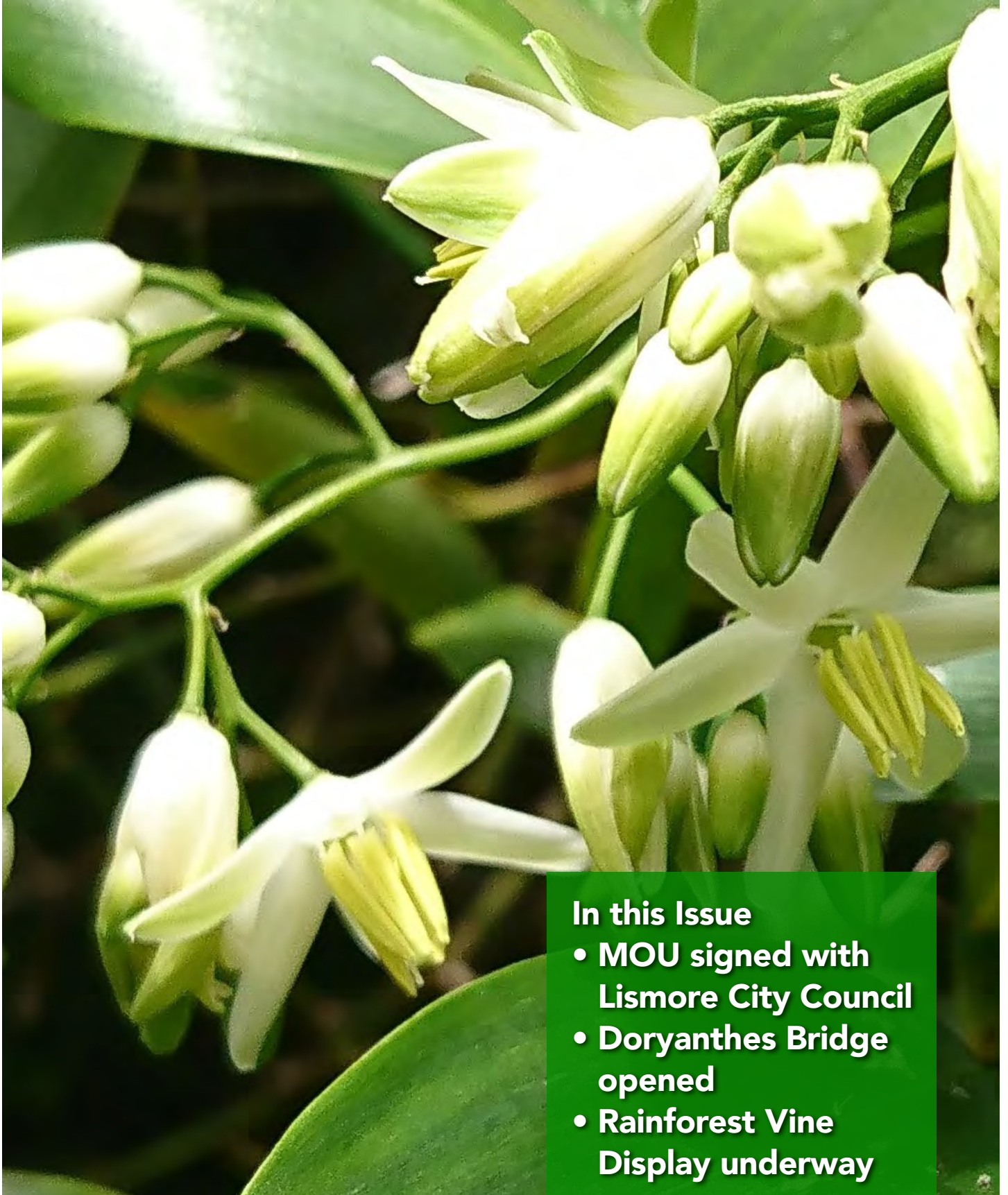

GARDENS GAZETTE

FEBRUARY 2025

Newsletter for Friends of the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens Inc



**LISMORE
RAINFOREST BOTANIC
GARDENS**



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MEET THE FLRBG COMMITTEE 2025



Left to right: Tracey Whitby Vice President
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Cover photo:
Geitonoplesium cymosum
Scrambling Lily
Photo: Phil Jarman

BEAUTIFUL NEW IMAGES! FLRBG GREETING CARD SET

12 Cards - only \$12.00

12 beautiful full colour cards featuring new photos, taken by the Friends of Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens, of local plants and animals. Cards have been left blank for to write your own message. Our card set makes a perfect and thoughtful gift too!

