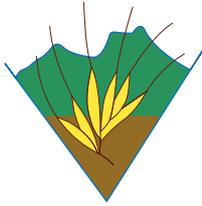


# ***Grass Roots to Mountain Tops***

## ***December update***



**ANPSA  
Hobart 2018**



### **ANPSA BIENNIAL CONFERENCE HOBART - Wrest Point 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

With only a few weeks until the Conference there are a few last minutes matters to consider.

Although the weather in Tasmania can get quite warm in summer, it is wise to pack a range of clothes to suit the different weather conditions which can be experienced, even in mid-January. The trick is to have layers of clothes, like onions, to maximise comfort when outdoors. This simple concept allows quick adjustments during activity or weather changes. Each layer has a function. The **base layer** (against your skin) manages moisture; the **insulating layer** protects you from the cold; the **shell layer** (outer layer) shields you from wind and rain. You simply add or subtract layers as needed. When the sun is shining you will need effective sun protection, hats and sun screen.

For this Conference, the Recycling mantra of reduce, reuse and recycle is being used. There will not be the usual Conference bag but a Kraft paper bag with your belongings. If you have a favourite day-bag please bring it with you. The traditional tour mugs have been substituted with reusable water bottles, one for each attendee. This is to avoid the endless replacing of water bottles on tables that has become "normal" for most events. Hobart's water is excellent.

#### **Arrival at Hobart airport**

Due to there being over 30 flights a day by 4 different airlines it is not possible to greet everyone at the airport. There is a hotel shuttle bus service and taxis available. The shuttle bus service will drop passengers between Hobart and Wrest Point along Sandy Bay Road.

## **Registration times:**

**Sunday 4 – 6pm**

Monday 8 – 10:30am

Tuesday – Friday 8 – 9am

**The Wrest Point map** will allow you to become familiar with the layout of the complex before you arrive. Use the symbols to find the entrance foyer, accommodation, restaurants, functions rooms and services such as toilets and ATM machines. The main Conference space will be in the Wellington Room (speakers); the Boardwalk Gallery (**registration**, displays, morning tea and lunch; Study Group meetings, marketplace and socialising during free time) and the Derwent Room (Conference dinner).

**Car parking** on site is free, use level 3. Daily excursion coaches will leave from outside the Boardwalk, just outside the door and all on the same level.

A note to those going on the pre-conference tours who want to leave their cars at Wrest Point during the tour, please give your car registration number to your tour host, for forwarding to WP staff.

**Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens.** As our daily excursions will be going behind the scenes to special areas in the Gardens we have been sent the following information for you to be familiar with.

*Due to the uncertainty regarding the Myrtle Rust fungal disease spread in Tasmania and the sporulation activity increasing as we head into summer, we are asking all visitors to adhere to the hygiene protocols we have put in place to mitigate against an incursion into our Nursery and Conservation Collections. The most important point is that you do not to bring any plant material with you into the Gardens. We would also ask that -*

- \* clothing/shoes need to have been laundered/cleaned thoroughly if worn recently in garden centres, interstate or up in the northern regions of Tasmania (particularly in regards to jackets and hats)*
- \* any camera equipment has been cleaned/wiped down (including tripods, and equipment you use for your sketching/drawing)*

The **dress code** for the reception at Government House on Monday evening is day dress/lounge suit.

The **2018 Conference calendar** will be for sale for \$15, at the Boardwalk Gallery book stall. The photos for the calendars have been taken by wilderness photographer Amanda Walker. Each month covers either a place visited during the Conference or an iconic Tasmanian location with a special focus on the flora.

**Program changes**, please note the following change to the program, the Study Groups are now on Wednesday 11:00 – 11:50 and the Grassroots Projects on Thursday 11:45 – 12:30.

**Tasmanian National Parks Passes**

If you are only attending one or all of the 5 days of the Conference (Monday to Friday) and no pre/post tours, you do not need Parks passes.

A reminder that a valid park entry permit is required for entry into Tasmania’s national parks. The Parks & Wildlife Service, Tasmania, at [parks.tas.gov.au](http://parks.tas.gov.au), search for *parks passes* or ring 1300 827 727.

We are looking forward to seeing you in January.

Wishing you and your family a safe and happy Festive Season from the ANPSA 2018 Hobart Conference Organising Committee:

Margaret, Riitta, Mary, David, Jenny and Jill.

