



Botanic Gardens

Australia and New Zealand

2022–2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Yellow Featherflower
Verticordia chrysantha

Birthday Coffins

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Kings Park and Botanic Garden, Perth, WA.

Credit: Jason Thomas, Kings Park.

BGANZ acknowledges the traditional owners of Country throughout Australia, and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to elders past, present and emerging.

Message from the Chair

We are pleased to present the annual report for Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand Limited (BGANZ) for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2023. This year has been transformative for BGANZ. We continued to advance our mission of fostering collaboration, innovation and excellence in botanic gardens across Australia and New Zealand, while bedding in new governance arrangements.

Financial Performance

Despite the challenges posed by the global pandemic and other external factors, BGANZ has maintained a strong financial position. We are pleased to report that our surplus for the year was \$26,833. We'd like to say a special thank you to our direct partners and sponsors including Seasol International, the Australian National Botanic Gardens, Longwood Gardens and Tailored Accounts, as their contribution has allowed us to further invest in the development and advancement of botanic gardens and their associated programs.

Strategic Priorities and Achievements

- 1. Professional Development and Networking:** BGANZ has continued to prioritise professional development and networking opportunities for our members. The 7th Global Botanic Gardens Congress, a joint Botanic Gardens Conservation International/BGANZ Congress, was hosted by Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Melbourne, in September 2022. Chris Russell and the team at RBGV hosted 500 delegates from 36 countries. The conference had been delayed from February 2021 due to the pandemic but was able to be a live event in 2022.
- 2. Working with BGANZ Regional and Specialist Groups** we have organised a series of workshops, webinars, awards and training programs that have facilitated knowledge-sharing, collaboration and the exchange of best practices for members and the general public. Our members have actively participated in these events, enhancing their skills and contributing to the growth of their respective institutions.
- 3. Conservation and Sustainability:** As stewards of plant diversity, BGANZ remains committed to conservation and sustainability. Our member gardens have undertaken numerous conservation initiatives, including the critical Myrtle Rust member survey, species preservation, habitat restoration and seed banking. We have actively supported research projects focused on threatened species and engaged in partnerships with government agencies to address pressing conservation challenges.
- 4. Community Engagement and Education:** BGANZ member gardens have continued to engage with their local communities through a range of educational programs, events and exhibitions. Botanic Gardens Month held in May saw events such as the Botanic Gardens Seasol Plant Challenge, Costa Georgiadis-hosted webinar series and Botanic Gardens Day. This year, our four public webinars were watched by a total of 22,800 viewers. Member gardens from every state and territory in Australia and from both islands in New Zealand, big and small, celebrated Botanic Gardens Day on Sunday 28 May. Events ranged from workshops to guided walks to forest bathing. These initiatives have aimed to raise awareness about the importance of plants and their role in ecosystem health. We have strived to make botanic gardens inclusive spaces, offering educational opportunities for all ages and backgrounds.
- 5. Advocacy and Collaboration:** BGANZ has continued to play a pivotal role in advocating for the recognition and support of botanic gardens at the national and international levels. We have collaborated with government bodies and conservation organisations to promote the value of botanic gardens in environmental conservation, scientific research and public education. Our advocacy efforts have contributed to increased funding, policy support and public awareness for our member gardens.



Pale-flowered Kumarahou *Pomaderris hamiltonii* at Auckland Botanic Gardens. Credit: Auckland Botanic Gardens

The close of the year brings an end to an era, and a farewell to our much loved, long serving and tireless CEO, Eamonn Flanagan.

Eamonn has made a significant impact to botanic gardens and established an incredible network of learning and knowledge-sharing over the past decade and we thank him sincerely for his contributions and passion. We are delighted to welcome Cassandra Nichols as our new CEO. Cassandra has a wealth of experience in leading for-purpose organisations and in the environment and sustainability sector. Her first task will be to work with members and the Board to refresh our strategic plan and focus areas to enhance our organisational effectiveness, capability and sustainability to continue to lead, advance and celebrate botanic gardens.

As always, thank you to our valued members, supporters, partners and the broader sector for their commitment, energy, hard work and unwavering commitment to our mission.

