



# AGHS Queensland Branch Newsletter

August 2022

## Chair's Report for 2021–22

Our Branch membership remains small but events attract a core group of supporters. Being Covid wary the Branch undertook to mostly restrict Branch activities over the past year to public venues. That way if an event had to be cancelled, we figured we would not cause disruption to a private owner who had used precious time to prepare for an event that didn't happen.

For our Christmas gathering, we met at the Bougainvillea Gardens at Indooroopilly. Now under the custodianship of the Brisbane City Council, a local resident keeps the Society informed of any threats he feels the gardens are under. Currently, he's noticed that any species type of bougainvillea that falters is likely replaced with a hybridized and smaller variety. Our member, John Taylor has reported this to Brisbane City Council.

Our branch usually takes a recess from Christmas to beginning of April, but this year Covid and the flooding rains extended well into the year and finally when an event was arranged, the owner passed away. We were grateful to hear that we can reschedule the Sculpture Garden event later this year.

The Branch Committee is well into the planning stages of arranging the 2023 AGHS Conference, to be held in Ipswich. The committee has co-opted Susan Booth as our Conference Lecture Convenor and Wendy Lees has been invited to join the Conference Committee.

Our AGM is planned for Saturday, 24 September. Dr John Pearn will be guest speaker. Nominations are called for any members to positions on the Committee. Most of the current members are willing to remain.

The National Management Editorial Committee invited Glenn Cooke back onto the Editorial Supervisory Team. Glenn has long supported the journal by submitting and having had published interesting and informative articles.

Many of our branch members are looking forward to the Tasmania Conference to be held in November.

I thank my committee for their supportive role in keeping our Branch operational.

Hope to see a good roll-up for our AGM.

Ann Wegener

Chair

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## ‘Queensland to a T’: Celebrating 120 years of the State Library of Queensland

A collection of over 200 souvenir tea-towels, believed to be the only one of its kind in the world, is on display at the State Library of Queensland from 6 August until 22 January 2023. The tea-towels are part of the Glenn R Cooke Souvenir Textiles collection of over 1,500 textiles. AGHS member Glenn Cooke, a social historian, curator and collector, told *artdaily*: ‘I have searched the great cultural institutions of the world which have only a handful of tea-towels and none have such a comprehensive focus on tourism and the social history of a State.’

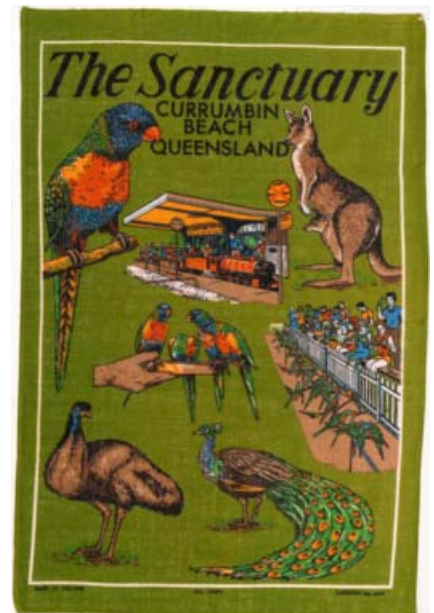
The pictorial imagery on souvenir tea-towels reveals the story of the development of the tourist industry in Queensland and maps, ranging from the whole state to specific locations, appear on many. They reveal in the images clustered around the maps, mining, agriculture and the natural and built environment which communities considered important, and celebratory.

The exhibition curator, Jacinta Sutton, will be presenting the stories behind the tea-towels, now seen as desirable Queenslandiana.

Upcoming dates:

Day	Time
Wed 24 Aug	11–11:45 am
Wed 7 Sep	11–11:45 am
Wed 21 Sep	11–11:45 am
Wed 5 Oct	11–11:45 am
Wed 19 Oct	11–11:45 am

Book at the SLQ website at <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on/queensland-t-curators-tour>



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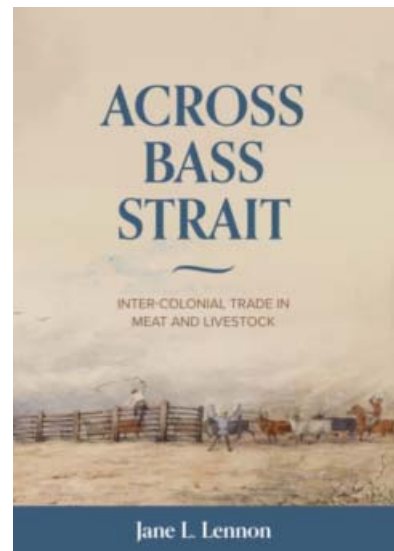
### Inter-colonial trade in meat and livestock

AGHS member Jane Lennon has recently had a new book published, *Across Bass Strait*, a history of the connection between squatters, merchants and mariners to develop the livestock trade from the mainland to Van Diemen's Land. This long distant connection is reflected in the transformation of the landscape, both on land and sea, underwritten by the need to provide meat, link distant shores which until now have been barely acknowledged in the national narrative, yet from the edges of the two coast lines, illustrate the layered environmental history of our continent.

This little-known story deals with food miles, wind power, seasonal conditions, competition and determined people, all themes still relevant today. Dr Jane Lennon AM is an Honorary member of ICOMOS for her distinguished service to conservation in Australia and internationally.

