



# Australian Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens Conference

hosted by

The Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens

April 29 – May 1, 2016



## 'Geelong – Regional Relevance: Botanic Environments and Their Survival in a Time of Global Warming'

### REGISTRATION DETAILS:

Family Name:		Given Name:	
Preferred name on tag:			
Postal Address:		State:	Postcode:
Mobile:	Email:		
Special Requirements: Gluten free / Diabetic / Vegetarian / Vegan / Other .....			
Permission for name to be published on the Conference list:			Yes/ No
Name of Friends Group or Organisation:			
Would you like to book a display area at the Conference venue?			Yes / No

### PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING:

<b>Welcome to Geelong</b> at City Hall, Friday 29 April, 5.30 – 7.30 pm This ticket is included with early bird and full registrations. Extra tickets are available (payment below)	Yes / No
Saturday conference sessions at the Geelong Conference Centre	Yes / No
<b>Conference Dinner</b> at The Waterfront Kitchen, Saturday 30 April, 7.00 – 10.00 pm.	Yes / No
Sunday conference sessions at the Geelong Conference Centre	Yes / No

### PAYMENT DETAILS:

				Cost	Total
Registration	<b>Early Bird</b>	<b>Members Only</b>	<b>Closes 31/1/2016</b>	\$230	\$
Registration	<b>Full</b>	<b>Members Only</b>		\$260	\$
Registration	<b>Full</b>	<b>Non Members</b>		\$270	
Registration	<b>One Day</b>	<b>Please specify .... Saturday / Sunday</b>		\$130	\$
				<b>Number</b>	
<b>Welcome to Geelong</b>	Extra tickets for people not registering with a two day conference package			\$45	\$
<b>Conference Dinner</b>	NOT included with Registration fee			\$80	\$
<b>Bellarine Tour</b>	Friday 29 April	(FGBG member waiting list	Y/N)	\$50	\$
<b>Great Ocean Road and Otways Tour</b>	Monday 2 May	(FGBG member waiting list	Y/N)	\$90	\$
<b>Western Plains Tour</b>	Tuesday 3 May	(FGBG member waiting list	Y/N)	\$85	\$
				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>EFT payment details</b> (see Conference Information Sheet for details)					
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Transaction #:</b>	<b>Reference:</b>		<b>\$</b>	

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## CONFERENCE INFORMATION SHEET

Please retain for reference



### FRIENDS OF GEELONG BOTANIC GARDENS

The Geelong Friends extend a warm welcome to everyone visiting Geelong during the Conference and look forward to hosting the 2016 AAFBG Conference at the **Geelong Conference Centre, Adams Court, Eastern Park, GEELONG.**

Conference information is on our website [www.friendsgbg.org.au/events](http://www.friendsgbg.org.au/events) and the Association website [www.friendsbotanicgardens.org](http://www.friendsbotanicgardens.org)

Contact details for the 2016 Conference:

- email [gardensconference@gmail.com](mailto:gardensconference@gmail.com)
- mail to **2016 AAFBG Conference, PO Box 235, GEELONG VIC 3220**
- phone Geelong Friends' Office (03) 5222 6053. Open Monday to Friday 10.00 am – 1.00 pm, staff are Tracey and Sally

We hope to incorporate some 'Forum/Panel' sessions at this conference to cover topics which are critical for all participating groups. Some topics being considered are: Social Media, Compliance, GST, DGR status, policies, etc – **if you have a topic or a question which you would like considered, please contact us by email or phone.**

**If your group would like to be considered for the 'Presentations by Members' at the Conference, please contact us by email or phone.**

### REGISTRATION and TRADE DISPLAY:

**Registration** is available at the Geelong Conference Centre on Friday April 29 from 3.00 to 5.15 pm and on Saturday April 30 from 8.00 am. **Displays** can be set up at the Conference Centre on Friday April 29 from 12 noon. Please ensure that you indicate on the Registration Form that you wish to have a display and contact the Geelong Friends for more details about the display area available.

**It is essential that all display bookings are confirmed by Tuesday March 1 2016**, so that display space can be allocated. We will confirm the availability with you by Friday 18 March 2016.

**Early Bird and Full Registration** includes:

- Welcome to Geelong function, Friday April 29 at City Hall, 5.30 – 7.30 pm
- Two days at the conference at the Geelong Conference Centre and includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea

**Day Registration** is for Conference Registration for one day only (please specify Saturday or Sunday), and includes conference activities provided during that day, morning and afternoon tea and lunch on that day.

### PAYMENT OPTIONS (GST is not applicable):

<b>Cheque</b>	Please send cheque (made out to AAFBG) and Registration Form to: 2016 AAFBG Conference, PO Box 235, GEELONG VIC 3220		
<b>EFT</b>	<b>Account Name: AAFBG</b> Australian Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens	<b>BSB: 633-000</b> Bendigo Bank	<b>Account: 155152978</b>
	<b>Reference:</b> Name of person and group/organization, as shown on Registration Form Please complete EFT Payment Details at the bottom of the Registration Form and then post/email Registration Form		

### ACCOMMODATION:

The Geelong Conference Centre has many accommodation options and these can be found on their website [www.gcc.net.au](http://www.gcc.net.au).

- Click on 'Stay' then 'Book Now' and use the promotional code **FBG**.
- These GCC bookings can be made Online or by phone (03) 5226 2121.
- This code does not work with Wotif or other accommodation booking sites.

Alternatively, Tourism Greater Geelong and the Bellarine has a Visitor Information website <http://www.tourismgeelongbellarine.com.au/> - click on GEELONG & THE BELLARINE and then Accommodation for many other accommodation options which are available in the area.