Special thanks to Rebecca Harcourt for taking on the responsibilities of CEO to her role, following the departure of Eamonn and before Cassandra's arrival.

Together, we have achieved significant milestones and contributed to the advancement of botanic gardens in Australia and New Zealand. As we embark on the next phase of our journey, we are confident that BGANZ will continue to drive positive change, foster innovation and advocate for the conservation of our natural heritage.



We feel excited and positive about the possibilities the future holds and look forward to continuing to engage and work with you all to enable and grow the influence and impact of the important work undertaken by botanic gardens across Australia and New Zealand. We firmly believe that we are best when we work together.

Marianne Cullen, Chair
Botanic Gardens Australia & New Zealand

An Overview of BGANZ Ltd

About Us

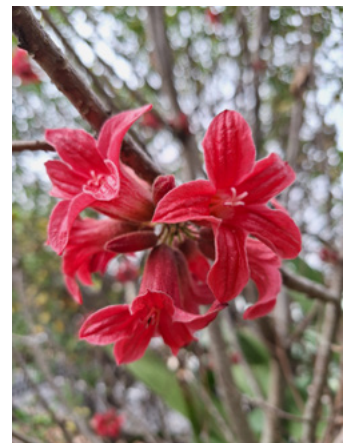
Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand Limited (BGANZ) is a membership organisation representing over 100 botanic gardens and arboreta across Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific. It was established as an incorporated association in 2004 to create a network of gardens and arboreta and to advocate for their interests, including plant conservation, plant sciences and social and cultural heritage programs.

BGANZ members voted to transition to a company limited by guarantee at a Special General Meeting held on 28 April 2022. BGANZ Ltd commenced on 1 July 2022 with the aims to continue to mobilise and support our members in the protection and conservation of plants and their ecosystems and to provide information, education and research outcomes regarding plants and their communities for the benefit of the network, the greater community and the planet.

We build links with relevant national and international bodies who share our passion for contributing to a greener world. We are a founding member of the Climate Change Alliance of Botanic Gardens, which formed in 2018 and employs global collaboration to tackle the climate change threats facing plant species. We are also a member of Botanic Gardens Conservation International. BGCI is a membership organisation established to connect botanic gardens worldwide in a global network for plant conservation.

Botanic gardens are uniquely placed to assist in conserving plants, threatened both now and in the future. Our network across Australia covers all states and territories, and in New Zealand, both north and south islands. We also have two members in the South Pacific, one in Fiji and one in Papua New Guinea. This provides an extensive source of local plant knowledge, including the threats they face, and sharing the knowledge and resources across the network will be critical in the planning and adaptation needed to mitigate threats such as climate change, weed invasion, pests and disease and habitat loss. Through providing an inclusive and collaborative forum, BGANZ provides professional skill sharing in horticulture supporting national, regional and international agendas for the conservation, sustainable use and appreciation of native and naturalised flora.

Our botanic gardens and arboreta not only protect the flora on which fauna depend, they also continue to educate the broader public about solutions for threatened plant species in their communities and have significant roles to play in environmental education.



Left: Waratah *Telopea* sp. at RBGV Cranbourne Gardens. Credit: Rebecca Harcourt | Centre: *Triunia robusta* at Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Gardens. Credit: Greg Miller | Right: Little Kurrajong *Brachychiton bidwillii*. Credit Tracey Whitby, Friends of Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens.

