

AAFBG 2022 EUROBODALLA CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION PACK



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29 April
- 1 May 2022

To our fellow Friends,

We continue to work to make sure the **Conference** is one that **will be of benefit**, that will **equip you with ideas and tools, strategies and networks** to make being a Friends Group **more effective, more efficient**, and maybe even **more fun**.

It will **address the issues you raised** when we spoke earlier this year – especially around **finances and engaging younger, active members**. A number of **Friends Groups** as well as **local community leaders** will share their **insights, experiences and tips**, and **encourage learning and networking**. We're going to be hearing from **some of the best within the Botanic Garden world**.

Whether your group and your garden are **challenged by nature, by bureaucracy or by funding**, come along and **explore some solutions that are working**, share your hints and hopes, enjoy the **friendships** and leave **feeling energised and renewed**.

In this pack you will find:

- Registration Form (separate, fillable pdf available and preferable)
- Cancellation and COVID safe policy
- Conference Highlights
- Optional Monday Tours
- Our Committee's Tourist Picks along with a number of tourist brochures
- A Map to find us – other than the Dinner, the conference will be held at the Garden itself. (Please be aware that, like many regional areas, our public transport is all but non-existent, and access to your own vehicle, vital.)

Registrations are now open, and places may be limited, with payment securing your booking.

If you will be attending virtually, please complete your registration by 28 Feb 2022, so that there will be time to pre-connect and ensure all goes smoothly. Minimum numbers required for this option.

If you have **any special requests**, or **need any assistance**, **please, contact us**.

Please **share this with those** you think will be **interested and may benefit** from attending.

We **look forward to welcoming you** on behalf of the **Australian Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens** to the **Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden** and spending time with you.

On behalf of your organising Committee,

Lynne Anlezark

Co-Chair

AAFBG 2022 Eurobodalla Conference Organising Committee

Sub-Committee of Friends of Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden

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REGISTRATION FORM



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Registration Includes: Welcome drinks, conference participation, lunch & Sunday Garden Breakfast.

Excludes: All partner costs, conference dinner cost, and tour options cost.

Attendee Registration will close: Thursday 31 March 2022

Surname _____ First (preferred) Name _____
I belong to _____ Friends Group _____
mobile _____ email _____

To register for conference from **29 April – 1 May 2022** Fee **\$425.00** \$

Virtual Registration will close 28 February 2022 Fee **\$150.00** \$
Will include most sessions and virtual 'catch-ups'

Planned Events	Please tick if attending	Please tick if attending	\$ Amount due
Friday 29 April 2022... Welcome Drinks Partner welcome	Attendee	Partner \$25	
Saturday 30 April 2022... Conference Dinner Partner welcome	Attendee \$75	Partner \$75	
Sunday 1 May 2022... the Garden Breakfast Partner welcome	Attendee	Partner \$15	
Monday 2 May 2022... full <u>or</u> part day Tour Options			
Full Day: Horse Island <i>plus</i> 'Behind The Scenes' ERBG tour – includes transport, morning tea & Garden lunch. Good level of mobility needed. Partner welcome	Attendee \$80	Partner \$80	
Or Part Day: Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden 'Behind The Scenes' ERBG tour includes Garden lunch & tour Partner welcome	Attendee \$30	Partner \$30	

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE \$

Please include below any special dietary or necessary requirements of attendee or accompanying partner.

Please tick for your consent

I have read and understand the terms and conditions as outlined in the Cancellation and COVID safe policy

Payment: Please use your name as reference

Funds Transfer BSB: 641 800 ACC NO: 200881078
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complete, save & send Form to
aafbg2022@erbg.org.au

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AAFBG 2022 Conference Organising Committee
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PLEASE SEE THE SEPARATE, FILLABLE PDF AND USE THAT WHERE POSSIBLE

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CANCELLATION AND COVID SAFE POLICY



Cancellation: Registrations cancelled **before 31 March 2022** will be refunded in full. Cancellations must be notified in writing to the Conference Secretary at AAFBG2022@erbg.org.au before the above-mentioned date.

Cancellations **after 31 March 2022**, you will receive a refund of any fees paid, less \$100.

If you are **unwell and experiencing COVID-like symptoms** and are **unable to attend**, the Committee reserves the right to offer a full refund.

Program & Optional Tours: The Conference organisers reserve the **right to cancel or vary activities** if minimum numbers are not reached or if maximum numbers are exceeded.

COVID – 19: The AAFBG 2022 Conference Organising Committee have the **obligation to cancel, postpone or limit the number of attendees** for the Conference due to any changes required as a result of NSW Government COVID-19 Regulations.