To purchase a set, send an email:
publicity@friendslrbg.com.au

Card 1: *Alyxia ruscifolia* Prickly Alyxia
Photo: Phil Jarman

Card 2: *Sensory Garden*
Photo: Florence Treverrow

Card 3: *Pavetta australiensis*
Photo: Florence Treverrow



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We couldn't do it without you -
THANK YOU!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Thank you to **Tracey** for fulfilling the President's role so brilliantly for the last three years. Our Constitution restricts the term of a Presidency to three years, so I am back again for a year.

Our five year **Memorandum of Understanding** with **Lismore City Council** has been renewed and was signed by me and the General Manager of LCC at our end of year party for the volunteers in December, to which the General Manager and waste facility staff were invited. The MOU was also accompanied by a management plan which was developed between the FLRBG committee and the LCC staff. The plan is a comprehensive document to guide the management and development of the gardens over the next 5 years. Thanks are due to **Vicki Currie**, the waste facility education officer, for finalising the document and all the accompanying photographs.

On the day of the end of year party, we also opened the bridge over the gully in room 1. The construction represented many hours of work and some ingenious solutions to delivering materials to the site by our construction and maintenance team of retired tradesmen led by **Will Evans**.

We mourned the death of long-time volunteer and former Secretary of the Friends, **Denis Matthews**. It was a privilege to share the wake at the gardens with **Marie** and her family. As readers of the Newsletter will know, Denis was the inspiration for the Solar Clock, the labyrinth in the hoop pine forest and donated and supervised the installation of the bell near the labyrinth as well as contributing many ideas to the committee.

We continue to look for grant funding for the much-needed machinery and storage shed and workshop to be located adjacent to the driveway into the gardens. The shed will have solar power and a rainwater tank.

Planning has already begun for **Botanic Gardens Week** from **19 to 25th of May**. We will have guided walks on the 25th and the visitor's centre will be open every morning during the week. The theme which BGANZ has chosen for the week is *'Guardians of the Green. Protecting Our Future'*.

Hazel Bridgett

president@friendslrbg.com.au

FLRBG February 2025



Top to bottom: **Will Evans Construction team** and **Florence Treverrow** Secretary-Treasurer FLRBG cutting ribbon to open new bridge. **Will, Michael, Don, John S, Dave, Grahame**, builders. Absent **John Ford**
All volunteers celebrating the opening of the **Doryanthes Bridge** December 2025



Vines are one of the first things that come to mind when we think of rainforests. They are a defining feature of rainforests and a vital part of their unique biodiversity, but they are poorly represented in botanic gardens and seldom included in revegetation projects.

Many vines are vigorous growers and can smother young trees. Exotic vines, such as *Madeira Vine*, *Cat's Claw Creeper*, *Balloon Vine* and *Morning Glory* are amongst the very worst threats to rainforest communities in our region. **Native vines**, however, are a different matter. Where they can be managed and contained, they should be part of our collection at the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens.

