 5 To elect members of the National Management Committee 2019/20
- 6 General Business

On behalf of the Committee

Lisa Tuck National Executive Officer