

## Welcome

Welcome to Maryborough on the banks of the Mary River for the 32nd Annual National Conference. Maryborough is a fine heritage city known for its timber houses with colonial and Queenslander architecture and its historic public buildings and beautiful gardens.

European settlement began in the late 1840s and the town soon developed as a port for wool, timber and other primary produce. The discovery of gold at Gympie in 1867 and the development of the sugar and timber industries made Maryborough even more important as a port and regional centre. More than 22,000 immigrants from Great Britain and Europe entered Australia through Maryborough between 1859 and 1901.

Maryborough's houses and gardens are adapted to the sub tropical climate, and the houses reflect the bountiful supplies of timber available from the forests of the hinterland and Fraser Island. The conference will explore these adaptations and the cultural landscapes of the hinterland.

Delegates can look forward to sunny days with mean maximum temperature of 23c.

The conference will be held in the modern Brolga Theatre and Conference Centre, originally the site of the Wilson Hart sawmill. The location overlooks the Mary River.

## Conference Programme

### Day 1: Friday 19 August 2011

8.30am *Registration: Brolga Theatre and Conference Centre*  
9.00am *Welcome*

Keynote address: *Maryborough and its history*

Dr Elaine Brown, Historian. Grew up in Maryborough. Ph D studies in the history of William Pettigrew, a Scot who established the first steam sawmill in Queensland.

*Queens Parks in Queensland*

Dr Jeannie Sim, Senior Lecturer, School of Design, QUT.

*Morning Tea*

*Cultural landscapes of the sugar industry*

Dr Malcolm Wegener, Agricultural Economist.

*Fraser Island cultural landscapes: changing perceptions*

Dr Jane Lennon, Heritage Consultant and Adjunct Professor, Deakin University.

12.30pm *Lunch*

Picnic lunch in the garden of an historic house followed by a walking tour of residential gardens in Elizabeth, North and Lennox Streets.

*Afternoon tea* at the Hart house garden in Elizabeth Street.

Minibus transport will be available for those who don't wish to walk.

5.30pm *Cocktail Party and Welcome to Maryborough* at the Band rotunda in Queens Park and in the nearby Excelsior Hall.

### Day 2: Saturday 20 August 2011

9.00am Keynote address: *Acclimatisation: the continuing story*  
Jerry Coleby-Williams, Garden Media Personality.

*Houses built of sticks: Queenslander houses in Maryborough*  
Don Watson, Architect and Architectural Historian.

*Bidwill of Wide Bay: a botanist cut short*

Stuart Read, Heritage Planner.

*Morning Tea*

*A fine, flavoursome nut: growing macadamias in Queensland*  
Catherine Chambers, Senior Heritage Officer, Dept of Environment and Resource Management.

*Brennan and Geraghty Nurserymen: 1870–1900*

Ken Brooks, Curator, Brennan and Geraghty's Store, National Trust of Queensland.

12.30pm *Lunch and Garden Visits*

Walk to nearby Queens Park for lunch followed by *Tours of The Mary River* on riverboat - 'The Mary'

*Eskdale House*, then drive past other residential gardens to *Brennan and Geraghty's Store* and adjacent houses and gardens.

*Steam engine ride: 'The Mary Ann'* Delegates may ride on a recreated steam train that travels between Queens Park to the historic town precinct and industrial wharf area.

7.00pm *Conference Dinner:* Maryborough City Hall.

Guest speaker: Ross McKinnon, Curator, Brisbane Botanic Gardens.

### Day 3: Sunday 21 August 2011

9.00am Keynote Address: *Spreading the word: garden writing in the subtropics*

Dr Jeannie Sim, Senior Lecturer, School of Design, QUT.

*Restoring Baddow House and garden*

Anne de Lisle, Author and Owner.

*Morning Tea*

*History of Langbeckers Nursery, Bundaberg*

Dr Bernadette Turner, Historian.

*Overlooked and over the fence: heritage plants in Queensland gardens and why they should be used today*

Dr Michael & Kyleigh Simpson, Authors and Gardeners.

*Vida Lahey's floral palette*

Glenn R Cooke, Research Curator, Queensland Art Gallery.

12.30pm *Coaches depart for Garden Visits*

*Baddow House* and *Lunch* (half of the group)

Baddow House was built for Edgar Thomas Aldridge, one of Maryborough's early settlers. Inspect the garden and house of this historic property.

*Brooklyn House, Howard* and *Lunch* (half of the group)

This very impressive timber house was the childhood home of Dame Annabelle Rankin, the first Queensland woman elected into Federal Parliament.

After lunch the Baddow House group will go to Brooklyn

House, and vice versa.

