



AUSTRALIAN
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SOCIETY

2024 Conference program

18 - 20 October 2024



Bunbury

Hesperia: Looking West



The last time AGHS members visited Western Australia for a national conference was 10 years ago. They travelled right down south to Albany. This time the branch invites interstate members to come west for the 44th annual national conference (18 to 20 October 2024) in the coastal city of Bunbury, about two hours' drive south of Perth. (Non-members can zoom into the lectures from around the world.) Visits during the conference will include places of early settlement when the colony saw its future in the hands of Hesperus, the god of the west wind.

Colonisation of the western sector of New Holland was considered a venture that offered trading opportunities with the large British populations in India, and after 1814, the British Cape colony on the southern tip of Africa. The initial settlement on the Swan River in 1829 was championed by Captain James Stirling, who had convinced the British Government to support the establishment of a colony by free settlers. The name he contemplated for the new colony was Hesperia from Hesperus, the Greek name for the god of the west wind. This was not adopted, with the name the Swan River Colony being used until it became officially Western Australia in 1832.

So come to Hesperia where the landscapes are varied and the horticulture, equally so. They offer you a chance to escape to the country, to explore the variety and history of this South West land. We earnestly appeal to you to come 'Bunburying' with us, to live another life in far WA for a few days, converse with friends and immerse yourselves in the gardens of this beautiful area of the South West corner of our continent.

44th Australian Garden History Society Conference Bunbury, Western Australia

Friday 18th, Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th October 2024
Optional Day Monday 21st October



Conference Venue: Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre (BREC)

2 Blair Street, Bunbury

Tel: **08 9792 3142 / 08 9792 3135**

BREC is one of Western Australia's leading conference and live entertainment venues and welcomes over 70,000 visitors each year.