Our People

Board members



Marianne Cullen
Chair
 From Nov 2022
Chair/Secretary
 From 15 June 2023



Katherine Zhang
Treasurer
 From Nov 2022



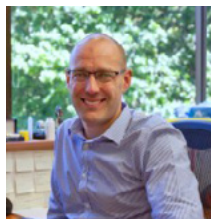
Peter Byron
Director
 From Nov 2022



Chris Russell
Director
 From 1 Jul 2022
Acting Chair
 Sept 2022 - Nov 2022



Kate Russell
Director
 Jul 2022 - Sept 2023



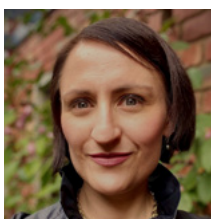
Rohan Butler
Director
 From Jul 2022



Leonie Scriven, PhD
Director
 From Jul 2022



Wolfgang Bopp
Director
 From Jul 2022



Hayley Allen
Chair
 Nov 2022 - Jun 2023

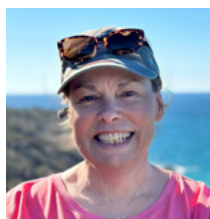


Lucy Sutherland, PhD
Interim Chair
 Jul 2022 - Sept 2022

Employees



Eamonn Flanagan
CEO
 From 2012 - Jun 2023



Rebecca Harcourt, PhD
Administration & Communications Officer
 From Jan 2022

Ambassador



Costa Georgiadis
Botanic Gardens Day Australian Ambassador

Committee Chairs

Name	Position	Dates acted (If not for whole year)
John Arnott	Chair, BGANZ Vic; Botanic Gardens Day Working Group	
Michael Elgey	Chair, BGANZ NSW/ACT	
Wolfgang Bopp	Chair, BGANZ NZ	
Barry Meiring	Chair, BGANZ QLD	
Ben Liu	Chair, BGEN	Until Oct 2022
Paul Swift	Chair, BGEN	From Oct 2022
Emma Simpkins	Chair, BCARM	Until Oct 2022
Sheree Parker	Chair, BCARM	From Oct 2022

Governance

Structure and Management

The change from an incorporated association to a company limited by guarantee is designed to prepare BGANZ for future growth so that we can more successfully achieve our strategic objectives and service members to a higher level. Importantly, the Board structure allows for external skills-based appointments while retaining at least 50% of its composition as BGANZ members. This composition is designed to bridge gaps in expertise experienced under the previous structure while retaining the key focus on our members as a network organisation.

BGANZ is a not-for-profit public company, which is established to be, and continue as, a charity. Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand Ltd is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

BGANZ has established a Public Fund for the specific purpose of supporting its environmental purposes.

BGANZ Ltd is governed by the Board, which meets five times per year to identify and drive our strategic direction and to ensure that we comply with our legal and financial obligations. Day to day management is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.

The Member Committee is an advisory committee to the CEO and Board. It is composed of one representative from each Australian Regional Group (or from each state/territory if no Regional Group exists), two representatives from New Zealand and the Chair of each Specialist Group. Since the establishment of BGANZ, these groups have formed the backbone of BGANZ member activities and programs.

Currently, there are four active Regional Groups — BGANZ New Zealand, BGANZ New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory, BGANZ Queensland and BGANZ Victoria. The representatives from other Australian states and territories are from Northern Territory, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia.

Active specialist groups are the Botanic Gardens Collections and Record Management (BCARM) group, the Botanic Gardens Engagement Network (BGEN) and BGANZ Arboriculture (BARB), a pilot group formed in June 2023.

BCARM aims to provide support for staff in botanic gardens managing plant collections by fostering collaboration and advocating for best practices in collections and associated records management, identifying professional development needs, providing harmonised responses or recommendations to generic collection issues across the BGANZ membership and reporting and providing recommendations to the BGANZ Member Committee on significant matters.

BGEN is a professional development network for gardens staff and volunteers working in the areas of education, interpretation, visitor/public programs, adult learning and outreach and community engagement.

BARB is composed of tree management professionals working in botanic gardens across the BGANZ network. The group aims to strengthen and improve tree management practices across botanic gardens in Australia and New Zealand, highlight and promote the specialised skills required for botanic gardens arboriculture and promote and develop our tree collections and the benefits they provide.



Paper Daisies at Geelong Botanic Gardens. Credit: Rebecca Harcourt

Our Objectives

The objectives of BGANZ as outlined in the constitution are to:

- Protect, conserve and enhance plants and their ecosystems
- Provide information and education and undertake research about plants and plant communities, through working with botanic gardens and other institutions, to:
 - Support and carry out research into the diversity, conservation and ecosystem values of plants and their communities
 - Support the ex situ and in situ conservation of threatened plants, including through the development and use of seed banks
 - Promote knowledge sharing about plants and plant communities
 - Promote education about plants and plant communities
 - Provide a forum to enhance and promote the botanical, horticultural, educational and environmental work of botanic gardens.

