

40 YEARS



AUSTRALIAN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY **ANNUAL REPORT 2019/2020**

The Australian Garden History Society promotes awareness and conservation of significant gardens and cultural landscapes through engagement, research, advocacy and activities.

Annual Report of the Australian Garden History Society Inc. for the year ending 30th June 2020

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Steven Halliday, Lynne Paul

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Journal Editor Francesca Beddie

National Executive Officer Lisa Tuck

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AGHS Annual Report

National Co-Chairs' Report 2019–20

What a year!

It started on a high note last October with our first overseas conference, in Wellington, where the committee presented a rich array on the theme of 'Expanding our Horizons'. Held at Te Papa Tongarewa, New Zealand's national museum, it was an outstanding success in numbers, richness of experiences and eyebrow-raising, among our more modest kiwi friends. Geologist Dr. Hamish Campbell alone had delegates on the edge of their seats, in his paper on the 'awesome forces' that shape Aotearoa and over the conference dinner.

Pre- and Post-conference tours were run in both the North and South Islands, allowing some to become more familiar with both public and private gardens. On top of the variety visited during the conference, all were amazed and impressed at what kiwi gardeners do! We thank the conference committee, helpers and friends for this truly memorable experience, so-well organised and run. We hope, as many expressed, that this is the beginning of a rich and mutually beneficial connection.

At the 40th AG M, a number of Branches changed their representatives on the NMC (it is 9 positions in all) and we welcomed: Dr Jeffrey Jenkinson (SA) and Prue Slatyer. We also welcomed Steven Halliday as an elected NMC member.

The annual planning weekend for the National Management Committee (NMC) was held in February in Melbourne. We broke into groups to work on topics focusing on a strategic plan, use of social media and website, updating the Constitution, manual of procedures, conference, tour and grant guidelines, risk management plans as well as succession planning and strategic partnerships with like-minded groups. Projects on the national program also advanced including the Oral History Collection, the 'Many Dreams, One Landscape' Sydney conference (now postponed to spring 2021), 2022 conference in Hobart and 'The Blade', a touring exhibition originating from the Museum of Gardening, in South Australia. A busy and productive weekend with many of these strategies, policies and procedures now finalised and adopted.

Then COVID-19 struck, and suddenly we couldn't meet, visit or travel!

COVID-19 has had a major impact on our activities, and, regrettably, Society income. Many 40th anniversary garden parties had to be cancelled and projects delayed or reshaped. We have all had to adapt very quickly to the 'new normal' mode of operation with branches running meetings, digital talks and webinars online. Monthly national e-Newsletters to members and national initiatives such as Voluntrove and the Photography competition have helped bridge the gap and we're grateful for this welcome out reach and interaction. While not the same, they're stimulating and welcome and have helped us remain connected and alert to advocacy issues.

Until national and state outbreaks are controlled and rules relax, we have to remain flexible and creative about what we do and how we do it.

All involved were devastated at having to postpone the much anticipated Sydney conference 'Many Dreams, One Landscape' and we take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks for the enormous amount of time and energy the committee have poured into ensuring an outstanding experience for us all, in particular, convenor Christine Hay. We acknowledge that this decision has serious implications for the ongoing work required to reschedule for next year, for which we are so grateful. We also acknowledge the generous spirit in which the Tasmanian conference committee offered to postpone their plans until 2022.

This decision also has significant implications for the Society's finances as the annual conference is our major fundraiser. Managing the loss of income normally generated by the conference will now be the focus of the NMC. We fear there will be some difficult decisions to make regarding the Society's operations in the near future.

Bernadette Hince our esteemed journal editor and Mariana Rollgejser our talented designer have produced 32 terrific issues of the journal together. We're so grateful for their considerable efforts – it's a joy to receive, read and show off, proudly. Following the April issue, we sadly farewelled Bernadette and welcomed new co-editors Francesca Beddie and Penelope Curtin, whose first issue came out in July 2020.

Sadly, for personal reasons, Penelope has since decided to withdraw which we regret, but we wish Francesca well and offer support in carrying on solo, with Mariana's and our assistance. Similarly, treasurer Carole Fullalove has withdrawn, so we're grateful to Graeme Caple for stepping in to monitor our accounts and Elizabeth Teed for agreeing in July to step in for a year. Even with this welcome reprieve, we are still seeking a new treasurer.

Lisa Tuck our national executive officer has been quite remarkable this year, over-and-above her normal hours and tasks. She has put in way more, showed great flexibility in shifting operations to 'work-from-home', website and IT changes, juggling a changing cast of characters with tact, speed and skill. We're very lucky to have such strong support, in difficult operating conditions. Thanks, Lisa!

We also thank Lindy Neylan for assisting Lisa with membership. We know it has been an enormous relief to Lisa to have Lindy's support and whilst we now have streamlined our membership processes through the website, we thank Lindy for her offer of ongoing support.

In reflecting on our 40 year history we unearthed and reread a September 1979 Tasmanian newsletter printing of Peter Watts' proposal to set up an Australian Garden History Society: this was for two reasons: (1) to be a scholarly organisation, promoting and distributing research on historic gardens; and (2) to be an activist group in the preservation of such gardens. We have much to be proud of achieving over the intervening 41 years and so much still to do! Of course, the pleasure in doing comes from doing it together, sharing our expertise, knowledge and energy – thank you to all our members, for all you contribute to the Society and its mission.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'Stuart Read' and the signature on the right is 'Bronwyn Blake'.

