



Biennial Conference 2018

Australian Native Plants Society (Australia)

Hobart, Tasmania, 15 - 19 January 2018

Introduction

Every two years ANPSA hosts a Conference and Seminar program featuring lectures, workshops and field trips highlighting the diversity of Australia's native flora. Each Conference is organised by one of ANPSA's seven Member Societies, on a rotating basis.

In 2018, the Conference will be held in Hobart, the capital of Australia's island state, Tasmania, hosted by members of the Australian Plants Society Tasmania Inc.

Theme: *Grass Roots to Mountain Tops*, depicted in the Conference logo with *Themeda*, the grass roots, and the recognisable mountain tops shaping a stylised map of Tasmania.

Dates: Monday 15 January through Friday 19 January 2018

Venue: The Conference Venue is Wrest Point, Hobart, with wonderful conference facilities and stunning views of the Derwent River but most importantly a flat and navigable site with our own space for lectures, displays, meeting places, socialising and dinners.

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 its preserved heritage.

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:

- 20 August 2017: Cut-off date for King Island Tours
- 30 September 2017: Early-bird registration closes
- 15 December 2017: Standard registration closes
- 8 January 2018: Start of King Island and 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 tour and King Island tour, if sufficient applications are received for King Island.
- 20 January 2018: Bruny Island Day tour.
- 21 January 2018: Warra Supersite Day Tour

We encourage you to plan to attend ANPSA 2018 Conference and enjoy the hospitality of members of the Australian Plants Society Tasmania Inc.

Conference Program

All conference proceedings will be held at Wrest Point, Sandy Bay, which is only a few kilometres from the centre of Hobart.

Preliminary details:

- Sunday 14 January: Registration
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- Monday 15 to 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
- Friday 19: Conference closes at 3.45pm

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

Pre- and Post-Conference Field Trips

Pre- and Post-Conference guided tours have been planned, which will allow participants to experience the diversity of the flora of Tasmania.

Summary of Pre- and Post-Conference Tours

Dates - January 2018	Duration	Abbreviation	Name	Cost \$
Monday 8 - Friday 12	5 days	AR1	Alpine to Rainforest	915
Monday 8 - Friday 12	5 days	KI1	King Island (ex Melbourne)	1680
Tuesday 9 - Friday 12	4 days	HE1	Hobart Environs (accommodation not included)	260
Saturday 13	1 day	BI1	Bruny Island	110
Conference Week: Monday 15 - Friday 19				
Saturday 20	1 day	BI2	Bruny Island	110
Saturday 20 - Wednesday 24	5 days	AR2	Alpine to Rainforest	915
Saturday 20 - Wednesday 24	5 days	KI2	King Island (only if KI1 fills and ex Melbourne)	1680
Sunday 21	1 day	WS1	Warra Supersite	95

Alpine to Rainforest - AR1 and AR2

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.

King Island - KI1 and KI2

KI Tour booking closes 20 August 2017.

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 twin share backpacker style accommodation. Tour and return air fares from Melbourne, all meals, transfers, Park and Museum entries are included in the package. Participants need to make their own travel arrangements for Melbourne to Hobart to attend the Conference and vice versa if doing the post KI Tour (KI2).

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

Hobart Environs - HE1

This tour's accommodation will be based in Hobart and the participants will travel daily to their destinations of the Tasman National Park; Hartz Mountain National Park; Mount Field National Park and Wellington Park. This tour requires a good level of fitness and waterproof and warm clothing as weather can be variable especially in alpine areas.

• Tasman National Park

The Tasman National Park covers large sections of the eastern and southern coastal areas of the Forestier and Tasman Peninsulas in south eastern Tasmania. The latter peninsula has come to notice for more than the Port Arthur Historic Site since the opening of part of the new Three Capes Track. This "new" track provides easier access for walkers from Port Arthur to Cape Pillar and Cape Hauy, terminating at beautiful Fortescue Bay. This tour offers diverse flora, both heathland and woodland and unique coastal scenery with spectacular sea cliff views.

• Hartz Mountain National Park

About 1½ hours south of Hobart, via Geeveston, lies the beautiful Hartz Mountain National Park. This park offers an abundance of delightful alpine vegetation including rare endemic Richeas, beautiful alpine lakes and mountain views, along tracks that are a little rough but have no big climbs.

- **Mount Field National Park**

After travelling via the Derwent Valley to the Mount Field National Park, the road to Lake Dobson climbs steadily through tall Eucalyptus forests to sub-montane flora to Wombat Moor where alpine flora abounds including cushion plants. A walk around Lake Dobson and through a *Richea pandanifolia* Grove is not to be missed and is a beautiful way to end a day of botanising.