The following section outlines the activities BGANZ, its Working Groups, Member Committee and Regional and Specialist Groups have undertaken to achieve these objectives.

Our Impact

BGANZ has and continues to create and coordinate a viable, dynamic and resilient network of botanic gardens in Australia and New Zealand that is focused on establishing, promoting and supporting programs, activities and educational initiatives that protect and enhance the natural environment. A selection of these programs is outlined below.

BGANZ Programs

7th Global Botanic Gardens Congress

One of the highlights of the year was the 7th Global Botanic Gardens Congress, a joint Botanic Gardens Conservation International/BGANZ Congress, hosted by Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Melbourne, with support from BGANZ Victoria members. It attracted 500 delegates from 36 countries with the theme Influence and Action: Botanic Gardens as Agents of Change. The conference covered topics including adapting to climate change; greener and more livable cities; plant and biodiversity conservation; impactful engagement and education, and surviving in a post-COVID world.

BGANZ assisted eight members to attend the Congress, with each grant recipient receiving free Congress registration. The grant recipients were:

- Paul Swift
Auckland Botanic Gardens, NZ
- Paula Candiotta
Christchurch Botanic Gardens, NZ
- Marcela Moreno
Christchurch Botanic Gardens, NZ
- Sandy Wood
Gold Coast Regional Botanic Garden, QLD
- Helena Stockheim
Picton Botanic Gardens, NSW
- Ibrahim Muharrem
Picton Botanic Gardens, NSW
- Stuart Elder
Rockhampton Botanic Gardens, QLD
- Jennifer Duval-Smith
Auckland Botanic Gardens, NZ.



RBGV Cranbourne staff and Costa.
Credit: Patricia Malcolm



Jennifer Duval-Smith and Eamonn Flanagan,
former CEO, BGANZ.
Credit: Rebecca Harcourt

BGANZ Awards

BGANZ offers two annual award programs to its members and the winners were presented with their awards at the final session of the Congress. Congratulations to our two winners!



Thomas Mehlhose (Rockhampton Botanic Garden) was awarded the BGANZ Professional Scholarship Award.



Caitlin Abela (The Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan) received the BGANZ Young Member Award.

Botanic Gardens Day and the Month of May

Another highlight was our annual Botanic Gardens Day event, held on 28 May, with the theme 'inspirational plants and people'. This is a day when the public is encouraged to celebrate, appreciate and learn about our member gardens and arboreta and the plants within them. In the lead-up to Botanic Gardens Day, four public webinars were held during May. Hosted by Botanic Gardens Day Ambassador Costa Georgiadis, these attracted over 22,000 attendees or viewers across Australia, New Zealand and worldwide. Two professional development webinars were also held, hosted by BCARM and BGEN, with almost 200 attendees or viewers. Member gardens from every state and territory in Australia and from both islands in New Zealand celebrated Botanic Gardens Day. In some cases, the day serendipitously coincided with a garden's birthday or anniversary. Costa Georgiadis visited Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens to help celebrate their 20th birthday and Botanic Gardens Day, which had an attendance of approximately 500.



Left: Lawrie Smith (L) and Costa Georgiadis (R) at the gardens' 20th birthday celebrations on Botanic Gardens Day. Right: Botanic Gardens Day 2023 at Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens. Credit: Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens



Plant Challenge

The Seasol International partnership enabled us to deliver the Botanic Gardens Seasol Plant Challenge again in 2023. The aim of the Botanic Gardens Seasol Plant Challenge is to raise the profile of gardens and the plants they protect in the greater community during the month surrounding Botanic Garden Day and offers incentives to get involved. The Plant Challenge also highlights the knowledge and expertise held within the amazing BGANZ membership.

