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A message from AAFBG Secretary

Jill Brownlee, Friends of Noosa Botanic Gardens

Regional and capital city Friends of Botanic Gardens were well represented at the 2024 AAFBG Biennial conference, which was hosted by Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Gardens in their gardens from August 23 to 26.



AAFBG (Australian Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens) conference opening night hosted by the Friends of Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Gardens Tanawha, Sunshine Coast, Queensland 23/08/24

Maroochy welcomed the opportunity to share with visiting delegates great examples of involving Friends in a range of botanic garden and related science activities in cooperation with their local Council.

In her welcome speech President Linda Beveridge highlighted that AAFBG's biennial conference is such an important opportunity for like-minded people to share, face to face, their experiences and to strengthen connections with other groups locally, regionally and nationally.

Keynote speaker Dale Arvidsson who is curator of Brisbane's 3 botanic collections and the Sherwood Arboretum addressed the conference theme The Challenge of Change.

His focus was how Brisbane's botanic gardens and arboreta retain their relevance in today's world. *'Botanic gardens are ever changing environments often subtle, and sometimes dramatically adapting to our changing world.'* His stimulating talk generated lively exchanges amongst the delegates all of whom are contending with the changing environment and changing visitor expectations of botanic gardens.

More details of the speaker programme will be available shortly on the AAFBG website.



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Patron Judy West was delighted to present six Handbury Awards.

Handbury Awards recognise exceptional contributions to an Australian Botanic Garden, Arboretum, or Park, by an AAFBG member group or individual from a member group.

Members are invited to nominate for this award named in honour of the late Geoff Handbury AO, a major benefactor of the Australian Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens Inc (AAFBG) who gave a sum of money over a period of five years for the administration and support of Botanic Gardens through Friends of Botanic Gardens, Australia wide.

[Follow this link to learn about these and past recipients of the Handbury Award](#)



A tree planting celebration was AAFBG's opportunity to leave a lasting memory of an excellent conference.

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Articles for the November edition should be received by **2nd November**. However, we welcome your deferrable submissions for coming editions at any time.

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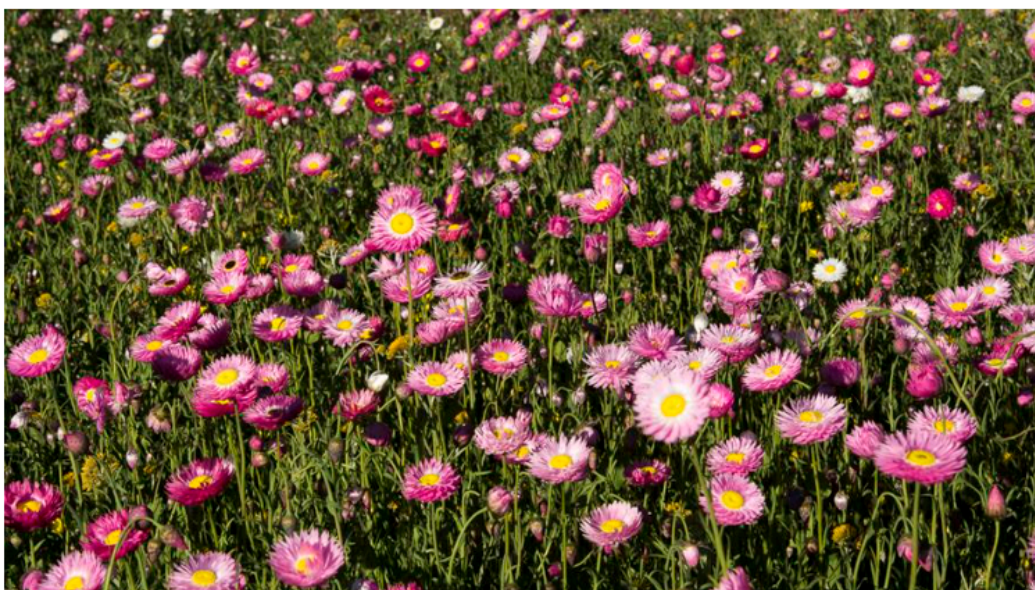
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September 2024

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