RRP: \$34.95; ISBN: 978-0-6488350-3-5

*Across Bass Strait* is available at [www.anchorbooksaustralia.com.au](http://www.anchorbooksaustralia.com.au)



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## Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers, 1-30 September 2022

Every year, the Carnival gets bigger and better! Below is a list of some of the tours available – see <https://tcof.com.au/tours/> for more details.

### Twilight Tours of Laurel Bank Park

Enter the twilight zone and discover the secret world of the parklands by night. This is your chance to see and hear from the experts about the darker side of plant life in a one-hour nocturnal tour of Laurel Bank Park. Throw the spotlight on some shady characters from far off places like English and Spanish oaks, Ginkgo trees and Japanese maples. Track down exotic and rare species and find out what goes on behind the scenes to create this picture-perfect park.

When: Tuesday 6, 13, 20 and 27 Sept, 6.30pm – 7.30pm and Thursday 8, 15, 22 and 29 September, 6:30pm-7:30pm. Cost: All tickets \$5, available at <https://tcof.com.au/twilight-tours-of-laurel-bank-park/>

### Talking Pubs Tour

Join our Talking Pubs Tour to four character-filled Toowoomba pubs. Start with appetizers at Toowoomba's new brewery The Brewhouse, followed by entree at Tatt's Hotel, main at the new Proof BBQ & Booze and finish the day with dessert at The Rock. The tour includes all meals and a drink at each pub. (Cost \$99 per adult).

### Toowoomba Sightseeing Tours

Sit back and relax as you enjoy three hours touring private gardens and public floral displays within the city limits with full commentary by Lindsay Booth on every tour explaining Toowoomba's historical events! Each tour will visit five private gardens as well as the public floral displays. Cost \$40 per person. On every day in September (except Mondays), 9am and 1pm.

### **Australian Getaway Garden Tours of Highfields, Spring Bluff and Crows Nest**

This door-to-door tour provides stress-free travel to the gardens and an introduction to attractions outside Toowoomba City. Tours visit Spring Bluff, Highfields and Crows Nest and includes visits to private gardens and other attractions, including a morning tea stop, lunch, soft-drink factory tour and finishes with a wine and cheese tasting before returning you to your pick up point. Enquiries: 1800 009 092 or [admin@getawaytours.com.au](mailto:admin@getawaytours.com.au). Pensioner price for everyone \$145, Under-18 with adult \$95

Friday 16 to Saturday 17 Sept from 8:30am–4:30pm; Monday 19 to Friday 23 Sept from 8:30am–4:30pm

### **Cultivate Country Garden Tours**

The tour visits some of the Garden Competition award-winning country gardens, travelling through rural areas surrounding Toowoomba and enjoying a great day out with delicious food along the way! Guided by renowned local horticulturist, Brian Sams and event specialist Wendy Allen, the tour will visit beautiful country gardens including the Country Grand Champion and Reserve Country Grand Champion along with other beautiful winning country gardens. The tour will take you on ‘roads less travelled’ through rural areas and enjoy a home-baked morning tea in a local garden, as well as a delicious sit-down lunch at a venue with a garden theme. Saturday 17 Sept – Sunday 25 Sept, 8:30am–5:30pm.

Cost: Adult \$145 (all inclusive). Tickets available at <https://tcof.com.au/cultivate-country-garden-tours/>

### **Friends of the Escarpment Parks: Open Day at Redwood Park**

Come and learn more about this ecological gem on the doorstep of Toowoomba. Guided walks during the day, displays by environmental and wildlife groups and a guided spotlighting walk at night to see nocturnal animals. Guests are welcome to bring their own water and snacks and it is recommended to wear covered footwear. BYO binoculars, torches and spotlights for the nocturnal walks. Cost: Free.

Enquiries: 0407 124 863.

Program: 7.30am-8.30am, Guided Bird Observation Walks

8.30am-11.30am, Displays by various environmental and wildlife groups at the Bernays Picnic Area

9am-11.30am, Plant Identification or Butterfly Identification Guided Walk

7pm-8.30pm, Guided Spotlighting Walks.

### **Walking Tours of Toowoomba**

Walking Tours of Toowoomba gives you the freedom to stop and smell the flowers, while on a relaxing paced walk that takes in the inner city area, parks, private gardens, historical events, buildings and churches. Enquiries: Susan McPherson, 0407 344 128 or Email [sue@suemcphersonstoursandtravel.com](mailto:sue@suemcphersonstoursandtravel.com)

### **Cabbie Capers Parks and Gardens Tours**

Our set tours to the public gardens and exhibition gardens will be available to book through the whole month of September, or you could hire the taxi at the hourly rate and choose your own itinerary. We will also be offering a special tour to this year’s prize-winning gardens once they have been announced. Select a 10-seater maxi taxi or a 4-seater sedan and enjoy a tour of Toowoomba’s prize-winning gardens and local parks. Visitors can choose from premade tours or create their own itinerary and be chauffeured by Toowoomba’s most experienced and dedicated local drivers. Bookings: 07 4635 7250 or [gcc@blackand-whitecabs.com.au](mailto:gcc@blackand-whitecabs.com.au). Cost: Maxi Taxi hourly hire \$55 | Sedan hourly hire \$45.

### **Darling Downs Trike Tours**

Lose the crowd and view the lovely gardens and enjoy a comfortable ride on our three seater trike.

Choose your gardens to visit and let us take you in style! Cost \$150 per hour (1 or 2 guests). Tickets on sale at Eventbrite or by calling 0421 319 124. Enquiries: [ddtriketours@outlook.com](mailto:ddtriketours@outlook.com)