Should **travel restrictions or event postponement** because of COVID-19 mean that registrants are unable to attend the AAFBG 2022 Conference, their registration fees and other associated payments (Conference Dinner and Optional Tours) will be refunded in full.

The AAFBG 2022 Biennial Conference **will adhere to the NSW Government COVID-19 Regulations at all times.**

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HIGHLIGHTS



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- **Keynote Speaker: Professor Tim Entwisle**, Director and Chief Executive, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria. Along with his previous appointments Tim has a wealth of knowledge and experience and we are thrilled to have him as our keynote speaker. He will join us for the whole day on Saturday, including Dinner.
- **Friday Twilight Welcome Drinks** at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden (ERBG), 4-6pm. Take the opportunity to **catch up with old friends, make new friends, and meet your hosts**, the **Friends of ERBG**. A Mayoral welcome, and presentation of the **2022 Handbury Awards** by **AAFBG Patron Philip Moors AO** will complete the evening. Partners are welcome to join this event at a cost of \$25.
- **RBG Sydney Community Greening Team**
People Plants Places: broadening our reach in our communities. The team will stay with us for the whole weekend.
- **ERBG Garden Manager, Michael Anlezark**. Leading us through multi-million-dollar projects, fire- and flood-recovery and COVID, he is **well-placed to speak on** the theme of “**Thriving Together**”
- **How to be Better Friends & Community Partnerships**
To answer the questions you have. Presented by a number of **Friends’ Groups** and **local leaders and organisations**, these practical sessions will **showcase tips and strategies for creating better outcomes**.
- **Conference Dinner** will be held on **Saturday night** and include a **Special Trivia Quiz**. A two-course meal plus drinks at a cost of \$75 will be held at the Soldiers Club, Batemans Bay. **Partners are very welcome** to enjoy the fun of the night if they also wish to attend - \$75.
- **Breakfast in our Garden**, Sunday morning and catered by our very own **Friends of ERBG**. An **ideal way to experience the gardens in the calm of the morning when birds and animals are abundant**. Breakfast is included in the registration fee. **Partners are also welcome** to enjoy Breakfast in our Garden - \$15.

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OPTIONAL POST CONFERENCE TOURS
Monday, 2nd May 2022



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Post conference tours are open to delegates, and their partners.

- **Horse Island**, the **private retreat** of Christina and Trevor Kennedy, tucked away in the estuary of Tuross Lake. To the west, the Great Dividing Range and to the east, the South Pacific. Christina has created a **stunning garden of predominantly Australian native plants** that complement **the beauty of the surrounding landscape, the homestead and cottages**. What has been created is a truly impressive achievement and your visit to Horse Island will undoubtedly be a **highlight of your time in the Eurobodalla**.

We are **grateful to Christina** for inviting us to **visit this private garden**.

We travel by coach from and to the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden.

A good level of mobility is required for this tour.

Morning tea is included.

Early booking is essential as **numbers are strictly limited**.

A review of Horse Island by Landscape Australia can be found at:

<https://landscapeaustralia.com/articles/horse-island-a-garden-of-grandeur>

The day continues back at the Garden with:

- **Behind the scenes at our Garden**. This tour will commence with **lunch in the Garden** followed by a guided walk around **our Nursery and Propagation area**, the **heritage listed Wallace Herbarium, the Seed Bank**, the new **Naturescape Display Gardens** and our **Visitor Centre**. A good level of mobility will ensure you get the most from this tour. You will have the opportunity to get “up close and personal” with the staff, Friends and volunteers, and find **what makes the partnership so successful**. You’ll have the opportunity to ask questions about the **successful collaboration between Friends and Council that’s resulted in securing and spending over \$3.5m of grants and contributions over the last 4 years**.

Full day: Horse Island, Lunch and Behind the Scenes, \$80.

Part Day: Lunch and Behind the Scenes, \$30.

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TOURIST INFORMATION



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Batemans Bay is an easy and scenic 4-hour drive south of Sydney and less than 2 hours east of Canberra. Regular flights from Sydney and Melbourne to Moruya Airport (25 minutes south of Batemans Bay). Car hire is available.

While in the area attending the AAFBG 2022 Conference, **why not spend some time exploring the beautiful Eurobodalla region?** Perhaps check out:

<https://eurobodalla.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/A4-ScenicDrives-V1-1.pdf>,

<https://eurobodalla.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/A4-AncientSites-V1-1.pdf>

and <https://eurobodalla.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/A4-Walks-V1-2.pdf>

(See also www.eurobodalla.com.au or phone 1800 802 528. Accommodation possibilities from your usual favourite sources, or above)

We have each **chosen our favourite spots** for you to **experience** and **enjoy** our lovely part of New South Wales, a region we are very fortunate to live in.