Stuart Read and Bronwyn Blake

Sub Committees and Working Groups

Advocacy Subcommittee

S Read (convenor), C O'Halloran

Editorial Advisory Committee (EAC)

L Paul (convenor), A Claoue-Long, P Vizents, F Watson, J Stackhouse and L Walker

Finance Advisory Committee

E Teed, J Dwyer, T Hogg

Kindred Spirits Fund Committee

J Dwyer and C Morris

Oral History Working Group

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

National Programming Committee

L Walker, W Dwyer, P Slatyer and B Blake

Website and Marketing Committee

L Garland, B Blake, and NEO

Gardens and Environment Committee

S Read and NEO

Sydney Conference Convenor

Christine Hay

Hobart Conference Convenor

Prue Slatyer

Branch Reports

ACT MONARO RIVERINA BRANCH

Office Bearers and Committee Members

Chair	Sue Byrne
Deputy Chair and Newsletter Editor	Judy Pearce
Treasurer	Helen Elliot
State NMC Representative	Anne Claoue-Long
Secretary	Nancy Clarke
Committee	Bronwyn Blake, Sue Cassidy, Greg Johnson, Erica Ryan, Wendy Dodd (to Dec 19) Helen Wilson (to Dec 19)

Functions

- **Our AGM Speaker** had to cancel at short notice but committee members Bronwyn Blake and Greg Johnson gave an overview of the grant application projects
- **Visit to historic township of Boorowa and two regional gardens** – Julie Simmonds in Boorowa and Crisp Galleries at Bowring
- **End of year celebrations** at Gorman Arts Centre
- **Twilight Ramble at Southern Tablelands Ecosystems Park (STEP)** at the National Arboretum

Advocacy

The Branch continues to support the Lake Burley Griffin Guardians who are advocating for Commonwealth Heritage listing of Lake Burley Griffin. Lake Burley Griffin continues to be a 'Landscape at Risk' with an extensive residential and commercial development proposed for the foreshore.

The Branch has corresponded with or sent submissions to the National Capital Authority on Tree Management Issues and Acton Waterfront Phase 2.

Letters were also written to the ACT government expressing concern for its lack of action regarding heritage listing of Lake Burley Griffin, and Canberra's Central area and Inner Hills and the planned changes to limit proportion of green space required for larger high-rise developments.

The Branch has also written to the Goulburn Mulwaree Council re Wingello Park Planning proposal.

Projects

The digitisation of thirty-six items of early Australian gardening and horticulture literature for the National Library of Australia's database aggregator Trove is now completed and further enquiries have been made to the National Library to have more items digitised and placed onto the Trove platform. This would include early AGHS journals (*The Journal of Australian Garden History*) and relevant issues of *The Australian Garden Journal*.

Our oral history project is expected to be finished by the close of 2020. Two interviews have already been completed and recordings of another two local garden historians will be finalised soon. The Branch hopes to add to this collection with further interviews later in the year.

Two new projects open to the national membership were advertised in the June edition of the National e-news. Members are encouraged to become 'Voluntroves' to proofread, correct and tag-text digitised newspaper articles in Trove. Thank you to committee member Erica Ryan for this suggestion.

The second project open to the national membership is a photographic competition, the idea of Greg Johnson and Helen Page, in part as a celebration of the Society's 40th anniversary.

Chair's Report

At our planning session for activities and events for 2019/2020 the committee was enthusiastic about the varied and interesting program being put into place. The program was to include joint events with other national institutions as the Branch has been doing for some years as well as celebrations to recognise the 40th anniversary of the Society. As well we know now, this was not to be. It was a distressing start to the year as the summer inferno in our region sadly affected many of our members with the loss of or damage to both personal and public gardens. The landscape with its blackened tree trunks and scorched earth remains a stark reminder of the catastrophe.

Then in Autumn in Canberra we were able to admire the changing colours of the exotic trees but only from the windows of our own homes whilst in COVID-19 isolation. Events planned for 2020 were postponed or cancelled including the 40th anniversary garden party. A joint event with the Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens, who are celebrating a 30-year anniversary in 2020 has been postponed as has the annual event jointly organised with the National Trust ACT. A lot of preparation goes into organising an activity so it was disappointing when all had to cease. However the committee continues to look optimistically to the future and planning continues.

This will be my last report from the Chair as I will be leaving the committee at the 2020 Branch AGM on completion of my three terms. Many many thanks to my stalwart deputy and newsletter editor, Judy Pearce, to secretary Nancy Clarke for her advice, comprehensive knowledge of the Society and indefatigable energy to take on any challenge and, to treasurer par excellence Helen Elliot. My role of Chair was helped enormously by all the committee members who devoted many hours and creative ingenuity to the Branch to organise the functions, talks, tours, submissions and projects.

I would also like to thank the ever-supportive members of the Branch whose attendance at the events organised by the committee make all the preparation worthwhile.

Sue Byrne

QUEENSLAND BRANCH

Office Bearers and Committee Members

Chair	Ann Wegener
Secretary	Lois Closter
Treasurer	Elizabeth Teed
Newsletter editor	Roberta Blake
General Committee	John Taylor, Helen Mackay

Chair's Report

Our year began positively with plans to celebrate 40 years of the Society's commencement and to continue offering members short self drive tours to gardens and areas of interest. And a trip to the Mackay Region to coincide with our decision to fund rebuilding of a pergola and commission replacement of trees as Queensland's 40th anniversary project at nearby Greenmount Homestead was planned.

A thoroughly enjoyable Christmas party was held at the gorgeous home and well considered garden of members Dr David Bedford and Jennifer Steurzel.

All 2020 events have been cancelled.

The funding and building of the Greenmount project is proceeding. John Taylor has managed this. John also supported member Wendy Lees in her efforts to make the Toowoomba council aware of the implications of constructing a car park adjacent to 2 Bunya Pines planted near an original Town Hall which predates the current Toowoomba Town Hall.

The committee have maintained communications. Currently our policy is to hold any events at public places and should they need to be cancelled due to COVID-19 we shall not have inconvenienced members who may be generously offering their home or garden as a meeting spot. The social function of the Society is something members have greatly missed due to the pandemic. Hopefully a less restricted 2021 is ahead of us.

Ann Wegener

SOUTH AUSTRALIA BRANCH

Office Bearers and Committee Members

Chair	Jeff Jenkinson
Vice-Chair	Richard Heathcote
Act. Treasurer	Jeff Jenkinson
Secretary	Di Wilkins
Newsletter	Pamela Tonkin
Committee	Pamela Tonkin, Patricia Michell

Functions

- **Art & Roses function** at “The Cedars”-in conjunction with Nora Heysen Foundation and Heritage Roses Australia-we had a book stall and display of garden survey that AGHS(SA) had financed.
- **Christmas Party December 2019**
- **Virtual Garden Party at “Carrick Hill” Springfield SA**, two heritage apple trees presented to Carrick Hill to be planted in its orchard.