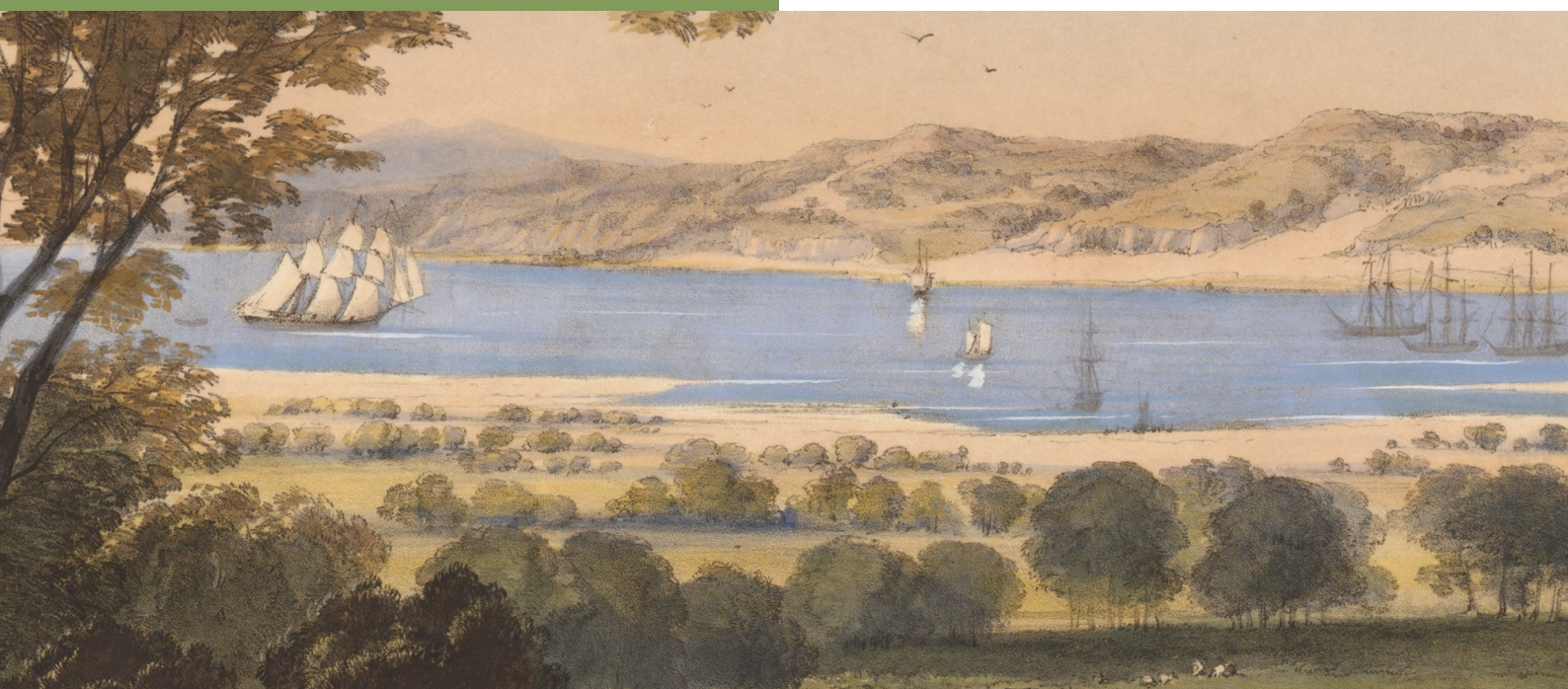
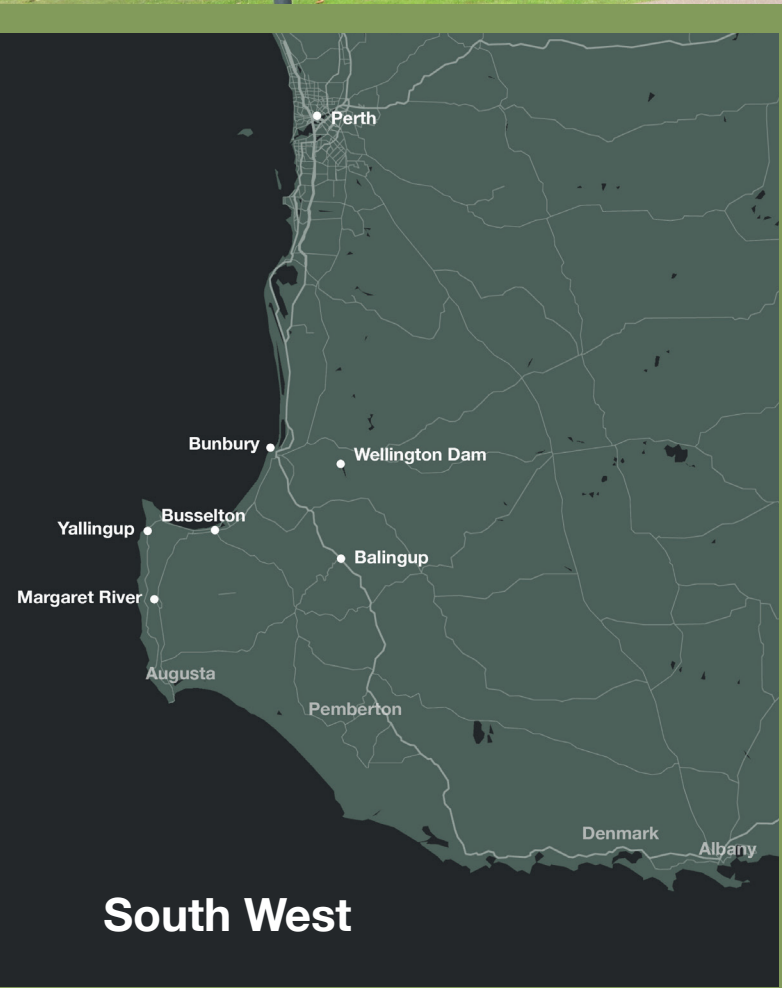
The City of Bunbury has kindly authorised all day free parking at BREC for delegates. A parking pass for your car will be in your information folder upon registration.

Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre
bunburycentral.com.au

Because of major construction and road infrastructure projects accommodation bookings should be made as soon as possible.

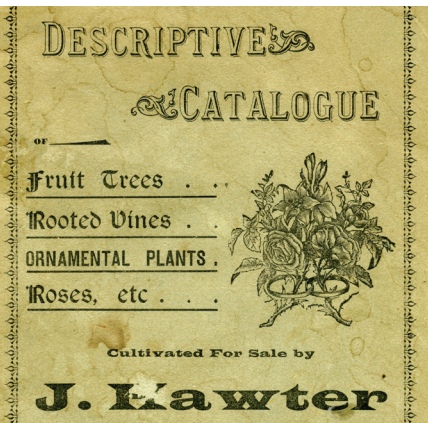
Bring your own filled water bottle to use every day.