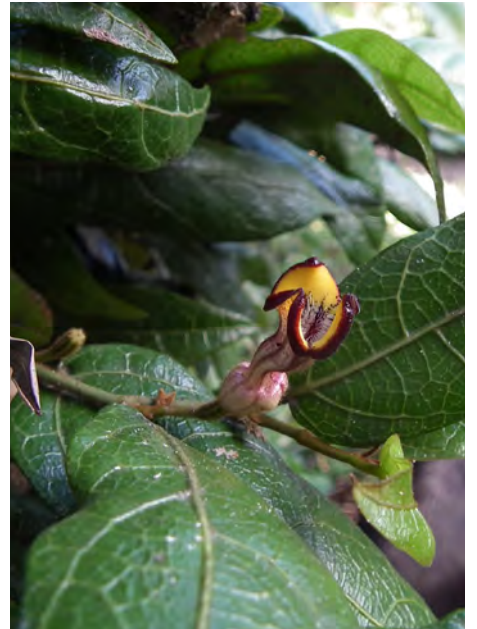
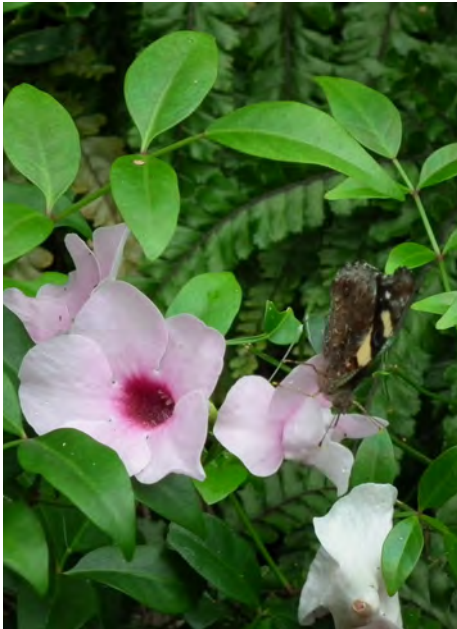
About 170 species of vines grow in the various rainforest communities that occur within 200 kms of Lismore, our focus area for the gardens. Some are bushfoods or medicinal plants, many are important bird foods or nectar sources and host plants for butterflies and moths. Many have highly attractive flowers, fruit or foliage.

Our challenge now is to find ways to incorporate them into our rainforest gardens in ways that allow for easy identification while avoiding having them overwhelm our other plants. To this end, we have ordered ten garden arches to be installed at the entrances to the various rainforest rooms. We will also be using our fences as trellises. With appropriate signage, you will be able to appreciate and identify many vines that wouldn't normally be easily found.

Few nurseries cultivate any native vines (apart from some commercial cultivars), so they can be hard to obtain. As a botanic garden, we are committed to growing species type plants of known provenance. Commercial cultivars just do not meet our needs. If you have any stock of vines of local origin we would like to hear from you. If interested please email me at curator2@friendslrbg.com.au and I will send you our vines wish list.

Peter Gould

References: Harden, G., McDonald, B. and Williams, J. 2007, *Rainforest Climbing Plants: A field guide to their identification*, Gwen Harden Publishing, Nambucca Heads



Main photo opposite page:
Passiflora herbertiana. Photo: Mike Fulloon

Top to bottom:
Hardenbergia violacea, Native Sarsaparilla.
Photo: Phil Jarman

Pandora jasminoides, Bower Vine with butterfly.
Photo: Florence Treverrow

Hibbertia scandens, Climbing Guinea Flower
with Leaf Hopper. Photo: Phil Jarman

Pararistolochia praevenosa Birdwing Butterfly Vine.
Photo: Florence Treverrow

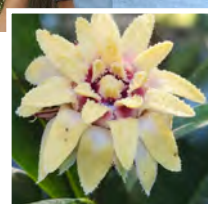
Hoya australis, Waxflower Vine.
Photo: Phil Jarman

REMEMBERING JAN DE NARDI

In memory of Jan de Nardi, many past and present Friends gathered to open our new **Bolwarra Garden**. One of Jan's favourite plants, the Small Bolwarra (*Eupomatia bennettii*) is surrounded by plantings of local native grasses, as Jan's passion and life interest centred on grasses.

Jan's three sons and their families gathered at the Gardens in December to unveil a plaque for Jan, located on one of the beautiful wooden seats in the Sensory Garden.

Jan was a long-time member of the Friends, serving on the committee for many years, and becoming manager of the Nursery in her later years of volunteering. She was remembered as an excellent botanist and a very popular educator, patient and enthusiastic.