- Take the **coastal road** from **Batemans Bay to Moruya**, an easy half hour drive, passing by **small communities, wonderful beaches and rivers**, finally arriving at the small township of Moruya. Take this drive on a **Tuesday afternoon** and drop into our Award-winning **SAGE Farmers Markets**, Riverside Park at 3.00pm. Local growers provide quality, sustainable local food and produce.
<https://www.sageproject.org.au/>
- **Burrewarra Point** at Guerrilla Bay is an easy walk, through mature banksia forests and casuarina groves with views of the South Coast and the hinterland. This area **escaped the Black Summer Fires** of 2019/20, becoming a favourite feeding ground for birds and animals. The track runs **along the cliff edges** to a **viewing platform** offering spectacular views, an ideal spot to do some **whale watching as they head north** on their migration to warmer waters.
- **Hire a kayak** from the **Boat Shed at Mossy Point** on the Tomago River, and paddle up stream passing by mangroves, around bends and under bridges. **Stingrays hang around boat ramps** waiting for fish frames to be thrown to them by fishermen cleaning their catch. Afterwards **enjoy a coffee and cake at the Boat Shed**, a lovely way to spend the morning.
<https://theboatshedmossypoint.com.au>

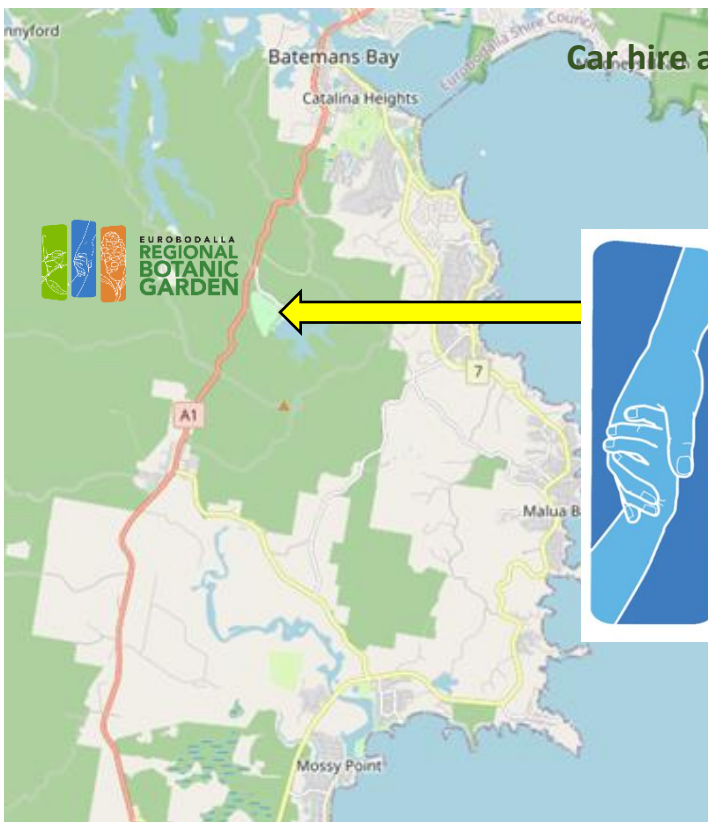
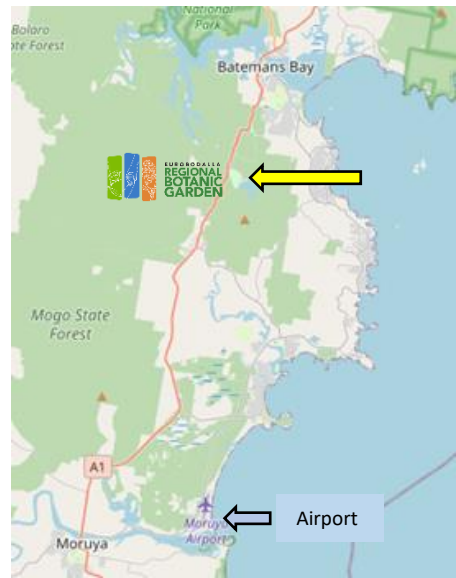
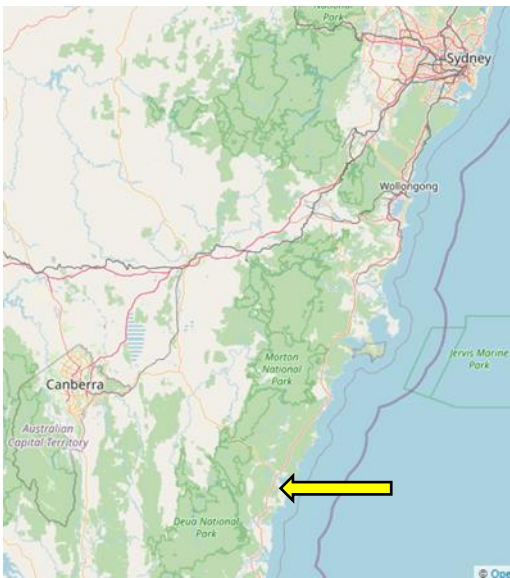
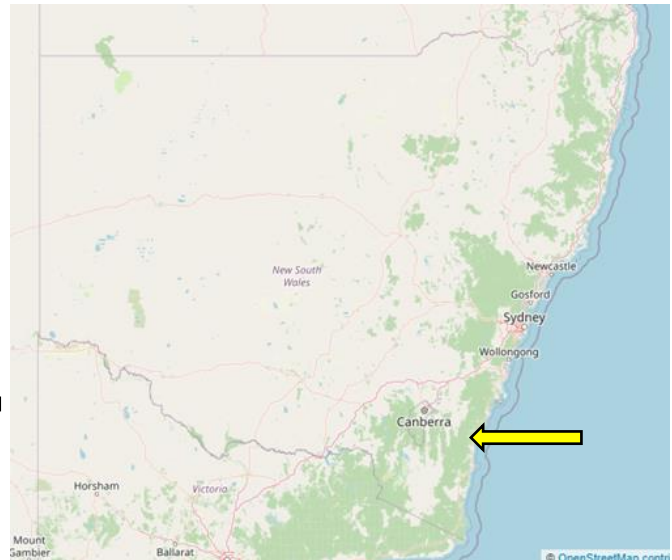
- **Bingi Bingi Point** is situated between Congo and Tuross within the Eurobodalla National Park. **Spectacular views and granite rock formations** follow the coast. **Birdwatching** can be enjoyed year-round. The **Bingi Bingi Dreaming Track** runs from Congo to Tuross passing by Bingi Bingi Point. A fabulous 14km walking track, walk the full track or just a small part of it following the coastline. Bird and animal life is abundant along this track. **Lunch at the Tuross Boat Shed**, dining on **local fish n chips**, overlooking the lake. Sitting on the jetty at water level is always fun, watching the boating and marine life pass by.