Below Image: TC Dibdin, View of Koombana Bay, circa 1840, courtesy National Library of Australia





Leschenault Homestead, circa 1900 courtesy SLWA



Full Conference Program

Registration & Civic Reception: Thursday 17 October 2024
Venue: City of Bunbury Administration Building, 4 Stephen Street, Bunbury
Time: 5pm until 7pm with Mayor's welcome at 6pm

Day 1: Friday 18th October

- 8 am Registration:** Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre (BREC), 2 Blair Street, Bunbury
- 8:30am Welcome**
Speakers: Indigenous Perspective, History of Bunbury and Australind by Lesley Thiele, Early WA botanical collector Georgiana Molloy by Bernice Barry and the Plant Connection between the Cape and Western Australia by John Viska
- Noon:** Coach tours to Leschenault Homestead, St Marks Church and Alverstoke Farm via Australind
- 5:00pm – 7:00pm:** Welcome drinks (venue to be advised)

Day 2: Saturday 19th October 2024

- 8:20am: Program Starts**
Speakers: Geomorphology by Peter Lane, Viticulture by Rod Cary, Jacob Hawter Nurseryman by Edgar Hawter and Bunbury through the eyes of artist Louisa Clifton by Margaret Sanders
- Noon:** Coach tours to Dardanup, Scenic drive through Ferguson Valley to the Webster's Garden, an extensive plant persons' garden

6pm – 9:30pm: Conference Dinner at Mantra Bunbury Lighthouse Hotel

Day 3: Sunday 20th October 2024

- 8:20am: Program Starts**
- 8:30am: AGM**
Speakers: Wellington Dam Precinct and John Oldham (1907-1999) by Greg Keighery, Ludlow Forest Restoration by Des Donnelly, The Heritage Skills Association by Yolanda Cool, Conference Summary by Caroline Grant
- Noon:** Coach tours to Wonerup House via Ludlow Forest, scenic drive to Busselton, Caves House and Mitchell Garden

At the close of the formal Conference proceedings, the Adelaide Branch will be invited to introduce delegates to the 2025 Alice Springs Conference

Lectures-Only Program



Non-members may attend the full three day conference morning lectures-only program. Morning tea included.

Virtual Conference Program

A virtual option of lectures-only will be available via online video conferencing.

Optional Day: Monday 21 October 2024

Time: 8:30am to 5:30pm
Coach tours to Wellington Dam Mural, Gnomesville, Golden Valley Tree Park and Historic Ferndale. Leaving from and returning to BREC.

Note: Garden visit program may be subject to change.

Tours Information

Tour Guide – **Julie Kinney**

The pre and post conference tours have been organised by WA branch member and author of *The Garden Wanderer*, Julie Kinney. She has been leading tours across the globe and in Australia for the last twenty years. In the main, for Sydney based Renaissance Tours with her speciality being gardens. Julie, who lives in Margaret River, loves to showcase our country, and in particular, her own south western corner of Western Australia, where she and her family have lived for the past 30 years.

Not only is she a plant person, but a Cordon Bleu cook, has a passion for heritage roses and founded two garden clubs locally, being honoured with an AWC award from Garden Clubs of Australia and is also a member of the Mediterranean Garden Society.

Pre Conference Tour

Tuesday 15th October to Thursday 17th October
Leaves Perth and arrives in Bunbury on Thursday late afternoon. Over the three days, participants will see a range of gardens in Dwellingup, Margaret River and Busselton including Fairlawn, the second home of Georgiana Molloy, with two nights' hotel accommodation in Margaret River.

Post Conference Tour

Tuesday 22nd October to Thursday 24th October
Leaves Bunbury and arrives in Perth on Thursday late afternoon. Over the three days, participants will see a range of gardens in Margaret River and Busselton including Fairlawn, the second home of Georgiana Molloy, returning to Perth via Dwellingup. Participants will have two nights' hotel accommodation in Margaret River. We recommend an overnight stay in Perth before continuing your journey home.

Tour price includes all meals, accommodation, entries and coach charter

BOOKING FORM

Bookings open on Monday 8th April 2024 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

Postal Bookings

Complete the booking form (next page) and return with payment details to:

**Australian Garden History Society
Private Bag 2000
SOUTH YARRA VIC 3141**

Only AGHS members can book for the Full Conference, Pre and Post Conference Tours. Non-members have the opportunity to join the society.

We suggest you make a copy of the completed form for your records.

Full Conference Registration (18, 19, 20 October 2024) Members only includes lectures, garden visits, lunches, morning and afternoon teas, Drinks at Dusk and conference dinner.	\$1000	x _____	= _____
Additional Guest for Conference Dinner (limited numbers)	\$135	x _____	= _____
Lectures only am 18, 19, 20 October 2024 Morning tea included (Non-members can apply)	\$300	x _____	= _____
Virtual Conference (Non-members can apply)	\$200	x _____	= _____
Optional Day Tour (Monday 21 October 2024) Includes morning tea and lunch (Non-members can apply)	\$200	x _____	= _____
PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR (15-17 October 2024) Twin or double share (per person)	\$895	x _____	= _____
Single	\$1060	x _____	= _____
POST CONFERENCE TOUR (22-24 October 2024) Twin or double share (per person)	\$895	x _____	= _____
Single (Priority is given to full conference bookings)	\$1060	x _____	= _____
AGHS Annual Membership (For new member applications only) Individual, with digital journal (variety of membership options online)	\$80	x _____	= _____

