



## Benalla Conference Program

Theme: *Cultivating Friends*

Friday, April 20 2018	
Benalla Art Gallery	
5.30 – 7.30pm	Registration for the conference and Welcome Drinks
7pm-7.15pm	Welcome by Mayor of Benalla
Saturday, April 21 2018	
Benalla Performing Arts and Convention Centre	
8.15 – 9.00am	Registration. Tea and coffee available.
9.00 am – 9.10am	Welcome to Country – Chris Thorne.
9.10 – 9.20am	Opening: Dr Phillip Moors – Patron of AAFBG
9.20 – 9.35am	Welcome to Benalla – Friends & Benalla Botanical Gardens Overview
9.40– 10.25am	Dr Lucy Sutherland, Director of Adelaide Botanic Garden
10.30 11.am	Morning Tea
11am - 11.45am	Chris Russell, Director of RBG Cranbourne <i>From backyards to biolinks: Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria's role in greening communities</i>
11.45am – 12.05	Morning “wrap up” and discussion –AAFBG President Dennis Ayliffe & Friends of Benalla and Riverine President, Robyn Saunders
12.05 - 12.15	Presentation Friends Bendigo Botanic Garden “Garden of the Future”
12.15 – 1.00pm	Lunch (individual boxes provided for eating inside/outside BPACC)
1.15 – 1.45pm	Speaker – John Hawker, Heritage Officer (Horticulture), Heritage Victoria <i>The History and Features of the Benalla Botanical Gardens</i>
2 -2.30pm	Transfer to Benalla Botanical Gardens from BPACC
2.30 – 3.15	Benalla Botanical Gardens Tour
3.15 – 3.45pm	Bus transfer BBG to Benalla P-12 College Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden
3.45 – 4.30pm	Tour and afternoon tea of Benalla P-12 College SAKG
4.30-6pm	Free Time



<b>Conference Dinner, April 21 2018</b> Benalla Community Centre	
6.30 – 7.00pm	Arrival drinks and nibbles
7.00 - 7.15pm	Guests seated
7.20pm	Formal welcome – AAFBG President
7.30pm	First Course
8pm	Second Course
8.30pm	Stuart Read, Horticulturist, AGHS National Management Committee
9.00pm	Dessert
10.30 – 11.00pm	Dinner Concludes

<b>Sunday, April 22 2018</b> Benalla Performing Arts and Convention Centre	
7.00 – 9.00am	Optional Winton Wetlands tour and “Breakfast with the Birds”.
8.30 – 9.00am	Arrival at BPACC. Tea and Coffee available
9.00 – 9.10am	Morning Welcome and awarding of Benalla Botanical Gardens Patron
9.10 – 9.20am	BGANZ Presentation by President Paul Tracey
9.25-10.25am	<p>“Gardens as Glue”– Friends’ Presentations and Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Patrice O’Shea, Friends of Wombat Hill</li> <li>● Mary Ward. President, Friends RBG Melbourne</li> <li>● Max Bourke, A. National Arboretum Friends. Guiding tips.</li> <li>● Friends Eurobodalla BG</li> <li>● Friends RBG Cranbourne</li> </ul>
10.25 – 10.45	Morning Tea
10.45 – 11.15am	Members’ Forum
11.15 – 11.45am	AAFBG Annual General Meeting
11.45 – 12.15pm	Announcement of 2020 Conference by Friends of Brisbane BG Annette Irish
12.15 – 1.30pm	Lunch (AAFBG newly elected committee, meeting)
2.00 – 4.00pm	Optional Winton Wetlands Tour and visit to “Belvedere” private garden with afternoon tea.