The challenge offered awards in three categories:

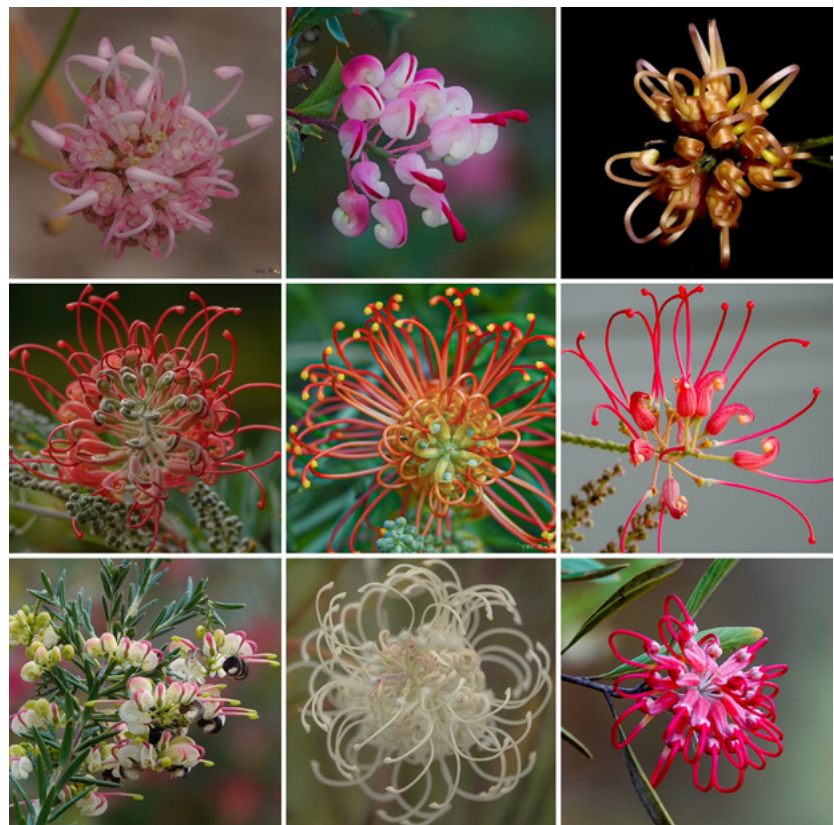
1. To regional member gardens (including Friends groups) for their outstanding contributions and local efforts during the month
2. To eager learners who attended the information webinars presented by Costa and were able to correctly answer the end quiz
3. To individual members of the public who posted the best images of their favourite plants.



14 prizes were awarded to regional gardens and individuals, and included 10L Seasol Concentrate liquid fertiliser, mini prize packs of Seasol products and \$50 Seasol Hampers.

Glenn Smith's winning Plant Challenge photo of Sea Urchin Hakea, *Hakea petiolaris* in the Australian Botanic Gardens, Mount Annan. Credit: Glenn Smith

Yaz Boussoualim's winning Plant Challenge photo of nine of the more than 360 species of Grevillea. Credit: Yaz Boussoualim





Kings Park seed collection team visited the Kimberleys in response to incursion of Myrtle Rust to the north of WA.
Credit: D. Blumer, Kings Park Botanic Garden

Development of a National Living Collections Database of Myrtle Rust-Susceptible Plant Species

In September, BGANZ and the Council of Heads of Australian Botanic Gardens (CHABG) received Bio-security funding from the Australian Government's Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to develop a national living collections database of Myrtle Rust-susceptible plant species. Myrtle Rust, a highly invasive plant disease caused by the introduced fungal pathogen *Austropuccinia psidii*, poses a serious and urgent threat to Australia's native biodiversity. The database was established by surveying members across the BGANZ network and beyond and has ascertained the location of, and which *Myrtaceae* species, are held in collections across seed banks, botanic gardens and their nurseries. The database will be used to inform future prioritisation, research and conservation actions for Myrtle Rust-affected species and support the implementation of the Australian Government's Threatened Species Strategy Action Plan 2021–2026.

BGANZ Regional and Specialist Groups

Our Regional and Specialist Groups greatly enhance our ability and capacity to meet our objectives.

These inclusive and collaborative forums are achieving significant impact, as outlined below.