TOTAL

\$ _____

PAYMENT (EFT PREFERRED)

EFT AGHS BSB **012 006** ACC **2166 72228**
USE AS REFERENCE: initial + surname + conf23

RECEIPT NO. _____

Credit Card Visa Mastercard

Card Number

Expiry / CVV

Card holders name _____

Cheque CHEQUE ENCLOSED (Payable to Australian Garden History Society)

Privacy policy

AGHS privacy policy at [Australian Garden History Society](#)

Delegates' names and branch will be included in the conference materials (delegates list), unless you opt out.

Name

Title _____ First name _____

Surname _____ Branch _____

Preferred name for lanyard _____

Membership number _____

Dietary requirements _____

Postal address _____

State _____ Post code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I do not want my name included in the conference delegate list

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name _____

Relationship to delegate _____ Phone _____

(Personal details will not be passed on or on-sold to any other organisation or individual)

CANCELLATION REFUND POLICY

Prior to 31 August	90% refund
Between 01 September & 30 September	60% refund
After 01 October	no refund

TAX INVOICE

Australian Garden History Society Inc. (Inc in NSW)
ABN 97 291 212 843
ARBN 654 108 915

Please note: This document will be a Tax Invoice when you make a payment. Please keep a copy for your records.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact AGHS office phone: **0419 977 703** email: info@gardenhistorysociety.org.au

Getting to Bunbury

Bunbury is located on the coast of Western Australia south of Perth.

By Car

Bunbury is 180km and about two hours' drive from Perth via Forrest Highway.

By Air

Flights are available between Perth and Busselton.

There are direct flights from Melbourne to Busselton, about 45 minute drive south of Bunbury, and from March 2024 they will also depart from Sydney.

By Coach

There is a Transwa coach service operating between Bunbury and East Perth terminals.

Unfortunately the train service to Bunbury is temporarily shut-down during rail revitalisation projects consequently generous discounts for coach travel between Bunbury and Perth apply to all customers.

Click on the link below to book your coach tickets

[Transwa](#)

Weather

Bunbury temperatures in October are between 20 degrees and 11 degrees.

Important Information

All delegates must be AGHS members. Non-members can attend the lectures-only component, the virtual conference and/or the Optional Day.

Full conference delegates attending garden visits must travel on conference coaches and be fit and capable of walking at least 3km to 4km unassisted. Please note that some gardens may involve uneven ground, sloping terrain, stairs and steps. If you require assistance, please make arrangements for a personal carer to be included in your booking and notify AGHS by email. Alternatively, consider attending the conference as a lectures-only or virtual delegate.

Delegates may consider hiring a car to explore the region prior to or after the conference.

The seaside resort city of Mandurah and award winning Margaret River wine region are within an hour drive of Bunbury.

WA has very strict quarantine laws and the importation of seeds, plants, fruits, vegetable matter and honey is prohibited.

Information on accommodation and tours

[Visit Bunbury Geographe](#)



Accommodation

Bunbury accommodation - delegates make own arrangements

The following have been informed of the conference so when making your arrangements (and you are booking direct) mention that you are attending the Australian Garden History Society's conference for a discount on the booking if it is available at that hotel.

Also advise mobility issues as eg. Mantra Bunbury Lighthouse Hotel does not have a lift and some rooms are on the second storey. All are in a comfortable walking distance from the Conference Venue, Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre.

Bunbury Hotel Koombana Bay – Silos

1 Holman Street, Bunbury
T: (08) 9721 0100
reservations@bhkb.com.au
www.bunburyhotelkoombanabay.com.au

Koombana Bay Discovery Park

Koombana Drive, Bunbury
T: (08) 9791 3999
bunburyforeshore@discoveryparks.com.au

The Hotel Lord Forrest by Best Western Plus

20 Symmons St. Bunbury
T: (08) 9726 5777
reservations@lordforresthotel.com.au

Mantra Bunbury Lighthouse Hotel

2 Marlston Drive, Bunbury
T: (08) 9781 2700

Quest Apartments

14 Lyons Cove, Bunbury
T: (08) 9722 0777

The Rose Hotel & Motel

27 Wellington St. Bunbury
T: (08) 9721 4533
Note: there are only 20 rooms available and no Monday night accommodation available

Mercure Bunbury Sanctuary Golf Resort

Lot 100 Old Coast Road, Pelican Point WA (7km to BREC)
T: (08) 9725 2777
escape@santuaryresort.com.au

