

The Tasmanian Arboretum



From the vision of 1984
to the Tasmanian icon of 2019

What is an Arboretum?

Distinct from a forest, park or nursery an arboretum is, in a sense, an outdoor museum of trees. More commonly, a modern arboretum is a botanical garden containing living collections of specimen plantings of trees and shrubs and woody plants and is intended at least in part for scientific study.

The Tasmanian Arboretum offers beauty, biodiversity, ecology, botany, recreation and education, and is of historical importance.

About this publication

A record of the first 16 years of the growth and development of the Tasmanian Arboretum—from its commencement—was covered in the document, *An Introduction and History of Development from 1984 to 2000* written by Stephen M. King with help from John Bell.

This current publication brings that history up to the present, drawing heavily on Stephen King's writings for the early years, and utilising information from Newsletters and AGM Presidents Reports for the years 2000 to 2019.

This updated work is the result of the team effort of Judith Hughes, Alan Blakers and Deby Adair. Judith has been associated with the Arboretum from its inception to the present day, providing invaluable elements, details and insights.

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Location

The Tasmanian Arboretum is situated on the North West Coast of Tasmania, 12 km South of Devonport and 1 km West of Eugenana village, and is **open daily from 9am to sunset**.

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Overview

Introduction

The Tasmanian Arboretum Inc. (T.A.I.) was established on a 47 hectare site in North West Tasmania in 1984, by a small group of people who shared a vision of creating a unique tree park which would comprise representative collections of Tasmanian native trees, together with exotic species from around the world and in particular Gondwanaland species to demonstrate the Southern Hemisphere connection. Through acquisition of adjoining forest and Hallet's Quarry the area now stands at 66ha.

The Arboretum is open to the public every day of the year. Entry fees apply. Particular emphasis has been placed on the educational opportunities the botanical tree garden provides and frequent visits have been made by students from schools and colleges throughout Northern Tasmania.

The Arboretum is an incorporated body and all work is performed by members and other interested organisations on a voluntary basis. It is a totally unaligned, non-profit, organisation and the Rules of Association ensure that no members can profit from its operation or enjoy benefits from its assets.

Financial support has been provided from members, the public, service organisations, the corporate sector and local government, and valuable help has been obtained through various Federal funded work experience and unemployment schemes.

With the exception of the Permanent Endowment Fund, all funds raised have been expended in development to the present stage and current capitalisation would be around \$2,000,000 and we are debt free.

To ensure the future viability of this grand community project, an Endowment Fund has been established; the income from which will ultimately enable the Arboretum to appoint and fund a professional manager and some ground staff.

This fund stands at \$404,000 at December 31st 2018.

Donations to the Permanent Endowment Fund are invited. Such donations are Tax deductible under Sub-Section 78 (4) ITEM 12.1.3 of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

Background to Project and Initial Planning

The Tasmanian Arboretum was founded as an incorporated Association in 1984, when the concept of a botanical tree park was born through the vision and determination of a small group of citizens. The Arboretum was conceived as a Community Project established on a voluntary involvement basis without paid employees, and it has continued to develop on those lines. In December 1984 an excellent site of 47 hectares at

Eugenana, 10 km South of the City of Devonport, on the North West Coast of Tasmania, was acquired for \$145,000 with the assistance of the Tasmanian Government, a bicentennial grant and bank accommodation of \$15,000. Title to the property was vested in the T.A.I. in 1994.

The site was previously a small farm set in a cleared, sheltered valley with several stands of native trees including some fine dominant eucalypts. The Don River borders the property and crosses through the Eastern section, whilst the site is watered by Melrose Creek which runs 12 months in the year and joins the Don River on site. The adjoining hilly country to the North and West is thickly timbered with native trees and bush.

Location

The Arboretum is to be found at 46 Old Tramway Road, Eugenana, just 10 kilometres south of Devonport in Tasmania and only a one hour drive from Launceston.



Site Map



Objectives

The following eight prime objectives are included in the Rules of the Association.

- a) To plant the widest possible range of species both Australian and exotic in order to study and exemplify species suited to the local environment.
- b) To plan the landscaping and plantings so that a beautiful tree park (or parks) may be created and maintained for the enjoyment of both local residents and visitors.
- c) To encourage the wise planting of tree species in Tasmania for domestic, public and economic purposes.
- d) To provide a live tree reference and herbarium for tree species recognition and a library for use by education authorities, forestry interests and the public.
- e) To maintain parental material and a seed bank for future propagation needs.
- f) To undertake propagation of species not available elsewhere in Tasmania.
- g) To maintain close collaboration with the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens, other Australian Botanic Gardens, The International Associations of Botanic Gardens and other organisations with common interests.
- h) To undertake such other related activities as may arise.

Good progress has been made towards achieving all of these objects.

Prior History of:

The Eugenana area pre-colonisation

The original people of this region included the Punnilerpanner people from around Panatana (Port Sorell), the Pallitorre from Lartitickitheker (Quamby Bluff), the Noeteeler at Ningherner or Parteenno (Hampshire Hills) and the Plairhekehillerplue at Emu Bluff. Sadly the British colonisation, that began in the early 19th century, with colonists 'stock keepers' range extending along critical river / valley pathway corridors and pastoralists' large local land grants, fatally impacted on the local Aboriginal population and no known direct descendants of these specific Aboriginal groups survive into the 21st century.