- **Wellington Park**

A mere 20 minutes from the city of Hobart, Wellington Park has a wide diversity of plant communities from dry sclerophyll forests on the lower slopes, through wet sclerophyll and sub-montane flora, ascending to the upper slopes to montane flora at the 1100m summit area. There is plenty to interest all Australian plant lovers.

In years past, European flora was introduced to the Park but today very little has survived leaving only the rock-work of days gone by. During the depression years of the 1930s, the Park benefited from construction of the Pinnacle Road, which made access easy for motorised vehicles during all but the heaviest snowfall days, while foot tracks, fire trails and increasingly bike tracks criss-cross from the foothills to the summit. Flora study on the Mountain is a very rewarding pastime throughout the year. There is even an Australian Plants nursery nearby that specialises in Tasmanian species.

Bruny Island - BI1 and BI2

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 Labillardier Peninsula with its varied vegetation, and hopefully see late flowers of the *Blandfordia punicea* before heading back to the ferry.

Warra Supersite - WS1

Forest Pathologist / Ecologist Dr Tim Wardlaw will provide a presentation at the conference on the Warra Tall Eucalypt Supersite, one of ten such sites in Australia's Terrestrial Ecosystem Research Network. Tim will accompany the group to the Warra Supersite, on the way providing an interesting review of the short term and longer term history of the forests. At the Supersite you will see just how dynamic the forest is - how carbon dioxide and water moving into and out of the forest fluctuate with weather conditions through the day. Finish with a walk through the canopy of these forests at the Tahune Airwalk. For an insight into this work and detailed information follow this link: <http://www.supersites.net.au/supersites/wrra>

Accommodation

The Conference venue is Wrest Point, Hobart, with 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, socialising and dinners.

Wrest Point has reserved a block of rooms. We suggest you book your accommodation as early as possible as Hobart becomes very busy in January. Follow this link to book accommodation at Wrest Point: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/11382?groupID=1673388>

The following options could be considered for those wishing to organise alternative accommodation. They are close to Wrest Point or Sandy Bay Road, which leads back to the city.

- Grosvenor Court Apartments: <http://grosvenorcourtapartments.com.au/>
42 Grosvenor Street, Sandy Bay, Hobart
- Woolmers Apartments: <http://woolmersapartments.com.au/>
123 - 127 Sandy Bay Road, Sandy Bay, Hobart
- St Ives Apartments: <http://stivesmotel.com.au/>
67 St. George Terrace, Battery Point, Hobart
- Merre Be's Heritage Accommodation: <http://merrebes.com.au/>
17 Gregory Street Sandy Bay, Hobart
- Motel 429: <http://www.motel429.com.au/>
429 Sandy Bay Road, Sandy Bay, Hobart
- Red Awnings Boutique Hotels and Apartments: <http://redawnings.com.au/>
for Clydesdale Manor and Amberly House

Those who plan to travel by car across Bass Straight should book early and will need to allow 3½ to 4 hours to drive from the Spirit of Tasmania Terminal in Devonport to Hobart.

Conference Registration

Registration entitles all delegates to the following:

- All sessions
- Transport: buses to and from daily excursions, reception at Government House
- Program booklet
- Social function: reception at Government House
- Catering: morning tea, lunches and afternoon tea

Registration costs are as follows:

- Early bird: \$396 (registration by 30 September 2017)
- Standard registration: \$440 (until 15 December 2017)
- Day registration: \$125
- Buffet dinner prior to A J Swaby Address: \$36
- Conference dinner: \$75, not included in registration

Registration for the ANPSA 2018 Biennial Conference is online. To register, please proceed to the Registration Portal at:

<https://cdesign.eventsair.com/anpsa-2018/registration>

Contact Us

For any inquiries about the Conference program, tours accommodation or registration, please contact the Organising Committee at asgapjan18@gmail.com

Useful Links

- [Hobart Visitor Information](#)
- [Wrest Point](#) (General Information)
- [Wrest Point](#) (Accommodation Booking)
- [Spirit of Tasmania Ferry](#)
- [Salamanca Market](#)
- [Botanical Gardens](#)
- [Inverawe Native Gardens](#)
- [King Island](#)
- [MONA](#)
- [Hartz Mountains National Park](#)
- [Mt Field National Park](#)
- [Wall in the Wilderness](#)
- [West Coast Wilderness Railway](#)
- [Warra Tall Eucalypt SuperSite](#)