Top: The De Nardi Boys, Ben, David & Simon with the Bolwarra 15 Jan 2025
Left: Jan De Nardi
Right: *Bolwarra bennettii* flower

RICHMOND LANDCARE TAKES ACTION AGAINST FLOODING WITH NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS

SCIENCE IN THE PUB EVENT AT THE CHANNON TAVERN - 6 MARCH, 2025

Richmond Landcare Incorporated is leading a ground-breaking pilot project along Terania and Tuntable Creeks that aims to gather evidence to demonstrate that reforestation, as a Nature-based Solution, can be an effective option to reduce the impact of flooding and flood risk to downstream communities. The project focuses on enhancing flood resilience by restoring natural ecosystems, stabilising soil, and improving water management through the power of trees and vegetation.

To share the progress of this project with the community, Richmond Landcare is hosting a **Science in the Pub** event at the **Channon Tavern** on **Thursday, 6 March, 2025**, from **5:30pm to 8:30pm**. The event will showcase how reforestation can

play a role in reducing the effects of flooding, while also highlighting the importance of collective action in tackling environmental challenges. It will identify how local residents, landowners and Landcare groups can get involved and show support for nature-based solutions in the region. Attendees can discover ways to participate in community tree planting and follow-up maintenance days, or sign up for citizen science initiatives, including monitoring water quality and water bugs.

You are encouraged to arrive early, order some food and drinks, and get comfortable as the discussions kick off. Whether you're a local community member, landowner, or environmental enthusiast, this is a great chance to get involved and make a positive impact on the future of flood management in the region.

Get your tickets at:
<https://events.humanitix.com/nbs-science-in-the-pub>



Creek bank being held together by trees planted 40 years ago. Photo: Tom Wolff





BEYOND THE GOBLIN KING

A sequel to the 1986 movie, *Labyrinth*, starring **David Bowie** as the **Goblin King**, is reported to be in the planning for release sometime in the near future.

Like other labyrinths in history and mythology, the movie labyrinth was a vast maze that had to be navigated, while avoiding dangers along the way.

The journey to the centre of the labyrinth represented a quest and a challenge that resulted in personal discovery and growth.

Walking a labyrinth offers opportunity for personal discovery and growth in the real world. It is a space in which to walk quietly, to move slowly, and to reflect deliberately on the things of most importance. (Alternatively, it can be a place to be loud, boisterous and animated.)

I suggest that before engaging with the labyrinth, to decide which order of things most needs attention at the time.

I am referring to the four orders of reality described in the work of **Margaret Archer**, Professor of Sociology. They are:

- 1: natural,
- 2: practical,
- 3: social, and
- 4: transcendent orders.

Broadly speaking, we can identify the order that will be most helpful to address by asking the following questions of ourselves.

Do we need: to listen to ourselves, to our bodies, and to our connection to the physical world?

Or is it important: to gain clarity about our thoughts and questions, our plans, hopes and dreams?

Should the focus be: on our relationships and networks, and connections with others in our social context?

Finally, is it helpful: to reflect on, and open up to the transcendent order, beyond the natural world, through prayerful engagement in the labyrinth? The priority for reflection will differ between individuals and will likely vary between labyrinth engagements.

The Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens boasts a labyrinth high up in the hoop pine forest. It differs from the labyrinth of the movies in that it is a single path to be followed, rather than a maze to be solved.

This labyrinth is a gift to the community, and a place for questing that supports personal discovery and growth. And at the centre the adventurer is met by the tall textured trunk of one of the seven trees incorporated into its design: there is neither minotaur nor Goblin King.

Robert G Lingard PhD,
Pastor, Dr

MAKING A LIVING COLLECTION PLAN¹ FOR LRBG

The Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens are unique in Australia, and one of a very small number of Botanic Gardens around the world, that is entirely managed by volunteers and has an actively curated living collection of plants based on scientific value. We are very grateful to Lismore City Council for the land and financial contribution.