The Eugenana area post-colonisation

1853	The Don sawmill began operations
1854	John Denney started farming

1862	Captain Hedstrom burning lime on site
1862	Coal mining at Tugrah
1864	Timber harvesting on the T.A.I. site
1879	Tramway extended from Don to Barrington, 15 bridges
1885	Government rail reaches Formby
1887	Government rail connects with Don tramway
1916	Government rail reaches Paloona
1916	B.H.P. open Melrose limestone quarries
1917	To house quarry workers, Eugenana was established with a post office and store
1923-1928	Rail extends to Barrington
1947	B.H.P. close Melrose Quarries

The Arboretum Site

The Arboretum site was originally owned by the O'Connor family in the Midlands, when it was farmed by Henry and Anne Collier; subsequently acquired by John Henry, proprietor of the River Don Trading Co. Pty Ltd.

Mrs Hallett was the last occupant of the farm cottage which was later used as a hay shed by Max Harris when he farmed the site from 1970-1985.

Site Development

The Master Plan

The Master Plan enables developments to proceed in controlled order.

In addition to the siting of the lake, roads, bridges, paths and buildings it allocates areas to service, recreation, open spaces and tree collections according to geographical origins.

These include the Tasmanian Native Collection; the Gondwanaland Collection; Australian, New Zealand, Eurasian, Eastern Asian, North American, South American, Mediterranean, Himalayan, North and South African collections, and the decorative lake islands.



Founders Lake

An artificial lake has been constructed, with two islands, an inlet canal and two weirs. The lake is home to brown trout, platypus, lobster, black swans, wild ducks and grebes. The central island is now a bird sanctuary.

Internal Circuit Road

An internal circuit road was constructed by the Tasmanian Forestry Commission, with bridges and culverts, to provide limited access for service vehicles, and vehicular access for the elderly and for disabled persons.

Buildings

Buildings on site include:

- Caretaker's house for voluntary resident caretaker.
- Three rotunda shelters in the picnic area where tables, benches and BBQs are provided.
- Two arbours at good view points.
- Public toilets with facilities for the disabled.

- Two workshops
- Propagation Nursery with potting shed and store, shade house and shaded glasshouse.
- Kiosk for provision of refreshments and distribution of information pamphlets.
- Education Centre (previously Visitor Centre) providing meeting room accommodation for 100 people, and housing our library, projection and display facilities.
- A composting toilet at the northern end of the park.

Car Park

The car park with consolidated foundations provides accommodation for fifty cars and four coaches.

Irrigation

Irrigation is provided by a mains water supply, around the whole site serving a drip irrigation system to all new plantings, 3 fire hydrants and several drinking water points.

Tree Plantings

(i) Aesthetic Centre

The area around the lake is planted with decorative trees to provide an aesthetic centre to the Arboretum.



Tasmanian Native Plants

First priority has been given to establishing a comprehensive collection of Tasmanian Native species. There are 500 species of trees and shrubs native to Tasmania of which already more than 1,000 trees of 270 species are established as at December 2018.

(ii) Gondwanaland Collection

The Gondwanaland collection includes species living today descended from genera which existed at or before the late cretaceous period. This collection shows relationships of Australian trees with those in South Africa, New Zealand and South America, being derived from common ancestors prior to the continents moving apart. Around 350 trees of some 100 species are established in this collection as at December 2018.

(iii) Exotics

As at December 2018 around 3,270 exotic trees had been planted in their respective Collections, including; Aotearoa New Zealand 155, North America 656, South America 269, Eastern Asia 507, Eurasia 615, Ornamental/Picnic areas etc 375.

Seed Exchange

With introductions from the International Dendrology Society (IDS), the Tasmanian Arboretum now exchanges seeds with other Arboreta and Botanic Gardens on a world-wide basis. Seeds of Tasmanian native trees and shrubs have been collected and are offered in exchange for exotic seeds.

This operation introduces species of Tasmanian Natives of known provenance to other parts of the world and reduces the risk of extinction of rare species. Seed from alpine conditions has been welcomed in cold climatic regions.

Conservation of Native Flora

An assessment by Botanic Gardens of Australia New Zealand (BGANZ) in 2013 determined that T.A.I. maintains 23 taxa that are threatened in Australia (or New Zealand). Most of these are from the higher ground of the Great Dividing Range along the east coast of mainland Australia.

Collaborations Established

The Tasmanian Arboretum enjoys the goodwill and support of the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens in Hobart, of the Melbourne and Sydney Botanic Gardens and of Kew Gardens, London, all of whom have donated trees and other assistance. Good

relations are being built up with countries through seed exchange, notably United Kingdom, United States, New Zealand, Chile, Latvia, Japan, South Korea and Sweden.

Through membership of the International Dendrology Society, the Tasmanian Arboretum has adopted their international recording system and is able to use their introductions to other countries.

Over the years T.A.I. has enjoyed the support of the Devonport City Council, The Tasmanian Community Fund, Rotary and other Service Clubs, Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI), Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand (BGANZ), Royal Tasmanian Botanic Garden, Australian Plant Society (NW Tasmania), Australian Forests & Timber, Greening Australia, The Tasmanian Forestry Commission, Landcare, Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery Launceston, and Government training schemes for the unemployed.

Impact on Community

The establishment of the Tasmanian Arboretum has an immeasurable impact on the community. The values and uses of trees are learnt and appreciated - where they can be grown, how to plant, subsequent management and a correct choice of species for each purpose. This includes the values of firebreaks, windbreaks, trees for soil conservation, erosion and salinity control, their value to water storages, wild life habitat for birds and other fauna, shade for stock, aesthetics and beauty all in addition to the uses of the many tree products.

The resources of TAI have enabled regular exhibitions of flora and fauna (primarily Tasmanian) to be presented.

The Arboretum as an Educational Resource

Primary School Education

The Tasmanian Arboretum at Eugenana offers a unique opportunity for primary schools to make use of a wonderful outdoor learning facility.