<https://www.turossboatshed.com.au/>
- The **Bodalla Dairy Shed** is a 45-minute drive south from Batemans Bay. A family run dairy shed showcasing **unique bush tucker flavours in their local cheeses**. Have a snack, and then an opportunity to take home their locally produced tasty cheeses. Or lunch at <https://downwarddogcafe.com.au/> Enjoy strolling around Bodalla's shops, including **Hippie Sticks** – famed for its tie-dye everything, and Australian made incense. <https://www.bodalladairy.com.au>
- Our South Coast is famous for its oysters. **The Oyster Shed, a farm gate** located on the **Clyde River** in **Batemans Bay** is essential for all lovers of oysters. Oysters can be sold either opened for you to **enjoy on the banks of the river** or unopened for you to takeaway. Oysters for lunch – decadent and delicious.
<http://oystershed.com.au/>
- **Holmes Lookout** is found high on the ridge line **offering scenic views** over the Clyde River as it winds its way towards the Pacific Ocean. You can see Batemans Bay to the southeast and glimpses of the Budawang Ranges to the northwest. **Picnic tables and barbecue facilities** are available, making it a lovely way to spend a few hours **relaxing and enjoying nature and the view**. You could continue on to:
- **Nelligen**, a small village located on the Clyde River, along the Kings Highway just a 10-minute drive from Batemans Bay. **Surrounded by forests** and with the **pristine waters** of the Clyde River, Nelligen is an exciting and **historic** place to explore, and enjoy a picnic or ice-cream on the grassy riverbank. **It's so easy to feel a million miles from anywhere.**

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MAPS

sourced from <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-35.7530/150.1643>



Car hire available Sydney, Canberra & Moruya Airports
Rixonsbus.com.au shuttle from Canberra
Car hire, taxis & Uber available Batemans Bay
(No public transport to the Garden)



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2 hours East of Canberra
25 mins North of Moruya & airport
5 mins South of Batemans Bay