5.00pm *Return to Maryborough*

### Early departure from Maryborough

***For delegates flying out from Hervey Bay airport on the 5.35pm flight, the shuttle bus will pick them up from Maryborough at 3.45pm***

### Optional Day: Monday 22 August 2011

8.00am *Garden visits:* coaches depart from the Brolga Theatre Conference Centre.

A tour of the Maryborough hinterland, through landscapes of State Forest, National Park and grazing land, and visiting the homesteads of three working cattle stations: Dove Dale, where late *Breakfast* will be served, Boobyjan, a pastoral homestead constructed of cedar slabs then *Lunch* at Mt Joseph Homestead.

5.00pm *Return to Maryborough*

***Delegates will not arrive back in Maryborough in time to catch the 6.00pm flight from Hervey Bay.***

### Optional Trip to Fraser Island 23–25 August 2011

A three day tour to Fraser Island in conjunction with Kingfisher Bay Resort is available. This tour departs Maryborough and returns Fraser Coast airport or Maryborough City.

***Cost will be dependent on numbers and the price is to be confirmed. A minimum price of \$545 (twin share) for over 25 participants, and a maximum price of \$785 (twin share) plus (single supplement) for less than 26 participants is expected.***

The tour will include whale watching in Hervey Bay and visiting places of historical significance and natural beauty with two nights accommodation on Fraser Island.

### Pre-Conference Tour 16–18 August 2011

#### Post-Conference Tour 23–25 August 2011

Heritage architect Clive Lucas OBE and wife Sarah together with writer-historian Trisha Dixon Burkitt will lead three day pre and post conference tours, visiting private properties of horticultural, architectural, historic and pastoral interest from Brisbane to Maryborough through Toowoomba and Kingaroy. Among the properties to be visited are Harrow, Westbrook, Jondaryan, Jimbour and Taabinga.

The pre-conference tour will depart Brisbane at 8.30am on Tuesday 16 August and arrive Maryborough at 6.00pm on Thursday 18 August.

The post-conference tour will depart Maryborough at 8.30am on Tuesday 23 August and arrive Brisbane at 6.00pm on Thursday 25 August.

For further information see the AGHS website or telephone AGHS head office on 03 9650 5043 or 1800 678 446

## Registration Form

Register online at: [www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au](http://www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au) or return your completed form with payment details to:

AGHS, Gate Lodge, 100 Birdwood Avenue, Melbourne, Vic 3004

Ph (03) 9650 5043 Fax (03) 9650 8470 Toll free 1800 678 446

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

Numbers are limited. To have the best chance of obtaining a place, submit your application to the AGHS office before 11 February 2011, when bookings open. The conference venue holds a maximum of 200 people. Bookings for the Optional Day Tour are limited to 150 people; the Pre-Conference Tour to 60 people and the Post-Conference Tour to 60 people.

Bookings may be made by mail, phone, fax or on the AGHS web-site with full payment made at the time of application. Only AGHS members can book for the Conference, the Optional Day and the Pre and Post Conference Tours. This form provides non-members with the opportunity to join at the time of application.

Title ..... First Name .....  
Surname .....  
Preferred name for name badge .....  
Postal Address .....  
State ..... Post Code .....  
Ph ..... AGHS Membership No .....  
Email Address .....  
Names of others included in this registration form  
Title ..... First Name .....  
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Preferred name for name badge .....  
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Dietary requirements:  
Vegetarian ( ) Gluten Free ( ) for other notify AGHS office  
Mobility:  
We would be grateful if you could indicate your preference  
( ) I like to walk and can walk reasonable distances  
( ) I would prefer to take a bus  
Cancellation Refund Policy:  
Prior to 8 July 2011 - 80% refund  
Between 8 July & 8 August 2011 - 40% refund  
After 8 August 2011 - no refund  
TAX INVOICE ABN 97 291 212 843

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

Privacy: ( ) I do not wish my details to be included on the participants list for conference delegates

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



## Registration Form

### Full Conference Registration

19, 20, 21 August 2011

Lectures, Garden Visits & Activities,  
Refreshments, Cocktail Party  
& Dinner

\$ 545.00

No of  
Persons

X..... = \$.....

### Lectures Only

Includes Lectures & Morning Teas

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Members & Non Members \$ 100.00

X..... = \$.....

Full Time Students under 25 \$ 75.00

X..... = \$.....

Conference Dinner Additional Guests

Unlimited \$ 100.00

X..... = \$.....

### Optional Day

Monday 22 August 2011

\$ 130.00

X..... = \$.....

### Optional Trip Fraser Island

23-25 August 2011

DO NOT PAY NOW ( ) Interested

### Pre-Conference Tour

16-18 August 2011

Single \$1125.00

X..... = \$.....