Recently we signed a new MOU and presented a new management plan to council. This plan emphasised that we are entering a new phase in the life of the gardens because most of the planting has taken place and we now need to turn our attention to ensuring our gardens fulfil the potential envisioned by the founders.

BGANZ has developed a *Living Collections Toolkit*, an online questionnaire that helps Botanic Gardens to develop a formal plan for their living collections. Once we have created the plan, we will be able to apply for Botanic Gardens Conservation International accreditation. This in turn will help with grant applications as well as support from other gardens and institutions.

A 'living collection of plants' is a group of plants grown for a specific purpose that is actively curated, recorded and displayed. The purpose of a living collection in a Botanic Garden is usually defined as Scientific, Social or a combination of both.

Collections with a social focus are based on educational, ornamental, social, cultural and local values. Examples in LRBG include the Sensory Garden and Useful Plants Garden. Scientifically based collections, such as the Uncommon Plants and the Myrtle Rust Research area, are focused on conservation and research. There are many areas in the Gardens that provide a combination of Social and Scientific value. The Rainforest Walk, for example, is a relaxing walk with many educational aspects as well as containing documented examples of our living collection.

There is a lot of work to be done to make the Living Collection Plan, including such things as accessing climate data, and we could do with some help. If anyone would like to volunteer, we would be most grateful.

¹ This article is based on the BGANZ Living Collection Toolkit introduction

Florence Treverrow
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AUSTRALASIAN PLANT CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

From little things... 



I was privileged to represent the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens at the **14th Australasian Plant Conservation Conference** held from 13th to 17th October 2024 in Toowoomba. The theme of the conference was "*From little things*".

Major themes of the conference included:

- Navigating natural disasters
- Living on the edge - the future for rare plants in Australia
- Northern connections - saving Queensland's rarest plant species
- Fighting feral pathogens e.g. Phytophthora and Myrtle Rust
- Ex-situ conservation of threatened plants through meta collections.
- How to raise political and community awareness of threatened plants and the actions required to save them.
- Harnessing the power of citizen science for plant conservation.

Queensland Chief Scientist Professor **Hugh Possingham** spoke at the Conference dinner on "*Making smart plant conservation decisions*".

Guest presenter **Costa Georgiadis** did a highly memorable "*T Shirt Presentation*" resplendent in pink bib and brace overalls and a pink tee shirt, with pink everlasting daisies (grown on the nature strip outside his home) in his beard. He produced a sequence of message tee shirts, all connected to his message of first connecting with people and only then conveying scientific facts once you have their rapt attention.

Peter Gould
Curator

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION MORNING AT THE GARDENS SUNDAY, 23RD MARCH

Join us from 9:15 AM to 1:00 PM on Sunday, 23rd March for a rewarding morning with some of our dedicated volunteers. Morning tea will be provided. Take the opportunity to explore the Gardens, meet fellow community members, and discover ways you can contribute to preserving and enhancing this beautiful part of Lismore.

MEETING LOCATION:

Visitors Centre, Lismore Gardens (313 Wyrallah Rd, East Lismore)

Turn first right after entering the waste facility entrance off Wyrallah Road.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH A VARIETY OF TASKS, INCLUDING:

- Welcoming visitors at the Visitors Centre
- Publishing and website maintenance
- Archival organization in the office
- Weeding team
- Guiding team (training available)
- Nursery propagation
- Construction of seats, bridges, and sheds
- Maintenance of signs and equipment
- Newsletter editing
- Planning for Open Days and special events
- Botanical identification and database maintenance
- Fertilising
- Path repairs and more!

Whether you're interested in getting hands-on with gardening, helping with administrative tasks, or supporting special events, there's something for everyone! We look forward to seeing you there and working together to keep our Gardens thriving!

Join our happy and productive volunteer team! We'd love to have you with us on Workday Wednesdays from 8am to 11am – Please wear long pants, sleeves and a hat, and remember to bring your own water and morning tea, or if you prefer, you can help out behind the scenes. No prior training or experience is required – you'll learn on the job.