Highlights 2022–2023

- Over 20 professional networking online forums, webinars and workshops were held during the year.
- The development of the Botanic Gardens of NSW & ACT Discovery Guide. This is the first map produced that includes information and locations for 20 gardens and arboreta in NSW and the ACT.
- The successful roll out of the Hortis plant collection database platform to 22 Victorian botanic gardens (over 50%). This was made possible thanks to a \$171,000 Growing Victoria's Botanic Gardens (GVBG) grant from the Victorian State Government, secured by BGANZ Vic in 2021. The database will greatly enhance the accuracy of collections across the state and has the potential to extend to all gardens.
- The development of a Living Collections Toolkit, in a collaboration between BGANZ Vic and BCARM, with excess funds from the GVBG grant. The toolkit will support regional botanic gardens to better manage their living collections through an online/interactive resource hosted on the BGANZ website. Initially available to Victorian members, the toolkit will later be released to all members.
- The launch of several toolkits and resources at the 7GBGC, including the Climate Change Alliance of Botanic Gardens' online Landscape Succession for 'Climate Ready' Botanic Gardens Toolkit. The publication of this online document was proudly funded by BGANZ Vic.
- The attendance of 40 Victorian regional botanic gardens staff from 20 Victorian gardens at the 7GBGC, thanks to funding from external grant sources associated with current BGANZ Vic projects.
- The presentation of a workshop, co-hosted by Missouri Botanic Garden, at the 7GBGC on living collections development and curation by Emma Simpkin (Chair of BCARM until October 2022).
- The attendance of seven staff from Aotearoa New Zealand botanic gardens at the 7GBGC, thanks to funding from BGANZ New Zealand.
- The involvement of five BGANZ New Zealand botanic gardens and arboreta in the Taking Stock project, led by the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture. This project aims to greatly improve the documentation and recording of exotic plants in Aotearoa. The project has several benefits, for example, enabling growers and plant breeders to make more informed decisions when importing plants.
- Involvement of BGANZ New Zealand botanic gardens in the Species on the Brink project. This project is in collaboration with the NZ Department of Conservation (DOC). Following conversations between BGANZ and DOC at the 7GBGC, DOC developed a list of native Plant Species on the Brink of Extinction (PSOBE). Approximately 100 PSOBE have been identified in botanic gardens in Aotearoa. Each PSOBE has been allocated to a lead garden, who will work with DOC staff to develop conservation actions specific to each species.

Financial Reports

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Profit and Loss Statement

For the Year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Income	82,981	72,339
Membership Fees		
Advertising Vacancies	100	920
Salary Reimbursement	-	(5,288)
Partners Fees	90,820	86,191
Interest Received	582	58
Other Income	-	159
Total Income	174,483	154,379
Expenditure		
Accounting and Audit	5,781	4,244
Advertising	619	854
Bank Charges	171	147
Computer Expenses	1,386	307
Congress Grants	906	6,611
Conference Expenses	11,245	-
Event Expenses	2,181	20,630
General Expenses	839	-
Insurance	1,654	934
Subcontractors	16,366	11,951
Subscriptions	4,180	3,183
Superannuation Contributions	10,390	7,841
Travelling Expenses	10,357	1,297
Wages	81,575	59,668
Total Expenditure	147,650	117,667
Profit	26,833	36,712

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Statement of Appropriations

For the Year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Retained Profits at Beginning of Year	316,737	280,025
Profit before Income Tax	26,833	36,712
Accumulated Profit after Income Tax	343,570	316,737
Profit after Prior Year Adjustments	343,507	316,737
Unappropriated Profit at 30 June 2023	343,570	316,737

For the complete Financial and Auditor's Reports, please refer to our website.

Looking to the Future

With ever increasing threats such as climate change, ecosystem collapse and biodiversity loss there is no greater need than now for botanic gardens to thrive. Consequently, BGANZ will continue to empower members and enhance the work they do in plant conservation, research and education, and growing knowledge within the sector.

Over the past year, BGANZ has been undertaking a governance transformation, and now with newly appointed expertise on the Board and within the company, Directors are confident the organisation will generate growing opportunities. The development of a new strategy is under way and will be unveiled in early 2024. This will incorporate raising the profile of botanic gardens and their true value, establishing valuable partnerships to enable botanic gardens to prosper and building revenue opportunities that will support the mission of BGANZ.



Cranbourne Gardens Nursery Staff propagating Care for the Rare collections. Credit: Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria

Importantly, we will continue to grow a vibrant community of members who share knowledge and resources, upskilling the sector.