A visit to the Arboretum can present the child with a wide range of experience and can be followed up in the classroom, to cover many aspects of the curriculum. During recent years seminars for teachers have been held at the Arboretum, enabling participating teachers to familiarise themselves with the site and assisting them to develop ideas, which could be used to benefit their classes. Many school groups have visited the Arboretum and guides have been made available for teachers not familiar with the area.

Native and exotic plants growing together can provide the starting point for a wide range of topics - the ways in which plants are transported; evergreen and

deciduous trees; weeds; why did the early settlers plant willows by streams? And, most importantly: "What is an Arboretum?"

The continuing fascination of flowing water can lead to discussions on dams, pollution, erosion, habitats for plants and animals. Then on to the lake, which is man-made and provides the inventive child with plenty of scope to investigate the engineering concept involved in its formation.

A walk round the Arboretum following the road can be a rewarding experience for younger children and enables them to get the "feel" of the park.

Post Primary School Years

The Arboretum provides a wide range of valuable learning experiences for students at both the junior and senior secondary school/college levels in the following disciplines:

- Environmental studies/science
- Physical and human geography
- Biology
- Geology
- Creative Writing
- Art

The compact nature of the site with its mixture of undulating pasture, native bush areas, river, creek and artificial lakes and watercourses permits a variety of studies which can be undertaken in sequence or simultaneously. Physical developments of arbours, covered lunch areas and the Education Centre Building able to house more than 60 for indoor teaching/learning means that excursions can be made in all seasons. Toilets are also available adjacent to the car park area.

The Arboretum serves as a basis for studying the native fauna and flora, insects, bird life, waterways along with the land forms/land care of the site. Valuable social studies of the early history and settlement to this part of N.W Tasmania can also be undertaken. Mapping, cartography exercises and special studies of a multi-discipline nature requiring an accessible but diverse extent of terrain are all readily available.

The development of special plantings related to trees and shrubs from other continents and nations gives a wide cross-cultural diversity. Longitudinal studies are assisted by the marked seasonal differences and the value in returning to continue the study in another time of the year.

In short, the development of the Tasmanian Arboretum represents the best of a local environment aided and enriched by the judicious and sensitive man-made developments to ensure that the integrity of the natural environment remains.

Depending on the nature, timing and extent of the studies being undertaken, the Arboretum is appropriate for both short visits and full day excursions. Furthermore, those schools which offer brief, concentrated units of study in the 'short course' mode will find a rich diversity of unit possibilities across the broad spectrum of the social/physical/natural sciences. In addition, the Arboretum provides excellent backgrounds for similar units in the arts fields, e.g. creative writing in prose and poetry art and music.

Higher Education

The T.A.I. has facilities which could be of use to a number of faculties and departments in the higher education sector of Tasmania both in teaching and research areas. The combination of the natural Tasmanian bush environment and planned development of tree plantings to represent all continents makes the Arboretum an important state botanical facility and source of diverse environmental studies. The Arboretum provides a living museum of tree species for botanical reference and the site also offers a valuable resource in local history and geography studies.

The nursery has been used for teaching propagation techniques to TAFE students. It increases knowledge of Gondwanaland flora under Tasmanian natural heritage.

Tasmania's Botanical Heritage

The Tasmanian Arboretum is a vital contributor to the maintenance of Tasmania's botanical heritage. Some 1630 species of plants grow naturally in Tasmania and of these almost 20 per cent (318) are not found anywhere else in the world. Thirty species of plants have already become extinct in Tasmania since white settlement.

The Tasmanian native collection at the Arboretum includes rare and endangered species. This ongoing development of the Arboretum fulfils a real need in helping to maintain the State's biodiversity.

The Tasmanian Arboretum Library

The library is housed in the Education Centre building and consists of approximately 700 books, serial publications, maps, posters and various display materials.

Acquisition has been mainly by donation, and the depth of the collection pertains to the botanical and horticultural areas.

Items are available for loan to Arboretum members, apart from some Reference material which is on closed access. One notable item in the Reference collection is "Houghs Encyclopaedia of American Wood", by E.S. Harrar, 1st edition, 1957, donated by Walter Barrows.

Amongst the serial publications are leaflets and bulletins from Botanical Gardens and Arboreta from other countries. An example of these is "The Botanical Review", published by The New York Botanical Gardens and "Arboretum News", published by the University of Minnesota as well as various publications from Australian bodies.

Hogg Creek Botanical Annexe



Location of the Hogg Creek Annexe

In 1986, the Government offered T.A.I. a lease on a piece of Crown land comprising 12 ha of virgin bush only 9 km inland from the Arboretum. The area embraces wet sclerophyll forest along a very steep section of Hogg Creek, a tributary of the Forth River.



Hogg Creek above the fall

In 1988, Rex Jeffrey, who owns farmland adjacent to this site, offered to transfer to T.A.I. almost 2 ha of adjoining steep bush land along the creek and including a 3-step waterfall. In addition, he offered to provide a right-of-way across his land to allow access to the T.A.I. property which at that stage had no legal access. In 1990, following negotiations, land surveys and legal formalities, T.A.I. took control of about 14 ha of freehold and leasehold land. The objective was to maintain the area as a native vegetation botanical annexe and to provide access via appropriate walking tracks.

In 1993, a National Landcare Grant enabled a bridge to be built above the waterfall and some track to be constructed. Volunteers with some help from Work-for-the-dole extended the track on both sides down into the valley and built a second bridge over the creek below the waterfall to provide a round trip.

Due to the difficulty in finding sufficient volunteers to maintain the Arboretum proper, let alone the Annexe, all titles and leases were relinquished in 2016.