Advocacy

Nil significant

Projects

- **Construction of Wardian Case**
Now completed, over budget, impressive. Hand over to Adelaide Botanical Gardens Museum of Economic Botany at a function in process of being organised.
- **The Blade Exhibition in conjunction with The Australian Museum of Gardening**
Exhibition planning and filming in progress.

Chair’s Report

Not our best year. A year with limited activities with the last 6 months lost because of Covid-19. The virtual garden party was the last physical gathering of general branch members. We are very pleased that the grants we have received from our national body have enabled us to proceed with projects that will have lasting benefits for educational purposes such as the Wardian Case as well as publicity for our society as The Blade exhibition goes on interstate tour.

Jeff Jenkinson

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS BRANCH

Office Bearers and Committee Members

Chair	Lyn Barrett
Secretary & Events	Ruth Bailey
Treasurer	John Biffin
Technical Adviser	Jenny Woodwell
Tours	Ray Bradley
Editor <i>Inflorescence</i>	Meg Probyn
WSC Heritage Committee Rep	Laurel Cheetham
NMC Rep	Ray Bradley

Functions

September 2019

Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers – 24 members and friends of AGHS under the leadership of Ray Bradley enjoyed an 8 day tour to the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers in September 2019. The Carnival, a celebration of food, art, music and flowers, was packed with interest and a riot of colour in the public and private gardens and the various other venues visited including Queen's park, japanese garden (Ju Raku-en Garden), St Patricks Cathedral Floral Display, the National Carriage Collection at the Cobb and Co museum, the Darling Downs to visit the 1867 Glengallen Homestead and Allora with an impromptu visit to the restored house and garden of the author Mary Poppins PL Travers, Highfield Native Gardens, Spring Bluff Railway Station returning to Toowoomba on an old diesel train pulling vintage wooden carriages, A torchlight tour of Laurel Bank Park and a behind the scenes tour of the 1911 Art Deco Empire theatre. The tour culminated at Murwillumbah with a visit to the Tweed Regional Gallery for a visit to the Margaret Olley Art Centre and a cruise on the Tweed River. The tour was a great success enjoyed by all who travelled.

October 2019

Harpers Mansion Plant Fair (National Trust property), Information and AGHS promotion tent combined with donation of books for the lucky gate entries.

November 2019

Field Trip to Arthursleigh Big Hill and Garroorigang Goulburn. Arthursleigh Farm is owned by the University of Sydney and was originally owned by Hannibal Hawkins Macarthur from 1819. ETW Holt (who developed Sutherland Shire) bequeathed the property to the University in 1979 for teaching, research, pasture agronomy and agricultural sciences. The property runs and shears approximately 18,000 sheep per year. The shearers were working and all enjoyed the spectacle. The local landcare and land services departments were on hand to take small groups in a small bus to various vantage points along the river and on the property. The wildlife corridors and landscape improvements were very impressive.

Garrorigang Homestead and Garden was an oasis after the heat and dust of a working property. A descendant of Hamilton Hume was on hand to take the group on a tour of this colonial property with its collection of Victorian family memorabilia, including relics from the convict and bushranger eras, days of early cricket and the family role in the development of the fine wool industry property. Afternoon tea was served in a delightful heritage garden with a rose dating back 130 years.

December 2019

Christmas Party at Highdown the property of Jeanne Villani. The house was designed and built by Randolph Nott in the 1870's who built 4 properties in the area. In 1937 the property was purchased by Dick and May Crago the local pharmacist and his wife. May gardened the property for over 50 years with the input of head gardener from Milton Park Les Fahey and Claude Crowe. Jeanne armed with the hand written notes of May and with the help of Stuart Reid has identified the existing plants. Jeanne has developed a garden restoration program which is in progress.

March Jazz in the Garden – Greenbrier Park

Long Sunday Lunch at The Stables Bendooley Estate. A private tour of the original Bendooley House and gardens followed by a long lunch and guest speakers. David Stuart former Ambassador to Austria told us the story and showed slides of Ferdinand Bauer's work and John Swainston international photographer and recent past President of the Photo Industry Council of Australia spoke about the history of photographing gardens and landscapes and how plants are now being caught on film. The comparison between the centuries was amazing but the subject matter is still as relevant today as yesterday.

Covid-19 has required us to postpone Our Anniversary Party, Day tour to Canberra, Millthorpe Garden Ramble and Carcoar tour, and Helping Hands at Tirranna.

Winter Seminars have proceeded via Zoom

June presenter Georgina Read author of the Planthunter: Truth, Beauty, Chaos, and Plants.

July presenter is Rick Shepherd on managing a Sustainable Heritage Garden explaining the principals and practises he uses at Retford Park.

Our AGM August presenter is Dr John Pickard and his topic will be "Lines across the Landscape".

Advocacy

Berrima Remembrance Grove has now officially been handed over to the Berrima Residents Association (BRA) and the MOU signed. The BRA have had the first clearing, working bee and mulching of trees across the site. Talks continue with all the stakeholders about ongoing maintenance.

Attended the Land and Environment Court hearing on Site for:

- "Bradman Pitch" Church Street, Bowral. Residents V private developer.
- "Atkins Road" Bowral. Residents V the Catholic Church aged care accommodation development.

Still awaiting outcomes.

Submissions to:

- The IPC on the **Hume Coal project Mereworth Exeter**. February 2019 still awaiting an outcome.
- **Wingecarribee Shire Council on Station Street camellias Bowral**
Camellia Japonicas as a street planting adjacent to the Bowral railway station at risk as the Wingecarribee Council wants to realign Station Street. AGHS members watered the distressed trees during the drought and then through the wild bush fires. The Branch offered to do weeding and mulching to the collection at our cost but the offer was refused by Council on the basis of safety.
- **Wingecarribee Shire Council**
The planned removal of the 8 Pin Oaks trees in Station Street Bowral is an ongoing battle between community, V Council and Infrastructure NSW. Council passed in a closed meeting without community consultation to remove all 8 Pin Oakes planted in 1930 on the western side on the Northern entrance to Bowral.
- **Goulburn Mulwaree Council**
Submission in support of the Council to heritage list Wingello Park.
- **St Johns Precinct in Camden**
The landscape and associated building were listed on the NSW State Heritage Register in 2018. The Church would like to sell to the Moran Group for aged accommodation. The Precinct was a gift from the Macarthur Family to the people of Camden "for all time". Submission in support of the Community.