We work exclusively with native plants that are endemic to the area within 200 kms of Lismore, so you'll get to discover the beauty of our local rainforest plants while contributing. A \$10 membership fee covers insurance with Lismore City Council for one year.

Email publicity@friendslrbg.com.au for a programme.



WEEDING BLITZ

We need your help! Can you spare 3 hours?

Join us for a much needed weed-clearing session in our Hoop Pine Forest on **Saturday, March 29th, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM**. We'll be tackling asparagus weed and other invasive plants, and we need your help to get ahead of them!

Please wear sturdy shoes, long pants, long sleeves, a hat, gloves, and bring insect repellent. Don't forget to bring your water and your favorite weeding tool (though we'll have tools available if needed). Morning tea will be provided, so you can recharge during the event.

Parking and sign-in will be at the Visitor's Centre, located at 313 Wyrallah Road. When you enter the waste facility, take the first turn right. The gates open at 9 AM, but someone will be at the gate from 8 AM to let you in early. Let us know if you plan to attend so we can bake enough cakes for everyone!

Contact Susan at membership@friendslrbg.com.au



TREE PROFILE

- Peter Gould

ACKAMA PANICULOSA
(*Caldcluvia paniculosa*)

Common Name:
ROSE-LEAVED MARARA,
SOFT CORKWOOD

Family: **CUNONIACEAE**

Ackama paniculosa is a medium to large tree growing to a maximum of 40 m in height and 1.0 m in diameter.

It is a common pioneer species growing on the margin of Subtropical, Warm Temperate and Cool Temperate Rainforests, sometimes persisting as a canopy tree. It may also be found in Wet Sclerophyll Forest at times. It occurs from Ourimbah, on the NSW Central Coast at 33° S to Eungella National Park in Queensland at 20° S.

Leaves

The leaves are compound, with 3, 5 or 7 oblanceolate or elliptic leaflets. The leaflets are opposite and regularly toothed with a terminal leaflet.

Bark

The distinctive bark is very corky, deeply fissured and pale fawn, giving rise to one of its common names "Soft Corkwood".

Flowers

The showy white flowers appear in Summer, in panicles 10-15cm long, terminal and in upper axils. The flowers are bisexual with 5 lobes about 1mm in length. There are 5 petals 1-2mm long and 10 stamens 4-8mm length and free. Filaments are of different lengths. The ovary is 2-locular and superior, the style c. 5mm long. The flowers have been used in floristry.

Fruit

The fruit is a globose capsule 2-3 mm long. They are red and occur in large numbers on terminal panicles.



Top: Illustration: *Ackama paniculosa* (F.Muell.) Heslewood: Cunoniaceae.
M. Flockton Photo: ©The Royal Botanic Gardens & Domain Trust

Below: *Ackama paniculosa* fruit and flowers. Images Courtesy Black Diamond Images

VALE DENIS MATTHEWS



I first met Denis as I signed up to be a Friend of Lismore Botanic Gardens in May 2013. It was the Official Opening of the Gardens and Denis was Secretary and had been on the committee for many years. He managed the printing of many books written for the Gardens and helped to edit newsletters.

Since 2013 Denis inspired or was involved in many projects. He created the **Solar Clock** and **Labyrinth** for the Gardens, always fascinated by maths and physics. He oversaw the installation of an old school bell in the **Hoop Pine Forest**. All of these features are now a focal point for visitors, young and old.

More recently, at events and workday morning teas, Denis was always the one to ask about the history of the Gardens and loved to tell a tale or two. His mind was constantly at work, suggesting ideas and projects.

Denis has left a wonderful legacy at the Gardens and we all miss him.

Tracey Whitby

NEWS FROM THE NURSERY

Geoff Walker's retirement before Christmas from his position as a volunteer in the propagation nursery, has left a big space.

As a founding member of the **Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens**, Geoff has an in-depth knowledge of the history of the Gardens as well as plant propagation, and always a willingness to pass this knowledge on to others.

During his years working in the Nursery, Geoff was never happier than when he was engaged in a task and teaching others. Geoff will be greatly missed and we wish him all the best.