Profile of Association, Membership, Finance and Constitution

Membership, including individuals, kindred associations, service clubs, and corporate bodies averages around 350 being widespread throughout Tasmania and other Australian States, and extending to a number of overseas countries.

Essentially the Association is based on self-help with voluntary workers and no paid employees. Members actively participate from time to time in a voluntary capacity, working on site.

Income is obtained from entry payments, Devonport City Council, Kiosk takings, interest receipts (Permanent Endowment Fund etc), donations, membership fees, cottage rental and venue hire. Also, from time to time, specific projects are funded by grants (e.g. from the Tasmanian Community Fund).

The Committees of the T.A.I. are professionally managed by people widely experienced in their respective scientific, legal, financial and administrative fields.

The T.A.I. is a totally unaligned organisation with membership extending over a wide cross-section of local, Australian and international enthusiasts, drawn from many walks of life.

All funds raised have been expended in development to the present stage and we are debt free.

Future Plans

Future expenditure envisages the provision of centralised administrative buildings, the further development of internal roads and walking tracks, harbours and shelters at viewpoints, venture trails, extension of our school education programme to students at secondary and tertiary levels, and the continuation of our long term programme of landscaping, propagation and tree planting.

Permanent Endowment Fund

With the growth of T.A.I.'s activities and with wider recognition both nationally and internationally, there is an ever increasing work load both "on site" and in administration. A significant percentage of active members have limited capacity to respond to these increasing demands. A high priority therefore, has been placed on the creation and building up of a Permanent Endowment Fund to enable the employment of qualified administrative and technical staff to ensure the properly controlled and directed progress of this project in the future.

T.A.I.'s long range objective is to raise a Capital Sum of \$3,000,000 to be invested in risk free securities, with the income derived being applied to meet management

and administrative expenses. The balance of this fund had reached \$404,000 by January 2019.

History of Development

1984

On February 16th some 50 people were invited to a private meeting at the Adult Education theatre. About 40 came and it was then decided to establish an Association. Its objectives were defined and a committee and officers were elected (see Appendix 1). The Objectives are listed on page 8.

In order to find a site we hoped that perhaps the Lands Department would make crown land available to us at low rental. Tim Muller was then valuation officer for the Lands Department and he introduced us to Max Harris' farm at Eugenana which was for sale but not crown land. We considered seven other sites, none of which held any attraction, so we thought the Eugenana site had so many advantages we should try to find a way to buy it.

The asking price was \$145,000. It was Geoff Winspear's suggestion that we try to interest the Bicentennial authority who were then looking for projects to commemorate 1988, 200 years since the arrival of the first British Fleet at Port Jackson, NSW. We spent 3 months soliciting letters of support for our project from organisations which matter in Tasmania. A professionally prepared submission was despatched July 19th to:

Barbara Payne, Chairman, Australian Bicentennial Authority in Tasmania.

The Devonport City committee for the Bicentennial.

Dr M.D. Readett Chairman Greening Australia Tasmania.

Ray Bonney MHA to pass a copy to Robin Gray, Premier and Minister of Forests.

J.A. Quick Chief Commissioner of Forestry Commission Tasmania.

Board of Trustees. Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens.

Meanwhile the Association had become officially incorporated and Neil Wilkinson, the Treasurer, had obtained a concession from the tax office that donations would be tax deductible.

The Bicentennial Authority generally liked the look of the project but had no money available just then to buy the farm due to internal problems of administration in Canberra. Ray Bonney pressed the state government to provide the necessary finance until the Bicentennial authority could come to the party. Max Harris was insisting on

near immediate sale because he wanted to buy land adjoining his farm at Lower Barrington which was about to come up for auction.

Finally this year Laurie Hall came up with the idea that we consign a section of the arboretum to trees representative of the Gondwanaland flora. This was agreed and has proved to be of continual interest.

Some notable dates during the year were:

June 21st - The first public meeting was held in the Technical College Hall. One hundred and twenty were present to hear an address from Noel Lothian entitled 'Arboretum Tasmanica' in which he outlined possible directions for development. He was brought to the meeting by Steve Kent.

August 24th- The Premier, Robin Gray, came to inspect the site (which was flooded at the time), after recent rains. He obtained a Cabinet decision that the Lands Dept. should buy the property paying \$130,000 provided T.A.I. contributed \$15,000. T.A.I. borrowed this sum from the Westpac Bank, paid it to the Lands Dept. who bought the property Dec. 3rd and appointed T.A.I. as tenant at nominal rental.

September 29th - It was deemed desirable to maintain the interest of T.A.I. members until we had a site where we could function so two excursions by bus were arranged. 29 members visited the Oldina forest reserve and Max Roberts' native tree nursery at Flowerdale.

October 27th - 35 members visited the Upper Natone forest reserve, the APPM nursery at Ridgley and the Lapoinya Rhododendron gardens.

December 8th- Members were invited to inspect the newly acquired site at Eugenana.

Membership stood at 223 and cash balance in hand \$2,207 with a \$15,000 loan to pay off.

1985

It was decided to spend the year planning and tidying up the site before starting to plant any trees.

A shade house at was constructed on the Hutchinson's property at Leith.

This year, Philip Milner undertook a survey of all vegetation on site. T.A.I. undertook a survey of soil type and pH. Jim McAllister, ex director of Glaxo, sent us over from Victoria a great collection of pots for the nursery. John Hays was paid to take promotion pictures of the site.

Greening Australia provided our first sponsorship of \$1,189 which was used for buying materials for the notice board and paying for the misting frame in the propagation nursery established at Leith. This was at Leith under the supervision of Eric and Susan Hutchinson because we had no supervision or caretaker as yet at Eugenana.