Twin/Double \$ 945.00

X..... = \$.....

### Post-Conference Tour

23-25 August 2011

Single \$1125.00

X..... = \$.....

Twin/Double \$ 945.00

X..... = \$.....

(Priority given to full conference registrations.

'Tour' only bookings accepted after 14 March 2011)

### AGHS Membership

(for New Members only)

Individual \$ 67.00

X..... = \$.....

Household \$ 92.00

X..... = \$.....

**TOTAL:**

\$.....

## Payment Options

EFT Completed

Receipt No.....

AGHS - BSB 012 040

Account No 2177 29708

Use as reference: initial + surname + conf

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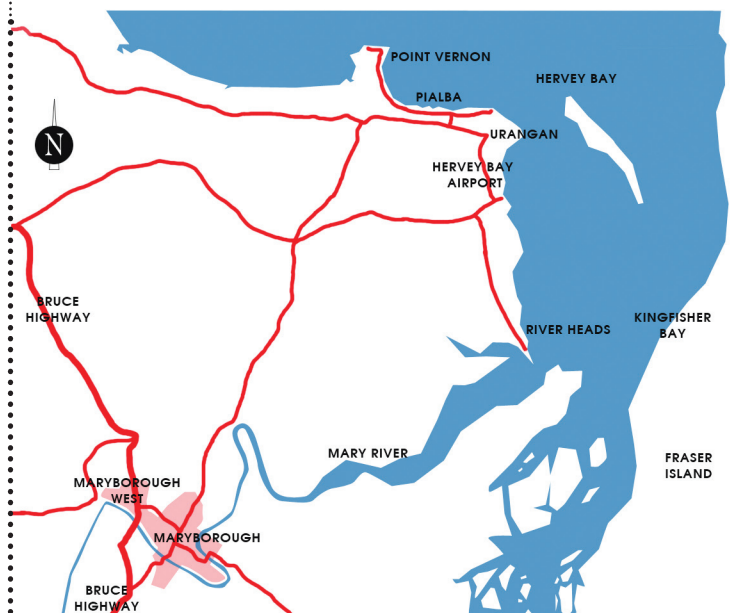
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## Transport to Maryborough

Early bookings are recommended as August is prime whale watch season at Hervey Bay.

### By air to Fraser Coast Airport, near Hervey Bay

**Virgin Blue** One flight daily from Sydney to Hervey Bay and return.

**Qantas** Three flights daily (two on Sunday) from Brisbane to Hervey Bay and return.

Transport from Fraser Coast Airport to Maryborough city, (approx. 40 km) and return by **Bundaberg Shuttle Service**.

Early booking is essential. There is a discount for two persons travelling together - Ph 0421 413 446

Email: shuttlebuses@hotmail.com

### Road transport from Brisbane airport to Maryborough

**Tory's InterCity** Two air-conditioned coach services daily from Brisbane Domestic Airport to Maryborough and return.

\$65 each way - Ph 07 4128 6500

www.torystours.com.au/intercity.html

### Rail transport from Brisbane to Maryborough

Two Maryborough-built electric tilt-train services daily, Brisbane (Roma Street Transit) to Maryborough & return.

http://www.queenslandrail.com.au/TrainHolidays/Pages/Time-tablesFares.aspx - Ph 1800 872 467

### Drive yourself from Brisbane to Maryborough

http://www.racq.com.au/travel/Maps\_and\_Directions/trip\_planner provides directions for the 3 hour trip.

Distance from Brisbane airport to Maryborough central is 255 km and Brisbane city to Maryborough is 265 km.

## Maryborough Accommodation

There are twelve motels and four B&Bs in Maryborough.

**Maryborough Information Centre** provides information on accommodation but does not arrange bookings.

http://www.visitmaryborough.info/where\_to\_stay/maryborough.

cfm - Ph 1800 214 789

Motels that are only one block from the Brolga Theatre conference venue are:

**Mc Nevins Parkway Motel**, www.mcnevins.com.au/parkway

- Ph 07 4122 2888 (evening meals available)

**Kimba Lodge**, www.kimba.bestwestern.com.au - Ph 131 779

Members with a vehicle at Maryborough are requested to book into motels more distant from the Brolga theatre venue.

Two other suggested motels:

**Arkana Motel**, www.arkanamotel.com.au - Ph 07 4121 2261

**Carriers Arms Hotel Motel**, www.carriersarms.com.au

- Ph 07 4122 6666

*When booking, advise that you are attending the AGHS conference.*

## Conference Venue

The **Brolga Theatre and Conference Centre** is located at the corner of Lennox and Walker Streets, across Queens Park from the business district.

Delegates are reminded that individual vehicle transport is not permitted in association with the official garden visits.



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