So, with reduced volunteer numbers, **Rosemary, Pauline, Neil** and I are very proud of the healthy young plants we are able to produce.

Apart from the everyday mundane work that needs to be done, we engage in some exciting and absorbing trials. Pauline, having harvested hundreds of kangaroo grass seeds conducted her own

experiment, setting out to ascertain the effect of smoke on the seeds in the germination process.

Following the tedious process of separating the tiny seeds from their husks, Pauline sprinkled half the seeds over the propagating mix in a seed-raising tray and placed the other half into a very fine gauze bag and exposed them to smoke, using a bee smoker that beekeepers use to pacify their bees.

Two to three weeks later, the results showed that the unsmoked seeds produced only 2 or 3 small seedlings, but the seeds that had been smoked before sowing using the same propagation mix, produced a crop of dozens of healthy seedlings ready for potting up into tubes.

We use reference books regularly in the nursery. Our most commonly used ones would have to be **Hugh and Nan Nicholson's** *Rainforest Plants* series, and so we were delighted to receive a set donated by **Marie Matthews**. Thank you, Marie.



Top: Geoff Walker first to officially cross the new bridge in December 2024.

Bottom: Geoff Walker in Useful Plants Garden

We welcome any volunteers to the nursery. No experience is needed. We work Wednesday mornings from 9am till 12pm, so come and join us. Ring 0450 596 705 or email [Jenny nursery@friendslrbg.com.au](mailto:nursery@friendslrbg.com.au)

FOR YOUR DIARY - CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025!

DATE	EVENT	WHAT + WHERE	TIMES
Sunday 23 February	Guided Walk	Tim in Wilson's Park Species Garden	9.30am till 10.30am \$5 adults
Sunday 23rd March	Volunteer Information Morning	How can you help as a volunteer at LRBG?	9.15am till 1pm Morning tea provided
Saturday 29th March	Weeding Blitz	Hoop Pine Forest	8am till 11am
Sunday 30th March	Guided Walk	Peter - Uncommon Plants Garden	9.30am till 10.30am \$5 adults
Sunday 27th April	Guided Walk		10am till 11am \$5 adults
Monday 19th May to Sunday 25th May	Botanic Gardens Week	Various activities all week Includes: Guided walks, coffee shop, plant and book sales	Open Day Sunday 25th
Thursday 5th June	World Environment Day for schools	Working with LCC Waste	
Sunday 29th June	Guided Walk		10am till 11am \$5 adults
Sunday 27th July	Guided Walk (National Tree Day)		10am till 11am \$5 adults

We welcome private groups and school bookings. For more details please email: publicity@friendslrbg.com.au

The Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens Nursery is open for plant sales every **Wednesday** from **9.30 am to 11.30am**. Please bring cash. Only local rainforest plants are available for purchase.