In order to secure support from service clubs, a series of slide-illustrated talks was given to Rotary Devonport, South East and to Soroptimists in June, to Ulverstone Rotary in August, and to Ulverstone Probus in November. This activity continued over the years.

The AGM was held in July (see Appendix 1 for elected officers and committee).

This year, a bird-recording group was formed. They met regularly in order to establish what birds were here at the start. They recognised some 42 species. The T.A.I. library was started with gifts of books.

Some notable dates during the year were:

January 7th- Six cuttings of the Josta blackcurrant-gooseberry cross were received by Cherry Lockyer, Department of Agriculture, and sent to the quarantine station on Bruny Island. These were a present from Donald Scott at Hampton. The progeny were sold in the three years 1992, 1993 and 1994 providing revenue to T.A.I. of \$14,000.

March 2nd- We received a visit from Walter J Barrows, an arboriculturist from California. He was much taken with the site and said he would like to help us get started on the right lines.

April 29th -We were granted a Commonwealth Employment Scheme project worth \$36,000 to enable us to employ and provide tools for six unemployed persons for 16 weeks. Jim Boyes provided intermittent supervision, unpaid.

April 20th - An excursion was organised for T.A.I. members to visit Hollybanks and the Brown Mountain nursery.

May 28th- We were presented with a set of orthophoto contour maps of the site by the Lands Department. These showed two metre contours and were really useful. They resulted from the activities of John Lake of the Forestry Commission, also on our committee. The presentation was made by Roger Groom, with maximum publicity for the Arboretum.

October 26th - The start of Saturday working bees. These represented our main method of getting work done. Associated Forest Holdings (AFH) offered to dig us a lake. At short notice, a plan was drawn up by Bernard Monks whereby the edge of the lake followed the 30 metre contour. Surveying was undertaken by Neville

Lester. A fence line and willows were removed by Saturday workers. Don Brigg's son, Peter, came on a tractor to help pull out willow stumps. We sprayed the bullrushes, or cumbungi, with herbicide. This involved walking through the bog following a lad who carried a pole over his head to part the very tall rushes.



Founders Lake, autumn 2015

November 18th to 23rd- Len Pike on an AFH bulldozer with a seven ton bite dug out the lake using the spoil to build the islands and the embankment beside the Melrose Creek. Harry Tiffin and others maintained a constant watch with a level to keep the depth at one metre, except an area south of the island two metres deep, to keep fish cool in summer. Bernard Monks was able to construct the inlet pipe from the creek. The lake filled in less than a week and proved to be watertight despite the limestone outcrop immediately to the east. Platypus took immediate possession.



December 1st - Walter Barrows arrived and Winifred and David Richmond provided him with board and lodging.

Associated Forest Holdings Pty Ltd of Burnie and Walter J. Barrows of California were Corporate and Foundation Sponsors this year.

1986

This was the year when Walter Barrows:

- Collaborated with the Forestry Commission in designing the internal road.
- Initiated the system of grid markings at 20 metres square.
- Was able to collect 250 cages, later for use as tree guards, from National Textiles in Devonport. These were opened up for us by Findlayson Bros.
- Donated an *Encyclopaedia of American Woods* to T.A.I. which was worth \$1,000.
- Started the Permanent Endowment Fund with a donation.

Talks and media advertisements increased support from visitors. The Arboretum was visited this year by the Mersey Probus Club, the Bicklehaupts from Ohio (friends of Walter Barrows), by Soroptimists, by the Ulverstone Probus Club and by the Society for Growing Australian Plants (now Australian Plant Society North West Tasmania).



The internal circuit road beside the lake

This year:

- We established seed exchange with other botanic gardens and arboreta through introductions provided by the International Dendrology Society.
- The Forestry Commission formed the internal road and placed necessary culverts.
- Professor Alec Lazenby, Vice Chancellor of the University of Tasmania, became the Arboretum's patron.
- In April, Michael and Jamie Radcliff took over the sub tenancy from Max Harris.
- Alison Pitman, the first editor of the T.A.I. newsletter, handed over the job to Lionel and Debbie Hill.
- Ten maximum/minimum thermometers were established at ground level for weekly reading. The minimum terrestrial temperature recorded was -7°C .

Plans for an economical caretaker's house were drawn up by Garth Murphy. Dee Houghton thought they were too modest and we received additional suggested plans from the Tasmanian State Institute of Technology (TSIT) in Launceston. The plan submitted by Andrew Smith, ex TSIT, was eventually used with minor modifications. The old farm cottage was demolished. It had been in use as a hay shed. Newspapers under the wallpaper were dated 1880

Two harbours were sponsored. Devonport Rotary built the lookout harbour at the Tasmanian alpine site. The Edbrookes paid for materials for their circular harbour. Both were to TSIT designs. The TSIT students started the building of the Edbrooke Harbour. It was finished off by Bob Walker refacing the outer wall. Then Devonport Rotary enlarged the roof.

Some notable dates during the year were:

February - T.A.I. mounted a demonstration of T.A.I. activities at the Bahai Alternative Lifestyles fair at Erriba.

May and June - Slide talks were given to the Historical Gardens of Australia Society in Burnie and to The Burnie Field Naturalists Club.

May 6th - Bob Malone of the Lapoinya Rhododendron gardens gave us two trailer loads of tree ferns which we cut as directed. These were planted in the T.A.I. fernery and beside the Don River. He later gave us a number of Mollis azaleas which were planted on the Western Hill, in the shade of the white gum grove, subsequently moved in 1995 to a site below the nursery.