Individual committees have specific plans in the pipeline which include, but are not limited to:

- The development of a NSW statewide threatened species conservation project
- Beta testing and launch of the Living Collections Toolkit, with a review to be held one year postlaunch
- Quarterly Hortis user workshops by BGANZ Vic, initially targeting Victorian gardens
- The official opening of the Mallacoota Endemic Garden, created with assistance from BGANZ VIC
- Face-to-face regional networking meetings and online networking forums.

Acknowledgments and Thank You

Our Supporters



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Land, Water
and Planning



A huge thank you to Seasol International, the Australian National Botanic Gardens and Longwood Gardens for their generous support. It is through partnerships like these that we are able to increase our impact and further advance the conservation of plants.

A special thank you to Tailored Accounts, who have offered extensive pro bono services and have streamlined and enhanced our accounting systems.

Grants

CHABG - Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water: Myrtle Rust Member Survey project.

Victorian State Government: Growing Victoria's Botanic Gardens grants program: botanic database for Victorian gardens.

Regional and Specialist Groups

A very warm and grateful thank you extends to the Regional and Specialist Group Committees, especially to the Chairs, for their ongoing commitment and passion to the cause.

BGANZ NSW & ACT: Michael Anlezark, Chair (Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden), Dylan Morrissey, Secretary, (Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden), Michael Elgey, NSW representative (Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan)

BGANZ VIC: John Arnott, Chair (RBGV Cranbourne Gardens), Justin Buckley, Treasurer (National Trust of Australia, Victoria)

BGANZ QLD: Barry Meiring, Acting Chair (Tondoon Botanic Gardens), Cody Johnston, Chair (Bundaberg Botanic Gardens)

BGANZ NZ: Wolfgang Bopp, Chair (Christchurch Botanic Gardens), David Sole, Treasurer (Wellington Gardens)

BCARM: Sheree Parker, Chair (Geelong Botanic Gardens), Amelia Martyn Yenson (Australian Seed Bank Partnership), John Sandham (Botanic Gardens of South Australia), Donna Thomas (Ballarat Botanical Gardens), Peter Symes (Cooktown Botanic Gardens), John Arnott (RBGV Cranbourne Gardens), Tex Moon (Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden), Wolfgang Bopp (Christchurch Botanic Gardens) and Amanda Shade (Kings Park and Botanic Garden).

BGEN: Paul Swift, Chair (Auckland Botanic Gardens), Charlotte Vaughan, Deputy Chair (Kings Park and Botanic Garden, Perth), Ben Liu, Secretary/Treasurer (RBGV Melbourne Gardens), Mak Djukic, Committee Member (Botanic Gardens of South Australia)

BARB: Ian Allan, Chair (Blue Mountains Botanic Garden, Mount Tomah), Chelsea Payne, Deputy Treasurer/Secretary (Kings Park and Botanic Garden), Committee members – Dan Marges (Australian National Botanic Gardens), Neil Bollinger (Orange Botanic Gardens), Peter Berbee (RBGV Melbourne Gardens), Matt Coyne (Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney), Chani Humphries (Geelong City Council), Laura Williams (Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens)

A special thank you to three outgoing BGANZ Vic committee members:

Tim Rowe from the Sale Botanic Gardens, Loriane Callow from the Williamstown Botanic Garden and Tim Uebergang RBGV (and Melbourne University Systems Garden) for their efforts over many years in support of the BGANZ Vic committee.

Volunteers

Thank you to the hard-working volunteers within the Botanic Gardens Day Working Group: Tim Uebergang, Alison Morgan, Helen McHugh, Amalia McLaren-Brown and Emma Simpkins, and Karen Zeng for social media monitoring and curating.

Board Members and staff

We acknowledge and thank Dr. Lucy Sutherland, Interim Chair, from July to September 2022; Chris Russell, Acting Chair from September to November 2022; Hayley Allen, Chair from November 2022 to June 2023 - Kate Russell, Director, from July 2022 to August 2023 and Eamonn Flanagan, who retired as CEO on 30 June 2023.



Kyneton Botanic Gardens. Credit: Simon Griffiths



RBGV Melbourne Gardens. Credit Rebecca Harcourt



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