

# LANDSCAPE ON THE EDGE: Challenge and Opportunity



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## 42nd Australian Garden History Society Conference

**Lectures Only: in Person and Virtual**

Hobart 11—13 November, 2022

Tasmania is often described as being at the edge of the world due to its location on the southern tip of the Australian continent, with vast oceans to the east, south and west. Despite its remoteness, Tasmania was one of the first areas in Australia colonised by Europeans; it has a long landscape and garden history.

As a remote penal colony, Tasmania was viewed during the 18th and 19th centuries as being at the edge of the civilised world and society for both convicts and settlers. Tasmania also marks the edge of Aboriginal occupation and cultural landscapes.

Cut off from the mainland some 12,000 years ago, Tasmania has a landscape that in parts is distinctly different from the rest of Australia. Like the mainland, it is now on the edge of increasing climatic variation and unpredictable weather patterns: sometimes drier, sometimes hotter and sometimes wetter. Its natural and garden landscape is on the edge of this unpredictability.

The conference theme will allow speakers to canvas:

- the geology of Tasmania and its impact on our natural landscape
- the landscape of Aboriginal Tasmania
- the colonial landscape and how being on the edge of society shaped the people who created our gardens and built landscape
- how climate change is impacting on this landscape and what changes it may bring in the future



# LANDSCAPE ON THE EDGE:

## LECTURES ONLY: IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

### **DAY 1: Friday, 11 November** – *In the beginning*

The geology and climate of Tasmania, which created the natural landscape, sets the scene as we discuss how the traditional custodians modified their environment to create the landscape seen by colonists in the late 18th century. Speakers include Dr Penny Jones, University of Tasmania environmental scientist, and Dr Tonia Cochran, managing director of Inala Jurassic Garden.

### **DAY 2: Saturday, 12 November** – *European and colonial impacts on the Tasmanian landscape*

Today's presentations examine the landscape first encountered by Europeans, from French explorers who documented the indigenous flora and created the island's first European garden, to colonial settlers (including artist John Glover), who from 1803 shaped modern Tasmania. We look at how they responded to this land on the edge of the known world. Speakers include Deborah Wace, botanical artist and researcher, Tara Edmondson, head gardener at Government House, Alison Alexander, author and historian, and Carol Westmore, owner of the John Glover property, Patterdale near Evandale.

### **DAY 3: Sunday, 13 November** – *Addressing the impact of climate change*

Today speakers address how climate change is likely to impact our landscape and look at strategies and practical solutions for reducing carbon emissions, adapting to a changed climate and restoring the land. AGHS Patron, Professor Tim Entwisle, will launch the 'AGHS Position Statement on Climate Change' and speak about the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria's response to a changing climate. Other speakers include James Wood, manager, Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens Seedbank, Dr Tonia Cochran, managing director of Inala Jurassic Garden, Bruny Island, and Marcus Ragus, head horticulturist at Spring Bay Mill.



Wrest Point Hotel and the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania on the banks of the River Derwent, Sandy Bay

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## LECTURES-ONLY: IN PERSON PROGRAM WITH SELF-GUIDED TOURS

The lectures-only program includes morning lectures with morning tea and lunch on Friday and Saturday, and morning tea on Sunday. Lectures-only delegates also receive a conference bag and are able to buy a ticket to join the conference dinner. Lectures-only delegates may wish to undertake self-guided garden and landscape visits. Here are some suggestions.