### CONFERENCE FUNCTIONS:

**Friday 29 April: Welcome to Geelong** at City Hall, Cnr Gheringhap St and Little Malop St, GEELONG, 5.30 – 7.30 pm.

- Light refreshments will be served (finger food and two complimentary drinks).
- Entry is included with Early Bird and Full Registration. Please be sure to indicate your intention to attend the 'Welcome to Geelong' on the Registration Form - for catering purposes.
- Extra tickets are available at \$45 per head – please indicate on the Registration Form.
- Dress code: Smart Casual

**Saturday 30 April: Conference Dinner** at The Waterfront Kitchen, Deakin Campus, Western Beach Road, GEELONG, 7.00 – 10.00 pm.

- The guest speaker will be Jacqui Young, Reserve Officer, Mount Rothwell Biodiversity Centre.
- *Mt Rothwell Conservation Model – Reversing Species Loss (Quolls and Bandicoots v Foxes and Cats)*
- This event includes a two course dinner with tea and coffee provided. \$80.00 per person
- The Waterfront Kitchen is fully licensed and provides an extensive wine list with many significant local wines. Guests may purchase their own drinks at bar prices.
- Dress code: Smart Casual



## CONFERENCE TOUR DETAILS

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**Tours must be booked and paid for by Tuesday 31 March – places will then be offered to Geelong Friends**

The tour itineraries may be subject to minor changes



Autumn weather in Geelong is a little unpredictable – so come prepared for everything. Temperature range in late April/May can be 10° – 25° during the day and less than 10° overnight. Bring binoculars, good walking shoes, hat, sunscreen, wind and waterproof jacket etc.

**For all tours, priority is given to people who are not members of the Geelong Friends, or to those who are travelling to Geelong for the conference.**

**Priority tour bookings close on Sunday, 31 January 2015, with Early Bird registration.**

Places will then be offered to local conference delegates who are members of the Geelong Friends, until March 31. Please indicate on the registration form if you wish to go on the waiting list; payment is due by Tuesday 31 March 2015.

### Friday 29 April - The Bellarine Tour

This tour explores *Geelong – Regional Relevance: botanic environments and their survival in a time of global warming* in a new context; the marine botanic environment where sustainability is so dependent on activities on land based botanic environments.

- Depart from Conference Centre at 7.45 am, then Holt Road carpark at 8.00 am
- Includes morning tea
- BYO lunch or purchase in Queenscliff
- Return to Conference Centre at 4.00 pm, then Holt Road carpark

Explore where Baron von Mueller spent much of his time, the Port Phillip Heads, searching for algae. We shall visit at low tide and explore with experienced Parks Vic staff. Then, as low tide reaches Swan Bay, a Ramsar Wetlands site, we will discover many of the Swan Bay secrets with guides from Parks Vic and Bellarine Catchment Network. Time over lunch to explore historic Queenscliff before an information session about the internationally acclaimed hatchery for Port Phillip mussels and oysters - recognized for its leading role in developing sustainability in the seafood industry. Visit an outstanding private garden widely acclaimed for its sculpture collection magnificently displayed amongst indigenous plantings, then back to the Conference Centre for registration and later, the Welcome to Geelong function at City Hall.

**Essential:** footwear with good grip; old sneakers are ideal. There will be 'walking on rough terrain and possibly in very shallow water'.

### Monday 2 May - The Great Ocean Road and Otways Tour

- Depart from Conference Centre at 7.45 am, then Holt Road carpark at 8.00 am
- Includes lunch, morning tea and afternoon tea
- Return to Conference Centre at approximately 6.00 pm, then Holt Road carpark

Join this guided tour to part of the internationally acclaimed 'Great Ocean Road' including some of the majesty of the western section of the Otway Ranges. Towns we will visit include Lorne, Apollo Bay and Lavers Hill. There will be an opportunity to walk in the magnificent Melba Gully tree-fern forest and then explore on a private tour of Otway Ridge Arboretum - a significant garden and arboretum featuring rare and unusual conifers from around the world. We will enjoy lunch in the Aire River environs before heading inland through the Otways to the Colac Botanic Gardens. Afternoon tea then a tour with the Colac Friends will complement the day's activities, before returning to Geelong along the Princes Highway.

### Tuesday 3 May - The Western Plains Tour

- Depart from Conference Centre at 7.45 am, then Holt Road carpark at 8.00 am
- Includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea
- There will be a drop off at Lara Station (train to Melbourne, taxi to Avalon Airport) if requested
- Return to Conference Centre at approximately 6.00 pm, then Holt Road carpark

Explore part of the Victorian Volcanic Plain – the third largest volcanic plain in the world. We will visit the young emerging 'dryland' Melton Botanic Gardens and enjoy morning tea with the Melton Friends. Then to the historic Werribee Park precinct and its many delights including the formal gardens, The Victoria State Rose Garden, the Heritage Orchard and the Werribee Park Sculpture Walk. This property is a significant part of the history of the Australian pastoral industry. Lunch will be enjoyed with the Karen volunteers at the historic 'Homestead' kitchen gardens which they have helped to rebuild through a community refugee project – sustainable gardening at its best. Then a visit to the extensive wetlands created by the Melbourne Water's Treatment Plant close to Port Phillip Bay; another Ramsar Wetlands site, this area is a bird-lover's paradise and we are privileged to gain access to this secure site. Then to Lara to enjoy the Kevin Hoffman Walk - a passive, scenic linear trail (800 m) with significant indigenous vegetation, lush ground covers, flowering native shrubs and trees that overlook part of the tranquil Hovells Creek.

**Essential:** flat, closed footwear, long pants and long sleeved shirt

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