Projects

- **Collecting Highlife magazines and indexing the gardens/landscapes articles.** The collection is to be kept at the SHBG in the education facility(when built) and a copy of the indexing is for the Bowral library local history department and Berrima District Heritage Society to sit with their copies of the magazine. Jenny Simmons and Jean Villani have been overseeing this project.
- **Camellia Ark Ramble at Retford Park (National Trust Property).** Camellia Ark attended to document and name the Fairfax camellia collection. Catering by AGHS SH branch, and a donation to the National Trust to cover the cost of botanical name plates for the Camellia collection.
- **Oral histories** have been conducted and transcribed with:
 - Head Gardener Rick Shepherd of Retford Park.
 - Janet Storrier one of the owners of Hopewood House and Simon Brandon past Head Gardner of Hopewood House
 - Les Musgrave horticulturalist co owner of The Kaya and Elaine Musgrave co owner of The Kaya and International acclaimed botanical artist.
- **Publications**
 - Jenny and Mark Woodwell produced a little booklet “Bendooley House and Garden Landscape 1828-2020
 - Margaret and Peter Chadwick developed a video of Southdown to share with the membership and wrote the story which sits on the AGHS website
- **Harpers Mansion Colonial Camellia Walk** is now developed with camellias documented and named with a botanical name plate, a story board about the developed of Camellias during the colonial period, by William Macarthur, Thomas Shepherd and Silas Sheater is in place. Waiting to perform the official opening when the National Trust will allow us back on site observing Government guidelines for gatherings.

Chair's Report

The Southern Highlands branch has 156 members and has been very active with successful events, a tour and guest speakers. The impact of the drought, bushfires and now Covid-19 has required us to develop a more creative approach in how we share our lecturers and love of gardens.

Margaret and Peter Chadwick have generously shared their video of Southdown garden with the national membership.

Our winter seminars have taken place via zoom with the assistance of Jenny Woodwell, and have been available to the national membership.

Six editions of our newsletter *Inflorescence* have been created and edited by the talented Meg Probyn and are available on our branch web page.

The branch has been very lucky to have Ray Bradley organise our tours these last 5 years. Ray is stepping down from the committee this year, however he will continue to provide tours for the branch. We thank Ray most sincerely for all the time and work that has gone into making these tours extra special for all attending.

Laurel Cheetham continues to keep us informed with all things Wingecarribee Shire Council related and to be available to advise on advocacy issues.

I would like to thank Jenn McCormac for her time as secretary and express my sincere appreciation to Ruth Bailey who has stepped into the role as well as helping with the events co-ordination.

John Biffin our treasurer has agreed to stay for another year but he will need to stand down in August 2021 having served 6 years.

Some of our 2020 projects have been delayed or postponed put are still on our program for the future. Keep safe, stay well with gardening.

Lyn Barrett

SYDNEY & NORTHERN NSW BRANCH

Sydney Branch: Office Bearers and Committee Members

Chair	James Quoye
Vice-Chair	Christine Hay
Secretary	Tempe Beavan
Treasurer	David Low
Minutes	Christina Kanellaki Lowe
Committee	Steve Halliday, Angela Low, Gina Plate, Anne Smith, Susan Stratton – and John Maurer Public Officer and a member of the executive committee

Functions

- **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.
- **Cartographica – Sydney on the Map** – An illustrated talk by Margaret Betteridge that explored some of the intriguing interpretations of the representation of the landscape of the city of Sydney which feature in the exhibition of the same name held at Customs House.
- **Sydney Harbour Jacaranda Cruise** - This has become a regular event and was to be held on the Sydney Heritage Fleet's steam launch 'Lady Hopetoun', but were advised us that the Lady Hopetoun had 'blown a boiler tube' and would be out of action for several months. The Sydney Heritage Fleet offered their 1902 steam tug 'Waratah', a different experience but more capacious for the number who wanted to experience the jacarandas from the harbour.
- **Christmas Function** generously hosted by Mr and Mrs White at their spectacular home on the edge of Sydney Harbour at Potts Point. The White's garden has a strong architectural character perched on the harbour, it provided an thrilling setting to enjoy our festive celebration.

Advocacy

The Sydney Branch provided some support for the Southern Highlands Branch as they prepared to battle to save 8 Pin oaks and the 1937-40s planting of Camellias near the entry to Bowral - all slated for removal. Gina Pate drove around Kirribilli and Blues Point to photograph some existing street plantings using Camellias.

The Sydney Branch was pleased to support the *Friends of Fernhill and Mulgoa Valley Inc.*, as they navigate a pathway to protect both Fernhill and the Mulgoa Valley from over development. With the suburban sprawl of Sydney and associated road construction, subsuming so much of the once fine landscape of western Sydney, and the building of the nearby Nancy Bird Airport, the rural character of Mulgoa Valley is rapidly becoming more precious and more threatened. Fernhill is within a legible colonial landscape. The Sydney Branch proposed Fernhill for the *AGHS Landscapes at Risk: Watch and Action List*, and it is now listed.

Projects

- The Branch's sub-committee, chaired by Christine Hay, have almost completed the plans for the 2020 AGHS Conference to be held in Sydney. They have worked effectively and tirelessly to design the best conference possible. This effort continues as we all push towards the finishing line, being kind and supportive of each other as we press on.
- Regular working bees at Yasmar coordinated by Gina Plate
- 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. This may be reassessed in 2021.

- The promise of \$2000 to *Eryldene* for aboriginal work within their garden.
- 2 high quality editions of newsletter *Branch Cuttings* were produced by co-editors Anne Smith, Gina Plate and Angela Low.
- \$2,500 was donated to the Florilegium Society to support the publication of their book: *Botanic Endeavour* – a celebration of the Banks and Solander collection.

Chair's Report

This year marks the celebration of the fortieth year since the establishment of the AGHS. We planned a sumptuous tea party in the gardens of Eryldene. Although cancelled, we hope to postpone this event and combine it with our Christmas celebration so that it will take place in 2020.

I had hoped 2020 would be a remarkable year for us all. Well this is surely our *annus horribilis*. The committee had so many great events planned - some will be postponed, others may be rescheduled for next year or beyond or be re-formatted. Before the COVID-19 pandemic shut down our gatherings, and the National Trust offices at Observatory Hill were closed until the end of June, we enjoyed an evening with Emma Dortins who shared with us her recent publication 'Lives of Stores', in which she illustrated concepts from her book, particularly, the telling and re-telling of stories across landscapes. With an interest in heritage and the conservation of significant landscapes it is clear to me that stories are at the heart of understanding the values we share and they raise awareness that is the first principle of advocacy and at the core of our mission.

At the AGM, several committee members, including myself, will prepare to off-board the Sydney Committee. I step down after serving ten years - with the last four as Chair, having held the position since Stuart Read left in 2016. Angela Low and Gina Plate will also leave the committee after ten years, and David Low (treasurer) after serving nine years. We will all be available to contribute to the success of the AGHS Sydney conference. On behalf of the AGHS, I wish to thank these members for their diligence, patience and endurance in their service on the committee and for me, the opportunity to engage more fully with the running of the branch for which I will be for ever grateful. With this essential prune, we hope to welcome new members to the Executive committee at the AGM so it will be revitalized and grow strongly.

James Quoye

Northern NSW sub Branch: Office Bearers and Committee Members

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

Functions

- **21 July 2019:** Talk by Tanya Hoolihan "Beyond Exploration, illustrating the botanical legacy of Ludwig Leichhardt" held at the New England Regional Art Museum.
- **25 August 2019:** Illustrated talk by Bill Oates "Old Gardens New Photographs"
- **21 January 2020:** Combined function between the AGHS and Armidale and District Historical Society, illustrated talk by Dr Linden Ashcroft "Climate in the New England, A to Z of Weather"
- **15 March 2020:** excursion to local property "Terrible Vale" where the Taylor family gave us a history of the remarkable and extensive tree planting project over many years, an awe-inspiring project. We proceeded to the historic property "Salisbury Court" to be welcomed by the Croft family and enjoyed lunch, viewing of the garden and homestead and champagne and cake to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the AGHS. Remarkably, the day also marked the 15th anniversary of the Northern NSW Sub Branch which was formed at the same property.

Advocacy

Several members of the AGHS are also members of the 'Visions for the Armidale Creeklands'. This is a group which is creating plans for the possible development of the Dumaresq Creek which flows through the centre of Armidale. Extensive negotiations are taking place with the Armidale Regional Council.

Letter to Armidale Regional Council concerning the extensive tree felling around the Armidale Airport and requesting input from our group before any further clearing takes place.

Chairman's letters to local member, Adam Marshall regarding water sustainability projects in the Armidale Teachers' College gardens.

Projects

- **Saumarez Heritage Rose Garden** now has Stage 2 completed with new garden structures, garden seats and scoria mulch in place. Ongoing maintenance and working bees will continue as will planting of roses which were lost during the drought and endeavours to locate roses to complete the collection
- **A Rugosa roundabout** was completed near the Armidale Airport, a collaboration with Armidale Regional Council which provided the funds and the AGHS which provided the workforce. It provides ongoing education on the planting of drought resistant heritage roses.
- **Members of the AGHS attended the Uralla Sustainability Expo**, a cooperative venture with the Uralla Shire Council and community groups. AGHS demonstrated the success of sustainable gardens and the use of scoria mulch. Our display of different types of mulch created great interest and handouts were supplied by AGHS at no cost.
- **Saumarez Homestead tool shed and cold frame restoration:** For the first time, the Armidale Regional Council made funds available for a Heritage Conservation program. AGHS applied for funds for the restoration project but the application was unsuccessful. Council determined that the National Trust could apply for funds from other sources.
- **Blade Exhibition:** With the re-opening of the University of New England Archives, work can now re-commence on planning for a photographic exhibition to complement the proposed AGHS Travelling Exhibition 'The Blade: Australia's Love Affair with Lawn'.
- **Parks:** Research is continuing on five significant parks in the New England Region – Anzac Park, Tamworth; Alma Park, Uralla; Central Park, Armidale; Anzac Park, Glen Innes and Jubilee Park, Tamworth. The next stage is to complete maps of the park and to record details of the various plantings.
- **The branch has made two applications to the National Trust for awards this year.**
The first involved the development of the roundabout at the airport and the co-operation with Armidale Regional Council as a demonstration of a sustainable drought resistant garden.
The second application involved the completion of Stage 2 of the Heritage Rose Garden with particular reference to the interpretation panels and a rose guidebook.

Chair's Report

It is a pleasure to head up this group and see the ongoing cooperation, camaraderie and hard work which sees so many projects come to fruition. The strength of the group lies in the important link between working and socialising and its ability to collaborate with other organisations.

Unfortunately, our trip to the property 'Yugilbar' on the North Coast has been postponed for the second time, firstly due to the bush fires and now Covid-19 but we do plan to spend a weekend at this historic property when it is possible.

Huge thanks to the Sydney group for its ongoing generosity and tolerance in all our endeavours. We greatly appreciate Sydney's support.

We acknowledge and thank the HRIA for generous donations of water during the drought and to our many local groups and individuals for their ongoing generosity and help in practical ways.

We express heartfelt thanks to Ian Telford for his friendship, botanical expertise and unique design of the Saumarez Heritage Rose Garden and for his many contributions as a founding member of our group.

Northern NSW members pay tribute to long-time members, Jillian Oppenheimer and Mareah Rhodes White who sadly passed away. Memorials are planned in the future.

Bill Oates

TASMANIA BRANCH

Office Bearers and Committee Members

Chair	Lynne Paul
Deputy Chair and 2022 Conference Convenor	Prue Slatyer
Treasurer	Bruce Chetwynd
Secretary	Position vacant
Committee	Antonia Dunne, Jean Elder, Rosie MacKinnon, Jennifer Stackhouse
Membership	95 subscriptions of which 33 are household memberships plus three institutional members

Functions

The onset of Covid-19 threw into disarray our plans to celebrate the 40th anniversary of AGHS. However, we did enjoy two wonderful events prior to the March lockdown.

