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Australian Garden History October issue: being seen to conserve

Ensuring that justice is seen to be done is a familiar dictum in the law. Also important is seeing what conservation efforts produce as a way of encouraging actions, big and small, to protect the planet.

The October issue of *Australian Garden History* offers plenty of inspiration for those who have planted a tree, joined a bushcare group or contributed to the National Trust. Former Director of Conservation at the National Trust NSW, Graham Quint, reflects on his career and shares family photographs that show what a school project planting trees along a highway can achieve. Elizabeth Teeland's account of bush regeneration in suburban Brisbane demonstrates what can be done in community-government partnerships.

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The cover of this issue shows William Thorp Raleigh in 1907 supervising land clearing on his property, *Gorongga*, in the Dandenongs in Victoria. Tim Gatehouse argues that *Gorongga's* preservation today is thanks to its continuous ownership by a single family of dedicated gardeners who maintain it in the spirit in which it was conceived: as the Australian version of a hill station property. Another historic Victorian property, *Wombat Park*, has had more than one owner and is scheduled to go to auction later this year. The AGHS has argued for the property's listing on Heritage Victoria's register, with detailed documentation available to any prospective buyers.

John Dwyer's article on sweet pittosporum raises important questions about managing the landscape and our perceptions of weeds. Are they simply 'plants that are not wanted and therefore to be destroyed' or do they have a place in preserving biodiversity?

In the southern city of Albany, WA, the endeavours of botanists have been honoured in street signs. Malcolm Trill reveals the lives behind the names. This issue also introduces the exquisite botanical drawings of Sarah Featon, celebrated this year by New Zealand Post in a special stamp issue.

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