\* Battery Point History Walk, *In Bobby's Footsteps*, is a self-guided walk, which takes visitors to 16 sites including gardens, Princes Park and the house museum of Narryna. This walk is free to download from:

<https://www.batterypointwalk.com.au>

\* The Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens is open daily from 8am-6.30pm. Tours are available and need to be arranged beforehand see: <https://gardens.rtbq.tas.gov.au/visit/guided-tours/> (Note: a tour will not be possible on the afternoon of Friday, 11 November)

\* Runnymede, New Town is an 1840s whaling captain's house and gardens. It is now owned and managed by the National Trust of Tasmania. Contact Runnymede for visitor details or to arrange a garden tour:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/places/runnymede/>

\* kunanyi/Mt Wellington, rising 1271m behind the city of Hobart, was ascended by George Bass on Christmas Day, 1798. Coach tours can be arranged at: <https://www.viator.com/tours/Hobart/kunanyi-Mt-Wellington-Explorer-Bus>

\* Richmond is an historic village near Hobart that can be enjoyed via a coach tour: <https://www.experiencetas.com.au/bus-tours/richmond-historic-village/#>

\* MONA (Museum of Old and New Art) at Berriedale on the River Derwent can be reached by ferry from the centre of Hobart with gardens, gallery, vineyard, restaurants and eateries: <https://mona.net.au/museum/about>

\* Open House Hobart, run by the Australian Institute of Architects, is being held over the conference weekend (12-13 November). The program will be available on: <https://openhousehobart.org> Early booking is recommended.

\* Tasman Peninsula and world heritage-listed Port Arthur are accessible on a full-day tour: <https://www.grayline.com.au/australia-sightseeing/tasmania-day-tours/port-arthur-day-tours>

## LECTURES-ONLY: VIRTUAL PROGRAM

After the success of the 2021 Sydney virtual conference, a virtual option of lectures only will be available via Zoom. The virtual program provides the opportunity to chat to other virtual delegates and ask questions. A moderator will select some questions for the speaker. An extra camera will film the audience to give virtual delegates a sense of participation.

## CONFERENCE DINNER FOR PARTNERS AND LECTURES-ONLY DELEGATES

Lectures-only delegates and partners of full conference delegates are welcome to buy a ticket to join the conference dinner at Glen Albyn.

## CONFERENCE VENUE

Our conference venue is Wrest Point Hotel on the water's edge in Sandy Bay, 3km from the city centre. Wrest Point has a large comfortable auditorium with break out spaces, and free car parking for those who arrive by car.

## WHAT TO BRING

Spring weather in Tasmania is unpredictable. As we can experience four seasons in one day at this time of year, bring layered clothing with warm jackets, waterproof clothing and/or umbrella. Sunblock and hats are also recommended. Comfortable and sturdy walking shoes will be needed for all garden visits.



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## ACCOMMODATION

The following hotels are offering discounted rates for AGHS conference delegates.

Information is calculated on accommodation for four nights (In: Thursday, 10 November, 2022; Out: Monday, 14 November, 2022). The rates quoted below are per night (pn).

All hotels listed below are within about 10 minutes by taxi from the conference venue at Wrest Point Hotel. Public buses run regularly past the venue.

HOTEL	LOCATION	DISCOUNTED RATE	FOR RESERVATIONS
Wrest Point Hotel 410 Sandy Bay Rd, Sandy Bay	Conference venue	Tower Room \$219 pn Water's Edge \$199 pn Motor Inn \$179 pn	Phone 1800 030 611 and mention attendance at AGHS conference
Somerset on the Pier (Ascott chain) 1 Elizabeth Pier, Hobart	CBD waterfront	Discounted rate 12% on their best flexible price on any room	Phone 1800 766 377 or <a href="http://www.discoverasr.com">www.discoverasr.com</a> – Search & Book, Select “Corporate” as code and enter exclusive code for AGHS delegates = P5AUS454
MACq01 Hotel 18 Hunter St, Hobart	CBD waterfront	Discounted rate of 10% off their best available rate	Phone (03) 6210 7600 or <a href="mailto:Reservations@macq01.com.au">Reservations@macq01.com.au</a> Exclusive code for AGHS delegates = AGHS2022
Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel 1 Macquarie St. Hobart	Lower end of CBD, one and a half blocks from waterfront	Studio apartment \$239 pn  One bedroom apartment \$259 pn	Phone (03) 6235 5355 Discount applies two nights prior to 10/11/22 and two nights after 14/11/22 subject to room type availability. For discounted rate, mention attendance at AGHS conference

## REFUND POLICY (conference bookings)

Prior to 2 September	90% refund
3 September – 30 September	60% refund
From 1 October	no refund

## TASMANIAN VISITOR INFORMATION

The Tasmanian Travel and Tourism Information Centre, 20 Davey Street, Hobart, TAS 7000 has travel information for those extending their stay.

