



Golden Broms

2019 Australasian Bromeliad Conference

Hosted by Gold Coast Succulent & Bromeliad Society Inc.



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CONFERENCE UPDATE NO 2 – July 2018

We would like to welcome the delegates and Guest Speakers who have registered for the 20th Australasian Bromeliad Conference to be held at Sea World Resort on the Gold Coast in Queensland on 17-20 October 2019.

John Hodgkinson is the **Guest Speakers** Coordinator, and our full complement of speakers have been confirmed. Visit www.goldenbroms.com to see profiles for Guillermo Rivera, Arno King, Graham Barclay, Eric Van Zuilekom, Becky Trevor, Charlie Birdsong, Anil Ghodke, and Barry Genn – who will be speaking on Growing Tillandsias in the South East Corner of Queensland and some of the Hybrids that he has made.

We are also pleased to confirm that **four gardens/nurseries** are booked for our full day bus trip on Friday 18th October. This is planned to leave the resort at 8.00a.m. / 8.30 a.m. and to return by approximately 3.00p.m. / 3.30 p.m. A boxed lunch will be provided. Morning tea will be available at both Juncia Gardens and at Bruce and Heather Condon's garden.

1. Juncia Gardens – Logan Reserve – John and Marcia Rivett.
2. Gallery Walk on Mount Tamborine.
3. Bruce and Heather Condon's garden visit on Mount Tamborine. Bruce and Heather are G.C.S.B.S. Members.
4. Spectrum Nursery at Wongawallon. This property is owned by Wes Trevor, who has a very large collection of Succulents and Cacti. We have been assured that there will be lots of Bromeliads from the Olive Branch there for sale.

Airport Shuttles with CON-X-ION. Brisbane Airport to the Gold Coast at \$54.00 per person. Gold Coast Airport to places on the Gold Coast at \$15.00 per person. They guarantee to meet every flight, with door-to-door service and a 24-hour booking system. You can go online to book at www.cxn.com.au or alternatively phone 1300 CONXION – 1300 266 946. Please keep in mind that these are current prices at the time of this update, and as with all things, prices may increase slightly by October 2019. It was suggested by the company that, if you are travelling in a group, a joint booking may incur a reduced fee.

International flights into Gold Coast: Air Asia, Air New Zealand, and Hong Kong Airlines. All domestic carriers go into Gold Coast Airport. The airport is at Coolangatta, at the southern end of the Gold Coast

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For those planning to drive to the Gold Coast and opting to stay in a **Caravan Park**, the nearest Caravan Park to Sea World Resort is the Main Beach Caravan Park, Main Beach Parade, Main Beach. Phone contact is 07-5667 2720. The website address is www.goldcoasttouristparks.com.au. We have contacted management of this park to obtain a block conference booking, but they have advised that tariff prices for 2019 will not be available until November 2018. We will include details in Update No. 3.

Some delegates have been enquiring about **Accommodation at the Sea World Resort**. Sea World is preparing an online booking service for Delegates to the Golden Brooms Conference. They will start taking bookings at about twelve months out from the event. As soon as we have the online booking details, we will ensure the information is passed on to you via Update No. 3.

Some of the advantages of staying at the Sea World Resort include:

- **Accommodation rooms** will have all been refurbished and modernised – with 2 double beds in each room. **Access** to the Conference Centre is via a lift and then a very short walk under cover to the Plant Sales, Competition, Displays and Lectures. Conference accommodation pricing is extended for three days prior to and post-conference for delegates.
- Stay for 2 nights or more and experience the exclusive **Dolphin Discovery** presentation. This is free, as part of your stay. Dolphin Discovery is a unique and magical presentation that the whole family will enjoy – 9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. (meet in the lobby at 8.55a.m.) Normally priced at \$40.00 each per adult and \$40.00 each for a child taller than 110cm and 5 years +, but included in your accommodation.
- **And! Shark Bay** – the only conference venue where you see Shark Bay ABSOLUTELY FREE! Delegates will come face to face with sharks during a guided tour of Sea World’s award-winning attraction. At 7.55 a.m. Delegates will gather as a group at the Sea World Resort and Water Park’s monorail entrance just past reception. At 8.00 a.m. Delegates will be escorted to Shark Bay for a private viewing of the sharks. At 8.45 a.m. delegates will return to Sea World Resort and Water Park and the conference.
- **And! For resort guests only:** you have the option of paying \$35.00 per person, aged 3 years and over, for additional unlimited access to Sea World, during your stay. Or for only \$70.00 per person 3 years and over, you can get unlimited access to Sea World, Movie World, and Wet ‘n’ Wild theme park during your stay.

Registration fee for “Golden Brooms” is \$350.00 until 30 June 2019. This fee is fully-inclusive of the Welcome Dinner in the Piazza in Sea World Park, full day garden visit, 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.

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