June 28th - The first ceremonial tree planting was carried out on a frosty winter morning. Ray Bonney and Geoff Squibb planted the first trees, Japanese cherries, north of the lake. The same day the first trees were planted on the island by Philip Milner helped by the Markovitch family.

July 22nd - The A.G.M. was held (see Appendix 1 for elected officers and committee).

September 11th -With the intercession of Bill Wood, we called on the Mount Lyell office of the Hydro-Electric Commission and obtained permission to dig up Huon pines from the King River Valley which was shortly to be flooded. Approximately 20 were either planted out or potted in the nursery.

October 1st - was the funeral of Ken Keeley, who had been our estate carpenter.

T.A.I. Membership was 325 in February and had grown to 433 by September- a busy year.

1987

This was a busy year because we wanted to open to the public in the 1988 bicentennial year. By then, we needed to have a caretaker's house built on site and caretaker installed.

On 24th January, Barbara Payne, Chairman of the State Committee of the Bicentennial Authority, presented T.A.I. with a certificate of endorsement showing that we were an

approved bicentennial project. On November 13th, at the end of the year of fundraising, she formally presented sixteen major sponsors with sponsorship certificates. This was performed under the rotunda with maximum publicity.

Alec Lazenby, as T.A.I. Patron, visited the Arboretum with his wife Anne at the end of January and stayed with Neville and Jenny Lester at Sassafra.

This year much was achieved:



The White Gum Grove

- 37 *Eucalyptus viminalis* and ten *Acacia melanoxylon* (Blackwoods) were planted east of Sylvan Circuit to extend the white gum grove.
- Harry Holloway lived in a caravan on site and acted as caretaker. He also made a start building an Arboretum model. This was based on masonite boards cut out for each contour on the map and the edges rounded off with a mixture of sawdust and plaster.
- The Rotary Club of Devonport built the lookout arbour amongst the Tasmanian Alpines, which was completed on November 16th.



The lookout arbour at the Tasmanian Alpines site

- The \$15,000 bank loan for TAI's contribution towards buying the site was paid off.
- The name of the entrance road was changed from Harris Road after the previous owner to Old Tramway Road, in view of the fact it followed the line of the old tramway from Don to Barrington in the 19th Century.
- Noreen Stubbs took on the position of recorder, adopting methods set out by the International Dendrology Society.
- The Fund Raising Committee was formed consisting of: Bob Gott, Malcolm Gray, Neil Wilkinson, John Bell, Dee Houghton (Chairman) and Stephen King.
- The caretaker's cottage was being built by Royce Fairbrother at a cost to TAI of \$55,000.
- The two inch irrigation main was installed to the north of the site, pulled into the ground by Lloyd Badcock on a heavy tractor, attached by a mole draining plough.

Membership in June stood at 575.

After talks to the Launceston Field Naturalists Society they visited in March as did the Emu Bay Rhododendron Society. After a talk to the Lions Club of the Forth Valley, inspired by Mark Temple-Smith, they took on responsibility for planting and maintaining the lake island. They borrowed a ride-on mower and floated this over to the island on a petrol drum raft when the grass needed mowing.

Faye Gardam published her history of the Arboretum site in successive T.A.I. newsletters.

The A.G.M. was held in July (see Appendix 1 for elected officers and committee).

Some notable dates during the year were:

November 28th - Dorothy Thorp had given us a park seat installed beside the lake as a memorial to her husband, the late Professor Thorp.

December 13th - Michael Field, then MHA, on behalf of the Esperanto Society planted a Wellingtonia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) on the western hill. It was planted in what was to become the North American collection area.

The achievements of 1987 were made possible by forty-one Corporate and Foundation sponsors (see Appendix 2).

1988

This year was something of a climax. After four years of planning we had a caretaker installed on site and the park officially opened on March 11th.

Following the official opening we received 1000 visitors in the first three months.

This year's visitors included:

The Appledore Jaycees.

The Launceston Horticultural Soc.

Rotary Clubs of Devonport North and Devonport South East. The National Trust, North West Region.

The Bahai community.

The Retired Teachers Association.

Lady of Lourdes Primary School under Jean Arche

Heather Gulline, Botanist from SGAP (Society for Growing Australian Plants), Hobart.

Roy Lancaster and party: he had been curator of the Hillier Arboretum for ten years, and plant-hunting in China.

Evan Rolley, the Assistant Commissioner of the Forestry Commission, brought seven forestry officers with him.

Baptist Church family groups.

The Ionian Club.

Devonport Camera Club.

The Catholic Womens League.

The Royal Society, Northern Branch, from Launceston.

In addition to these groups, there were many individual visitors and we began to enjoy the reward for our labours, seeing so many people content with the park.

APPM Forest Products sponsored the construction of the car park undertaken by Dennis Fieldwick to Neville Lester's plan.

The Devonport City Council paid for the water main to be extended from the Eugenana road to the caretaker's cottage and toilets which were nominally a bicentennial project for the Technical College. They were primarily built by Bob Vellacott. The siting of the toilets was complicated by the necessity to prevent any outflow going towards the Melrose Creek. Installation of the septic tank was a major undertaking.

The caretaker's cottage was completed in February and valued without furnishings at \$72,050. In gratitude for sponsorship by the Bass Building Society, the front room of the caretaker's cottage was named the Bass Information Office and used for T.A.I. business from the start.

The Edbrooke Arbour construction was started by TSIT students from Launceston.

It was agreed to plant trees grouped according to their geographical origins; a plan was drawn up for the whole site which has since only had minor modifications.

The Society for Growing Australian Plants started to plant 96 Tasmanian alpenines which they had propagated at their homes.