Our visit to the gardens of New Town culminated in a superb afternoon at the home of a one of our members. This was the first chance our branch had had to implement the new risk assessment procedures being developed by AGHS. Little did we know how important these would prove to be in the future.

As is always the case, our Christmas event was a roaring success. We explored Epsom House and learned of its history before moving to the Tea Tree Hall for a sumptuous spread prepared by two of our members with a small army of helpers.

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 now been adopted by Devonport City Council. Council has obtained a Federal Government grant of \$25000 to commence work on the pond and stone walls. The funds available from National Trust Tasmania to begin implementation of the plan are no longer available. However we hope that AGHS Tasmania will continue to have some involvement in the garden's restoration.
- **Cambria:** In late 2019, The Tasmanian Planning Commission decided that it had no jurisdiction to hear the Cambria Draft Amendment since the commission was not satisfied with the evidence supplied by the application's representative, to show the landowners had properly given consent to the rezoning. The developers lodged an appeal with the Supreme Court. In March 2020 the Court gave the developers 28 days to lodge documentation relating to the appeal. These have not been provided and no further hearings have been held.

Unfortunately this was not the end of the matter. The Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Major Projects) Bill 2020 was before Parliament. AGHS lobbied all members of State Parliament to reject the Bill. However it was passed with only dissent from the Greens Party in late September. This legislation allows for the declaration of proposed developments to be declared as "major projects" which significantly curtails the capacity of Local Councils, interest groups and individuals to have an impact on the decision-making process. There may be more to occur in this long running saga.

Projects

As part of our celebrations for the 40th anniversary of AGHS, one of our members is being given financial assistance in writing and publishing a book relating to the roles of early Quaker settlers to Tasmania in the establishment of horticultural industry in the State.

We have embarked on planning to collect oral histories from a small number of people who have made an important contribution to fostering the objectives of AGHS in Tasmania.

Chair's Report

We have revived the publication of our *BlueGum* newsletter as a way of maintaining contact with our members.

Our Branch Committee meets regularly to plan events and consider projects that are important to the objectives of AGHS. Of recent times these have been and will continue to be held via Zoom. The Committee members continue to give many hours of their time to ensure the vibrancy of the Tasmania Branch. During the year Ann Burnett stood down as our committee secretary; my thanks to her for her commitment to AGHS over the previous years.

The Conference Committee continues to prepare for the Hobart Conference which will now be held in 2022. All our members are appreciative of the work that is going into the planning for this event and in particular to Prue Slatyer who is coordinating the Conference Committee.

Lynne Paul

VICTORIAN BRANCH

Office Bearers and Committee Members

Chair	Robyn Robins
Vice Chair	Sarah Wood
Treasurer	Ann Aston
Advocacy & NMC Rep	Wendy Dwyer
Publicity	Lynda Entwisle
Working Bees	Diana Ellerton
Catering	Annie Woodside
Rep Landscape Reference	Anthony Menhenitt
Garden Histories	Tim Gatehouse

Chair's Report

We have had a successful first half of the year followed by the unforeseen disruption caused by the Covid pandemic resulting in a cancellation of our plans. It has been and continues to be a disappointing time for the committee after much organisation and planning behind the scenes to bring our anniversary year events to our members. Despite this interruption Vic Branch is financially healthy, the committee is invigorated with new members joining throughout the year and much has been achieved. We may be restricted in our social movements but your committee is full steam ahead putting into place a programme for 2021.

Starting our new financial year in August 2019 was a stimulating and entertaining **lecture by Dr Luke Keogh** on the Wardian Case. A historical insight to the transportation of plant specimens and plants around the world in the 19th and 20th century from a humble box to a most elaborate wooden container.

The highlight of our year was the **weekend trip to North East Victoria** in September 2019.

The 55 members who participated had an action packed two days of garden visits, historic homes, relics of landscapes past and a movie screening at the quaint Swanpool cinema. On our way home we enjoyed lunch at a winery, and a garden tour of course, which completed a memorable weekend that was expertly planned down to the last detail by Fran and Mal Faul. A treat for all.

The **Christmas Walk and Talk** was to Caulfield Park lead by John Hawker whose passion for the trees was evident in his most interesting and detailed talk. Caulfield Park has a rich history which John shared in his inimitably engaging way. We enjoyed our picnic watching the sunset over the park.

2020 began with Dr Monique Webber giving us an illustrated talk in February about the **lost statues of Fitzroy Gardens**. Her lecture set the scene for the role and design of statuary in public gardens in 19th century Europe and how this influenced the designers of Fitzroy Gardens in Melbourne. It was a most curious tale of statuary that once lined the boulevards therein ultimately disappearing. It seemed quite remarkable that a public garden once resplendent with more than 60 statues at the turn of the century, now has but a handful left. Dr Webber took us on a **walk and talk** the following Sunday through the Fitzroy Gardens showing places where these monuments to a lost culture had once stood. The talk and the walk rounded off a most fascinating story of historical importance to the early establishment of Melbourne's cultural heritage.

In March we held our **40th Anniversary Garden Party** at Umina in Toorak to celebrate 40 years since AGHS was established. 85 guests booked in and the overcast morning gave way to a sunny afternoon which we enjoyed in the garden. Our Patron, Professor Tim Entwisle spoke about how changing climatic patterns will affect gardens and the preservation of heritage gardens in the future. John Dwyer looked back at the 40 years of AGHS and regaled us with stories of members past and present. We cut and served a birthday cake while John and Tim planted a tree to commemorate our significant milestone of achievement. It was a wonderful birthday celebration and a day spent in sharing and reminiscing with those who have contributed so much of their time, effort and passion to upholding the vision of the Society.

Throughout 2019 we continued our **working bees** on a regular basis tending to historic gardens to preserve and ensure a lasting legacy. These are important conservation activities which we are dedicated to continuing. The Covid lockdown saw all working bees cancelled from March onwards and we look forward to resuming in 2021.

5 oral history interviews have been completed this year and will be lodged with the State Library of Victoria as important historic records of the dedicated people who have given so much to the vitality of AGHS Victoria. Transcripts will be made available on the AGHS website early in 2021. Three more oral histories will be undertaken as soon as the health restrictions are lifted.

During the year Tim Gatehouse researched, analysed and wrote three **garden histories** – Umina, Longacres and Titanga. Currently in the design stages, the booklets will be available to members before Christmas 2020 or early in 2021.

