



# Golden Brooms

## 2019 Australasian Bromeliad Conference

*Hosted by Gold Coast Succulent & Bromeliad Society Inc.*



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### CONFERENCE UPDATE NO 1 – December 2017

Hello and welcome to you all. May we extend to you all our very best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and for a Healthy and Happy New Year.

We would like to welcome the 62 delegates who have already registered for Golden Brooms, the 20<sup>th</sup> Australasian Bromeliad Conference, to be held at Sea World Resort on **17-20 October 2019**.

We will provide you with an informative and friendly conference “*Where friendships are made and renewed*”.

The **Conference Centre at the Sea World Resort** is confirmed and booked with the full deposit paid.

Our team leaders are working on the **Sales and Competition** facets of the Conference. The Plant Competition will be judged in accordance with the B.S.I. Standards, and Judges have been invited. We will soon be developing the Plant Competition Schedule, and it will be distributed to you all as soon as it is finalised. Our team leaders for the Plant Sales for the Conference and Plant Competition will be attending a site inspection of the Conference Centre early in the New Year, and final plans will then proceed.

John Hodgkinson is coordinating the **Guest Speakers**, with almost all speakers confirmed, with their profiles on the website at [www.goldenbrooms.com](http://www.goldenbrooms.com) – read about Guillermo Rivera, Graham Barclay, and Rebekah Trevor and more.

**Garden visits** are confirmed, including:

1. **Joncia Gardens** – Logan Reserve – John and Marcia Rivett.
2. **Gallery Walk on Mt Tamborine** – certainly a must-visit when you are visiting the Gold Coast and Hinterland.
3. **Bruce and Heather Condon’s garden** on Mt Tamborine. Bruce and Heather are G.C.S.B.S. members with a large shade house area for their many different Bromeliads.
4. A fourth garden will be confirmed soon.

The bus tour is a full-day activity, and the cost is included in the Registration Fee.

A **list of local gardens** to visit will be available closer to the conference, with arrangements for post-conference visits to be made personally with G.C.S.B.S. members.

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# Golden Broms

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The **Registration fee** for Golden Broms is \$350.00 until the 30 June 2019, and \$375 from then on. This fee includes the Welcome Dinner in the Piazza in Sea World, the full day garden tour, Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea for the two days of speakers (delegates only) – extra costs will be incurred for partners/spouses of delegates wanting to attend the Welcome Dinner and Banquet and Garden Visits. Please be aware of this when you are filling in your Registration Forms.

Friday Night is a free night for delegates. We have listed some suggestions / ideas below.

### WHAT CAN WE DO ON FRIDAY NIGHT?

1. Relax with friends and a glass of wine in the Piano Bar.
2. Enjoy a meal at one of Sea World's restaurants.
3. Connect with the light rail for a trip into Surfers Paradise and take a trip to the top of the 100-storey Q1 building to take in the lights of the Gold Coast at night time.
4. Take advantage of a balmy evening and 'hang out' in the resort's pool area.
5. Book to go on a river cruise departing from nearby Marina Mirage, including a meal and entertainment.
6. Organise a Beach Party with friends. Take a blanket, maybe something to drink, and some friends, and sit on the beach and watch the moon rise over the Pacific Ocean.
7. Make a booking for the Australian Outback Spectacular show. Packages include a 1½ hour spectacular show with a 3 course meal, beverage service during the show and a souvenir stockman's hat. This would be a great night for our overseas visitors to organise.

We have met with the Cancer Council, and we are happy to say that they are our dedicated Charity Partner.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following people

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