APPM donated four specimens of cloned *Eucalyptus nitens* grown from tissue culture. Also four *Eucalyptus globulus*, cloned from cuttings. These two innovative methods of propagating Eucalypts have been developed at the company's nursery at Ridgely and are being applied to commercial plantings of cloned stocks.

The Devonport Field Naturalists' Club produced the northern nature trail with guide notes interpreting the numbered pegs beside the path.

The Mersey Apex Club cut out the paths on the western hill surveyed by Neville Lester to reach the highest point at the north end without exceeding a gradient greater than one in ten.

When Gladys Dickenson, a midwife at the Latrobe Hospital, died tragically her friends decided to pay for a memorial seat or similar at the Arboretum. However, the response raised \$3,400. They chose to use this by naming the limestone outcrop at the south west corner of the Arboretum 'The Dickenson Rock Garden'. This was in full knowledge that we did not at that time have the strength to turn this very rough area into a garden. Since then more hawthorn have been removed, paths laid out, and a stone seat built at the summit by Bob Walker.

Internal signposts of celery top pine were initiated this year.

Some notable dates during the year were:

January 1st - Harry Holloway departed from his position of caretaker in the caravan.

February 2nd - 7AD allowed us to make a publicity broadcast.

February 27th- Leslie Gulson, Sue Small, and John Miller, landscape architects from Hobart, come and suggest plans for extending the lake to the west and using the

spoil to build a levee bank that will prevent the Melrose Creek from flooding the lake paddock in future.

March - Ray Simpson, the caretaker, built himself a good sized workshop with power laid on which he left behind, as planned on his departure.

March 11th -**The Arboretum was officially opened** by the Governor General Sir Ninian Stephen KG, AK, GCMG, GCVO, KBE and by Lady Stephen. This was made possible because much earlier Dee Houghton had heard that the GG was coming to Latrobe, so, knowing their date, we fixed ours for the next day. He made a well-researched speech, reported in the Arboretum newsletter no. 15. He was welcomed by our patron, Alec Lazenby, who also made a good speech. We had sent invitations to members of Tasmania's Parliament, the Bicentennial Authority and Wardens between Burnie and Deloraine. The Devonport City Brass Band was in attendance and we had the Australian flag flying from a length of water pipe erected above the Rotunda. After the opening ceremony, Sir Ninian and Lady Stephen planted a Dawn Redwood, the lady doing most of the work. This was followed by a tour on the internal road which had to start north of the creek bridge because we did not trust the old wooden bridge to support the GG in a Landover.

May 29th- Members of T.A.I. Committee visited Hogg Creek to see what they had taken on. There had been no developments to date.

June 6th - A major submission was finally despatched to the Myer Foundation in Melbourne which resulted in further sponsorship.

July 19th -The Annual General Meeting was held in the Mersey Library (see Appendix 1 for elected officers and committee). Membership was then up to 704.

November 27th – ‘Members Day’ when, in particular, the work of volunteers was recognised. Voluntary workers from now on received a certificate of appreciation for their contribution.

There were 28 Corporate and Foundation Sponsors in 1988 (see Appendix 2).



Founders Lake

1989

This was a year of developments directly dependent on sponsorships:

- The Forestry Commission built two road bridges over the Melrose Creek.
- The Westpac Bank and Myer Foundation enabled work to continue on construction of the nursery and erection of the glasshouse.
- Don Murray Nurseries presented a Ferguson 28 tractor, which was immediately busy.
- Nineteen companies contributed to construction of the toilets. The septic tanks were installed 11th April.
- Bob Walker completed the stonework on the Edbrooke Arbour.
- The Rotary Club of Devonport South East started to build the kiosk.
- The Bahai community adopted the rose garden.

- On the death of Mary Houghton, Dee Houghton asked for donations to the Mary Houghton Bequest rather than to send flowers to the funeral. This paid for the 35 Dawn redwoods planted in the 'Mary Houghton Entrance Avenue'.
- The Sydney Botanic Gardens gave us trees from Chile, notably the *Fitzroya cupressoides* which we had been told would be very difficult to obtain due to near extinction.
- The North West Angling Association introduced 1000 brown trout fingerlings into the lake in early November.
- The Lions Club of the Forth Valley planted more trees on the island in August and the irrigation line was returned to the island after lake extension works were complete. Irrigation also was taken to the Tasmanian alpenes.

Initiation of the concept of 'Financial Friends' resulted in 14 members paying \$100 instead of \$15 for membership. This helped a little towards paying for the lake extension. The second island and two weirs were approved by Bernard Monks and surveyed by Neville Lester. Dug out by contractors, they cost T.A.I. more than expected.

It was necessary to collect seeds of Tasmanian native trees to exchange with other arboreta and botanic gardens. The most useful excursion was to Lake McKenzie. This was undertaken by Peter Searle, David and Winifred Richmond, Roland and Marion Scott, Bill and Betty Wood, Stephen King and Jill Roberts who was an essential member of the party able to name species correctly. It was a good day.

Brian Frappell held fruitful discussions with Rex Jeffrey over access and donation of land at Hogg Creek.

John Bates, as editor of the newsletter, established good regular features. He wrote a series of profiles; Philip Milner wrote a series on native trees and Faye Gardam provided a serial history of the site.

The Master planting plan was agreed and published.

The Permanent Endowment Fund stood at \$2,053 as at 30th June, 1989.

The AGM was held on July 24th (see Appendix 1 for elected officers and committee). At the AGM Professor James Kirkpatrick gave an address on the value of trees to the environment.

Membership then stood at 729.

Amongst visitors, we received Dr Anare Bondare, Head of the Scientific Information Department, Botanic Gardens, Salaspils, Latvia which resulted in seed exchange.