<https://www.hobarttravelcentre.com.au>

## BOOKING

Bookings open 2 May, 2022 online or by post. Online booking is preferred and no preference will be given to postal bookings. Note that AGHS conferences tend to book quickly.

We prefer payment by EFT to save on bank charges.

**Online bookings** Online conference bookings can be made via the AGHS website

[www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au/events-conference/2022-annual-national-conference/](http://www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au/events-conference/2022-annual-national-conference/)

**Postal bookings** Download the booking form (below). Return a completed booking form with payment details to:

Lisa Nutting  
National Executive Officer  
Australian Garden History Society  
PO Box 479  
Somers, Victoria 3927



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## BOOKING FORM

LECTURES-ONLY: IN PERSON

\$400 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Includes lectures, two lunches, morning teas, conference bag.

LECTURES-ONLY: VIRTUAL

\$200 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Includes virtual lectures on three mornings.

CONFERENCE DINNER (Lectures-only delegates and/or extra guests)

\$165 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Includes pre-dinner drinks with music, canapes, main course, dessert, dinner speaker, return coach transport from Wrest Point to dinner venue.

**TOTAL**

**\$** \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT (EFT PREFERRED)

**EFT:** AGHS BSB 012 006 ACC 2166 72228 RECEIPT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

USE AS REFERENCE: initial + surname + conf22

**Credit Card:**

Visa

Mastercard

Card number

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**Cheque:**

Cheque enclosed (Payable to Australian Garden History Society).



Glen Albyn - the conference dinner venue

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## NAME

Title\_\_\_\_\_First name\_\_\_\_\_

Surname\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name for lanyard\_\_\_\_\_

Membership number\_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address\_\_\_\_\_

State\_\_\_\_\_Post code\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_Email\_\_\_\_\_

## NAMES OF OTHERS INCLUDED IN THIS BOOKING

Title\_\_\_\_\_First name\_\_\_\_\_

Surname\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name for lanyard\_\_\_\_\_

Membership number\_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requirements \_\_\_\_\_

## EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name\_\_\_\_\_

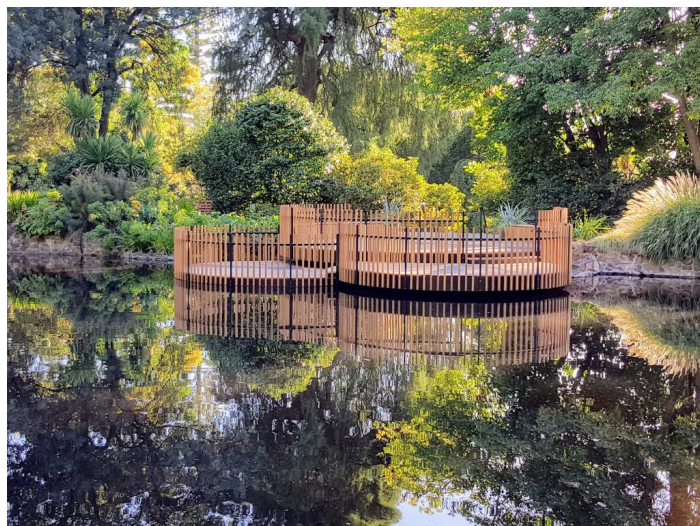
Relationship to delegate\_\_\_\_\_Phone\_\_\_\_\_

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact AGHS office

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email: [info@gardenhistorysociety.org.au](mailto:info@gardenhistorysociety.org.au)



Lily pond, Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens