

ANPSA HOBART 2018

15-19 January 2018

Grass Roots to Mountain Tops



Introduction

Hobart, Tasmania's capital, is a friendly and beautiful city set on the Derwent River and overlooked by an ever-changing Mt. Wellington. It has a fascinating history which is experienced when wandering through the city and observing the preservation of World Heritage and convict sites.

Hobart experiences four distinct seasons. During summer in January the average temperatures range from 12 – 23°C, it is also one of the driest months but pack a rainproof jacket and be prepared to dress in layers.

Tasmania produces a wide variety of excellent quality produce and beverages which can be enjoyed during the conference and at local restaurants and markets. One of the most famous is Salamanca market which operates each Saturday morning. The Royal Tasmanian Botanical Garden has a spectacular view over the river and is celebrating its bicentenary in 2018. The Theatre Royal, Australia's oldest continuously operating Theatre, was originally built in 1834 and there is MONA, the Museum of Old and New Art and not to be missed for an extraordinary art fix.

Then there is the wilderness, within minutes the city can be left behind to venture into the rainforests and mountains and January is the time to see *Richea scoparia* in flower.

Key dates:

1 July 2017	Early-bird registration opens
30 September 2017	Early-bird registration closes
15 November 2017	Standard registration closes
8 January 2018	Start of King Island & Alpine to Rainforest tours
9 January 2018	Start of Hobart Environs Tour
13 January 2018	Bruny Is. Day tour
15-19 January 2018	Conference
20 January 2018	Start of Alpine to Rainforest tours Bruny Is. Day tour

Pre-conference Activities

Pre-Conference Tour 1: Alpine to Rainforest

Monday 8 to Friday 12 January - 5 days

Distinctively Tasmanian floras are those of alpine areas and cool temperate rainforest. Each flora abounds in Tasmanian endemics with Gondwanan ancestry.

Join us for five days as we explore these along with some magnificent glaciated scenery and other special places. We will travel from Hobart and stay two nights in motel-type accommodation in the highlands near Great Lake, then two nights on the West Coast in Queenstown. Days will be spent on a comfortable bus taking in historic places or short walks on mostly level, well-graded tracks. Included will be a visit to the incredible Huon pine carvings displayed at The Wall and the magnificent scenery of Lake St Clair.

Some may choose to miss some of the best bits out of Queenstown and organise themselves on a day trip on the Wilderness Railway.

This tour will be offered pre and post conference.

Pre-Conference Tour 2: King Island

Monday 8 to Friday 12 January - 5 days via Melbourne

Magnificent scenery, rugged cliffs to the West and white sandy beaches to the East, a lighthouse North and South, and a wide selection of flora. Stunning views in all directions, shipwrecks all around the coast, one still visible, and wind complete the picture of King Island.

We will spend five days and four nights on the island flying from Melbourne's Tullamarine airport, in a light plane that will complete the trip in one hour and has a maximum baggage allowance of 15kg. Once on the island, two off-road vehicles will be our transport. Accommodation is at Waverider which is backpacker style accommodation. All meals, transfers, Park and Museum entries are included in the package. **This will only be offered as a post-conference tour if the pre-conference tour fills up.**

For more information on this tour please contact Jill Clark at plantladyjill@bigpond.com

Pre-Conference Tour 3: Hobart Environs

Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 January - 4 days

This tour's accommodation will be based in Hobart and the participants will travel daily to their destinations. If you choose to go on this tour one of your day trips will be to *Mount Field National Park*. The park is 75 km North-west of Hobart, is currently 22,000 hectares in size and celebrated its Centenary in 2016.

Mt Field National Park is one of Tasmania's most loved national parks. The park has a wide variety of scenic features and wildlife and offers a great range of facilities for day visitors. Few other national parks in Australia offer such a diversity in vegetation, ranging from tall swamp gum forests and massive tree ferns at the base of the mountain, through rainforest along the Lake Dobson Road, to alpine vegetation at the higher elevations.

Pre-Conference One Day Excursion: Bruny Island

Saturday 13 January – 1 day

An 8am start will be necessary to avoid the ferry queues waiting to cross D'Entrecasteaux Channel. We will stop to inspect some coastal vegetation near Great Bay before crossing the Neck separating North and South Bruny. The Inala Jurassic Garden (Gondwana species) will be the next destination for morning tea, a tour of the garden and lunch.

Our next stop will be Jetty Beach where lighthouse supplies were unloaded to transport to the nearby Cape Bruny lighthouse. From Jetty Beach, we will walk a small section of Luggaboine Track on Labillardiere Peninsula with its varied vegetation, and hopefully see late flowers of the *Blandfordia punicea* before heading back to the ferry.

Conference Program

Sunday 14 January - Registration

Monday 15 – Friday 19 January - Half day talks and half day excursions

Monday 15 – Reception at Government House Hobart

Tuesday 16 - A J Swaby Address – open to the public

Tuesday 16 - Australian Plants Awards

Thursday 18 - Conference dinner

Featured Speakers

Professor Jamie Kirkpatrick, Key Note Speaker; Mark Fountain, Bicentenary of the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens and James Wood, A J Swaby Address.

Post-conference Activities

Post-Conference One Day Excursion: Bruny Island

Saturday 20 January – 1 day This will be a repeat of the pre-conference trip.

Post-Conference Tour 1: Alpine to Rainforest

Saturday 20 to Wednesday 24 - 5 days This will be a repeat of the pre-conference tour.

Post-Conference Tour 2: King Island

Saturday 20 to Wednesday 24 January - 5 days via Melbourne, **this will only be on offer if the first tour fills up** and will be a repeat of the pre-conference trip.

Expressions of interest: to receive updates, register or update your details or indicate your tour preferences please send your details to asgapjan18@gmail.com or mail to:

APST Inc. P O Box 3035, Ulverstone MDC, Ulverstone, Tasmania 7310.

Venue:

The Conference Venue is now Wrest Point, Hobart, with accommodation, excellent conference facilities and stunning views of the Derwent River but most importantly it is a flat and navigable site with space for lectures, displays, meeting places, happy hour and dinners.

Accommodation:

The conference venue, Wrest Point Hobart, has reserved a block of rooms and the Conference Committee will be providing a list of alternate accommodation. We suggest you book your accommodation as early as possible, Hobart becomes very busy in January.

Travel:

Those who plan to travel by car across Bass Strait should book early and will need to allow 3 1/2 hours to drive from the Spirit of Tasmania Terminal in Devonport to Hobart.

Registration:

The registration fee entitles all delegates to the following:

- All sessions
- Transport: buses to & from daily excursions, reception at Government House
- Conference bag: program booklet, excursion cup & bag
- Social function: reception at Government House
- Catering: morning tea, lunches and afternoon tea

Registration will be on-line and the costs are as follows:

Early bird - \$396

Standard registration \$440

Day registration \$125

Conference dinner \$65, not included in registration

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