During the year AGHS Victoria was also active in **advocacy issues** for threatened landscapes both public and private. We lodged a formal nomination to Heritage Victoria to list Wombat Park, near Daylesford. We follow this progress anxiously as the property was listed for sale mid-year and health restrictions have prevented completion. We successfully supported the objection to development of Footscray Park for football grounds which would have seen the consequent loss of the heritage garden as well as important community parkland. The renewal of World Heritage listing for the Carlton gardens at the Melbourne Museum and Exhibition buildings site is underway and AGHS Victoria has registered as an interested party and will be contributing to the consultation process of the new management plan due for completion in 2021. We maintain a constant and vigilant watch over our precious heritage.

Our plans for **celebrating the 40th anniversary** of the Society was postponed until 2021. We have two Fellowships to offer budding garden historians, lectures and a weekend away visiting gardens and places of historical interest in the Geelong and Surf Coast region. Our plans also include a day trip to a significant garden in Victoria in spring 2021 when the roses will be in their first full flush.

On a final note AGHS Victoria would not bring you news, views and events if it were not for the effort and time given so willingly by your **Branch committee**. We welcomed new members this year – Diana Ellerton, Tim Gatehouse and Lynda Entwisle each of whom have made tremendous contributions. At the AGM we shall be putting forward the nomination for Trevor Pitkin to also join us on the committee. It has been a privilege working with the committee and from the bottom of my heart, thank you.

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 and Website	Lyn Oliver
Committee	Roz Stewart, Boris Roglich

Functions

2019

- **Thursday 11 July, 32 members and friends enjoyed a day in the country by visiting the historic Berkshire Valley farm.** The day began by meeting in Moora and viewing displays in the historical society's museum followed by lunch at which notes detailing gardening events at Berkshire Valley in the nineteenth century were presented by the Chairman. At the conclusion members proceeded to the farm complex where they were welcomed by the current owners Jill and Fred Hamilton. Prior to inspecting the six heritage listed buildings on the property a detailed history of the walled courtyard garden was provided by the owners.
- **Sunday 11 August, 30th AGM at Falls Farm, Lesmurdie**
The twenty five members that attended the meeting heard guest speaker Pauline Tonkin relate how in the mid-1980s community action by the Lesmurdie Ratepayers' Association saved Falls Farm, part of the Sanderson Estate, from demolition and the rejuvenation of the garden. Following the function she led a tour of the grounds of the nearby historic Sanderson House.
- **Sunday 8 December the final event of the year, the annual Christmas function and quiz,** was held at the historic house and garden at Guilford of branch member Elisabeth Atkins. The 26 members who attended were met by her in the front garden and heard about the mature plantings. These included a large Poinciana *Delonix regia* and the remains of a cork oak *Quercus suber* grown from seed by her husband. Other highlights were a substantial olive from the original garden layout and an old wisteria which covered a pergola on the front veranda. A rare sight was the seldom seen tropical Rangoon creeper *Quisqualis indica*. The attendees were then privileged to have a guided tour of the principal rooms of the house.

2020

- **The first function on Sunday 22 March was held in Harold Boas Garden, West Perth** and was the Virtual Garden Party to celebrate the 40th anniversary of AGHS. Fourteen members attended and due to the impact of the Corona Virus 18 apologies were received. Marion Blackwell, who worked on the redesign of the former Delhi Square was the guest speaker and after relating the history of the garden's development from the mid 1960s, cut the celebratory cake decorated with the 40th Anniversary logo.
- The second function in April "An Old Fashioned Slide Evening" highlighting the gardens from the 2019 NZ Conference was cancelled due to Covid restrictions.
- The third function, being an illustrated talk by the chairman based on the article "Handle with care: Collectable Glass for the Garden" from the Journal's Collector's edition, timetabled to be part of the National Heritage festival on Sunday 17 May was cancelled due to the virus.

Advocacy

Letters have been sent to the Chairmen of the National Trust and Heritage Council of WA, expressing the branch's concern that a proposal to construct a cable car from Elisabeth Quay up the escarpment and over Kings Park will impact the visual and historical integrity of the Class A reserve.

Projects

Working bees

- Five branch members regularly work in the garden at Woodbridge House, the National Trust's premier property at Guildford.
- Six of the eight public talks took place with two being cancelled due to Covid restrictions. The groups included TAFE Landscape Diploma students, historical societies and gardening clubs this provided the opportunity to disseminate information about the society to a wider public and raise funds by selling our guide.
- The branch received a grant for \$10,000 from the NMC, which it has matched, to publish a book based on its two exhibitions on *Historic Gardens of Perth*.
- A subcommittee comprising Patsy Vizents, Lisa Williams, the Secretary Lynette Petersen and the Chairman was formed and contracted Morgan Design, responsible for the two exhibitions, to design the layout and format for publication. It is envisaged that the book will be launched in the first quarter of 2021 to coincide with the Museum of Perth's exhibition on gardening.
- A donation of \$600, being the proceeds of the 2018 exhibition entry fee, has been donated to the Town of Cottesloe. This is in recognition of their support with the *Historic Gardens Exhibition* and will enable them to purchase historically appropriate plants as set out in stage two of their garden master plan. The Friends of Woodbridge received \$300 to provide permanent labels for heritage roses in their garden.

Chair's Report

Thanks to the committee for their help in planning and assisting at branch functions.

And retiring member Therese Putland for her role as website coordinator and on the 2014 Albany Conference Committee. Welcome to Boris Roglich and Lyn Oliver the new newsletter editor who with her IT skills has reformatted it and also taken on website coordination.

Two A-framed notice boards with interchangeable signs have been purchased with the words Event, Event Parking and AGHS logo background for outdoor branch functions.

Finally the highlight for the year was the visit to the historic property Berkshire Valley. Research had revealed that in the nineteenth century the productive walled garden enclosed a kitchen garden with the fruit trees being espaliered on them. Even though the plants have not survived the walls and physical layout remain intact, a rare example in WAs garden history.