School students heading to Hoop Pine Forest



Wednesday Weeders heading out

DIRECTORY - RAINFOREST NURSERIES

Compiled by Ian Ball

<p>Burringbar Rainforest Nursery 380 Burringbar Road, Upper Burringbar NSW 2483 www.burringbarrainforestnursery.com.au email: brnursery1@gmail.com (02) 6677 1088</p>	<p>Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday 9am to 2pm Closed public holidays</p>	<p>Specialist in plants from northern NSW and south-east Queensland. They have an extensive range including rainforest trees, shrubs and understory plants</p>
<p>Daley's Fruit Tree Nursery 36 Daley's Lane, Geneva via Kyogle NSW 2474 www.daleysfruit.com.au email: order@daleysfruit.com.au (02) 66321441</p>	<p>Opening hours: Nursery outlet Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm Closed public holidays</p>	<p>A long-established nursery with a range of stock grown at the nursery. Focused on its online business but well worth a visit.</p>
<p>Eden at Byron 140 Bangalow Rd, Byron Bay NSW www.edenatbyron.com.au email: shop@edenatbyron.com.au (02) 6685 6874</p>	<p>Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm Sunday 9am to 4pm June and July 9am to 4pm 7 days The nursery is located south of the Byron Bay town area and just north of Suffolk Park.</p>	<p>Along established nursery with a range of native and other plants. Good quality stock sourced from a local wholesale nursery. Friendly and helpful staff.</p>
<p>Enchanted Wood Nursery 2530 Coolamon Scenic Drive Ocean Shores 2483 www.enchantedwoodnursery.com.au email: enchantedwoodnsy@gmail.com (02) 6680 5505</p>	<p>Opening hours: Monday to Sunday 9am to 4pm The nursery is located on the western side of the Pacific Highway at the northern end of the Coolamon Scenic Drive</p>	<p>A good selection of locally sourced plants. A general range of natives plus ornamental and edible plants. Café on premises.</p>
<p>Friends of the Koala Nursery 23 Rifle Range Road, East Lismore, NSW 2480 www.friendsofthekoala.org email: friends_koala@hotmail.com.</p>	<p>Open by appointment. Mark Wilson (02) 6624 5032;</p>	<p>Sells koala feed trees for \$1 and produces over 240 varieties of tube stock ready for planting, including grevilleas, callistemons, native grasses, and rainforest plants. Contact for current stock list.</p>
<p>Kingscliff Nursery 438 Cudgen Rd, Cudgen NSW 2487 kingscliff nursery on Facebook email: kinnur@optusnet.com.au (02) 6674 1022</p>	<p>Opening hours: Monday to Friday 7am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday 9am to 3pm Public holidays 9am to 3pm</p>	<p>Large commercial nursery with a range of native and exotic plants.</p>
<p>Lismore Garden Centre 67 - 69 Union Street, South Lismore NSW 2480 LGC on Facebook (02) 6621 7305</p>	<p>Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday 9am to 2pm</p>	<p>Has a complete range of plants and garden supplies. Plants are sourced from the northern rivers area. Knowledgeable, helpful staff.</p>
<p>Miss Tree 420 Rosebank Road, Rosebank NSW 2480 www.misstree.com.au 0448 974 421 - Stephanie</p>	<p>Opening hours: Tuesday to Thursday 9am to 3pm All other times by appointment</p>	<p>Has a wide range of native plants. All plants are propagated and grown on site. Very healthy plants at good prices. Plant price list supplied on request Also has a stand at Lismore Farmers Market and The Channon Markets.</p>
<p>Firewheel Rainforest Nursery 387 Dorrroughby Road, Corndale, NSW, 2480 www.firewheelnursery.com.au email: info@firewheelnursery.com.au (02) 6689 5246</p>	<p>Opening hours Monday to Thursday 8am to 4.30pm</p>	<p>Firewheel is a wholesale nursery specialising in native species for ecological restoration, cabinet timber plantations, bush food and flowering plant and grass species for gardeners and landscapers.</p>
<p>Gondwana Wholesale Native Plant Nursery 148 Creegans Road, Barkers Vale NSW 2474 www.gondwananursery.com.au email: sales@gondwananursery.com.au (02) 6689 7544 or (02) 6689 7545</p>	<p>Opening hours Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 4.30pm Friday 8.30am to 2pm</p>	<p>Specialise in a large range of Australian native plants from grasses to rainforest trees. Seeks out and produces new hybrids and prioritises quality and consistency. Mainly wholesale.</p>

SNAPSHOTS IN THE GARDEN



Top left to bottom right: Our weed warriors - Theodora, Tracey and Susan in the Sensory garden. In the nursery, the delicate leaved *Sophora fraseri*. First work morning in 2025, our youngest volunteer needs a helping hand from grandpa to start the powered wheelbarrow. *Syzygium moorei* in flower. *Cenchrus purpurascens* flower head-can be seen in the grasses display area in the eucalypt forest. Volunteers and Council staff after signing MOU. Peter has a fistful of *Fontainea oraria* fruit. Volunteers who helped with last year's Weeding Blitz in the Hoop Pine Forest included experienced bush regenerators from other organisations, thank you for helping us. Chris and Ros putting the finishing touches on Jan's Bolwarra garden