John Viska

AGHS Treasurer's Report 2019–2020

2020 marked 40 years since the creation of the Australian Garden History Society and the Branches chose to celebrate this with enthusiasm and a variety of conservation projects. 2020 also saw the pandemic hit Australia and the cancellation of many of society's planned activities. This year the accounts of the Society show a loss of \$68 158. Income was raised through Subscriptions \$82 700, and the New Zealand Conference, \$66 223. Investments earned approximately \$10 000.

The New Zealand Conference was a superb event and financially successful. Our thanks go to the dedicated and knowledgeable committee of Lynne Walker, Richard Bird, Anne Maurer, John Maurer and Stuart Read. Lynne Walker also conducted a wonderful trip to the South Island of New Zealand. The Society greatly appreciates the efforts Lynne made on its behalf.

The annual operational costs of the Society are \$324 200, \$261 000 of this relates to the National body. Branches undertook other projects for approximately \$20 000 and these are outlined in the Branch reports.

The Kindred Spirits Fund has earned \$240. The balance of the Kindred Spirits Fund is \$161 555. To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the AGHS, the National Management Committee offered to match the expenditure of the Branches to undertake projects which would be in keeping with the ethos of the society. \$77 530 has been contributed to assist the Branches to produce publications, oral histories, digitisation, garden parties, a bursary, restoration of a homestead arbour, a Wardian case, exhibitions including *The Blade*, The Rose Trail project and public plantings.

The Nina Crone fund has bestowed grants on writers, Zoe Heine, Jasmine Rhodes, Renee Mickelburgh and Alexandra Fitzpatrick for articles which will appear in the AGHS Journal. Expenditure on the Journal was \$72 660. This provided four quality issues during the year.

The postponement of the Sydney Conference will lead to a further shortfall in the society's finances, therefore, to maintain the effective operations the NMC has proposed the following strategies:

- Introduction of a hard copy Journal surcharge of \$20 to cover Journal costs of \$15 per copy.
- Reduction of office overheads such as removal of landline and 1800 number, staff for membership and some printing costs.
- The use of ZOOM online for management committee meetings.
- A membership drive, call for donations, exploration of funding through grants, sponsorship and philanthropic avenues.

The resources of the Society are used to fulfil its objectives and National Management Committee values the work done by volunteers.

The Summary of the Financial Statements of the Society for the period of 2019 to 2020 is on the following page. For a copy of the Society's audited financial records for this period, please contact the National Office.



Elizabeth Teed
TREASURER

THE AUSTRALIAN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY INC

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th June, 2020

	NATIONAL	NSW (S/H)	NSW (SYD)	VIC	TAS	SA	ACT	WA	QLD	TOTAL
Net assets on Hand 1/7/2019	622,682	44,841	40,607	66,143	37,888	23,901	27,499	19,091	8,019	890,672
RECEIPTS										
Subscriptions	82,715	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82,715
Functions & tours (net)	-	7,522	10,530	(8,629)	1,534	(1,122)	2,127	871	(29)	12,804
Lectures/Conference (net)	66,223	-	-	235	-	-	-	-	-	66,457
Sales of publications (net)	1,348	-	102	-	1,328	407	-	-	-	3,185
Interest	8,247	191	320	262	889	32	152	20	-	10,113
Donations/Grants/Projects	3,745	-	10,920	8,500	11,208	-	10,000	10,000	-	54,373
Kindred Spirits Fund	240	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	240
Sundries	11,474	3,905	-	380	251	9,500	425	210	-	26,145
TOTAL	173,992	11,618	21,872	748	15,210	8,817	12,704	11,101	(29)	256,033
PAYMENTS										
Audit fees	4,500	-	1,045	1,045	550	242	-	715	561	8,658
Bank fees	304	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	305
Garden Party	-	-	-	4,280	-	-	-	-	-	4,280
Grants	-	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
Journal	72,660	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72,660
Merchant Fees	676	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	676
Postage/stationery	2,193	500	226	2,578	760	-	234	495	13	6,998
Projects/research	87,240	521	12,490	-	1,740	6,000	11,649	-	-	119,641
Sundry expenses	11,746	1,257	1,644	1,352	134	-	326	1,168	-	17,626
Telephone/website	3,619	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,619
Travelling	721	-	-	-	-	-	1,327	-	-	2,048
Wages	77,679	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	77,679
TOTAL	261,338	2,279	15,405	19,254	3,184	6,242	13,537	2,378	574	324,191
PROFIT/LOSS	(87,347)	9,339	6,467	(18,507)	12,027	2,575	(833)	8,723	(603)	(68,158)
Net assets on hand 30/6/2020	535,336	54,181	47,074	47,636	49,915	26,477	26,666	27,814	7,416	822,514
Represented by:										
Cash on hand	78	-	-	-	94	-	-	-	-	172
Cash at bank	237,137	43,475	29,812	15,068	32,896	6,344	26,666	24,108	7,416	422,922
Interest bearing deposits	301,936	10,705	17,262	32,569	21,925	20,133	-	-	-	404,530
Other Assets	65,238	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,706	-	68,944
Kindred Spirits Fund	161,555	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	161,555
<i>less</i>										
Prepaid Conference Receipts	166,477	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	166,477
Other Liabilities	64,132	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	69,132
NET FUNDS	535,336	54,181	47,074	47,636	49,915	26,477	26,666	27,814	7,416	822,514



ELIZABETH TEED
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 2020 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 2020. 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,

4 November 2020

AGHS 41st Annual General Meeting

The Australian Garden History Society Inc.
41st Annual General Meeting will be held

Sunday 15 November 2020
9:00am for a 9:30am start

Join ZOOM Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5669493824?pwd=eitDUzFiVXlIY1dQaCtSWnRUa3pwZz09>

Meeting ID: 566 949 3824

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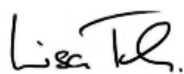
The AGM will be followed by by guest speaker AGHS Patron,
Professor Tim Entwisle
Managing living collections and landscapes
in a (climate) changing world

AGENDA

Business

- 1 To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held 26 October 2019. Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2 To receive the Co Chair's Report for the year ended 30 June 2020
- 3 To receive and consider the financial statement for the year ended 30 June 2020
- 4 To appoint an auditor for 2020/21
- 5 To elect members of the National Management Committee 2020/21
- 6 General Business

On behalf of the Committee



Lisa Tuck

National Executive Officer