Jorge Lopez, Forestry Engineer Director from Chillan, Chile was also an encouraging visitor.

The Australian Rhododendron Society, NW group, held one of their monthly meetings at the arboretum which initiated close future co-operation.

Greening Australia presented a tree care award to T.A.I.

Many voluntary workers took on regular jobs, notably Sally Chandler as Assistant Treasurer. Newsletter despatch was regularly undertaken by Anne Boyes, Thelma Keeley, Roland and Marion Scott, Vivien Burnup, Betty Brock, Pat Coy, Daphne Nowell and Stephen King.

The first Denney family reunion was held in March. There were 500 present and they planted an oak, *Quercus robur* which was from an acorn off the Ulverstone oak descended from the King Charles oak in Britain.

There were 10 Corporate and Foundation Sponsors in 1989 (see Appendix 2).

1990

This was a great year of building thanks to numerous sponsorships.

- The Forestry Commission completed the concrete road bridge over the Melrose Creek with an official opening on April 8th.
- The Deloraine Rotary Club financed the construction of the stepping stone weir built by Royce Fairbrother.
- The kiosk building was completed. This work was led by Brendan Layton for the Rotary Club of South East Devonport. He was killed in a road accident and the kiosk was named in his memory. A roster of volunteers was established to hold the kiosk open at weekends, and a committee to keep it stocked.



Children enjoying the stepping stone weir

- The propagation nursery continued to take shape, finally receiving a major sponsorship from Geoff Walpole in the name of his Company and \$1000 from Tony Henry.



The nursery in 2019

- Air training cadets camped on site for the weekend carried stone from the white gum grove all one Saturday morning to build the upper weir below the settling pond.
- Denzil Mead carried out earthworks, notably the embankments leading to the creek bridge.
- The Rotary Club of Devonport extended the roof of the Edbrooke Arbour so that it covered the base enlarged by Bob Walker's remedial stonework.
- Bob Walker established the Silver Trail leading from the Edbrooke Arbour; single-handed on his own initiative.

We badly needed a tractor-worthy road bridge across the Don River but it was not to be built until 1991 by Associated Forest Holdings with assistance from Denzil Mead.

We needed to start cleaning weed from the New Zealand paddock before planting the NZ trees advancing fast in the nursery.

The Master Builders Association of Tasmania began to consider building an environmental centre to celebrate their 1991 centenary in Tasmania.

Wild swans came to a maximum number of seven in January but did not stay long. It became necessary to cut the bulrushes in the lake which occupied at least half an acre east of the island.

On January 16th, Ray Simpson, the caretaker, left. He did leave us his tool shed. Lynne Wilkie, a nurse, became temporary occupant of the caretaker's house until March 31st when Keith Morice moved in as new caretaker.

When John Bates moved to Sisters Creek, he resigned as editor of the newsletter and was replaced by Ivan Eade.

Alan Gray from Greening Australia stayed on site in his caravan and planned the school trail through the White Gum Grove.

The system of accepting bequests for trees carrying the donor's name was initiated. The collection of 25 species of Tasmanian native eucalypts was planted.

Some notable dates during the year were:

January 9th - Richard Wells from the Lands Department visited with regard to transfer of the title from the State to T.A. I. It was not to be until December 14th when David Richmond and Stephen King met the then Premier Michael Field and his wife Jan for a picnic lunch and walk around, that we made the case for T.A.I ownership of the property, having made the original submission to the

Bicentennial Authority. Michael Field then declared that the title would be transferred and this then eventually came to pass.

January 16th - John Bell, already a member of the Major Fundraising Committee, became the Chairman following the resignation of Dee Houghton.

February 1st - The Forestry Commission were blasting rocks to level the internal road east of the lake. The swans did not like it and departed.

February 10th - The Denney family held their now annual reunion.

March 18th - The Royal Commonwealth Society met and planted a donated and named tree. This became an annual event.

April 8th - The bridge opening was combined with the 'Gathering of Friends'. We now have 23 'Financial Friends' and 40 Friends 'by services rendered'.

May 1st - A special general meeting held in the library.

July 3rd - Judith Hughes and Stephen King found *Armillaria* fructifications beside the Japanese cherries north of the lake. These were totally removed, identified by the Department of agriculture pathologist and destroyed. *Armillaria* has not been seen since.

July 7th - Planting the entrance avenue to Dawn redwoods in memory of Mary Houghton. This was paid for by donations of friends after her death and organised by Dee Houghton.





The Mary Houghton Memorial Avenue

July 14th - The A.G.M. was addressed by Professor Bill Jackson. We now had 784 members. Membership fees were increased from \$10 to \$15 with \$20 for a family and \$30 corporate (see Appendix 1 for elected officers and committee).

December 8th - John Bell donated an Australian flag and flagstaff for erection beside the kiosk. Two T.A.I. flag pennants with logo were made by Diana King.

December 14th - Nursery stock was moved from the temporary nursery with the Hutchinsons at Leith to the new nursery on site under the eyes of the caretaker.

There were eight Corporate and Foundation Sponsors in 1990 (see Appendix 2).

1991

This year T.A.I. were given many trees and also planted many. We received trees from Greening Australia and from the North West branch of the National Trust who planted 50 Tasmanian native plants.

The APPM Nursery at Ridgley gave us 7 *Nothofagus* of desired species.

Alistair Watt of Lavers Hill Arboretum in Victoria sent us 107 young trees.

T.A.I. received offers of seeds from Oxford, Gothenburg, Chollipo in South Korea, Chiba in Japan and from the Morris Arboretum, Pennsylvania, USA.

During March to May we were receiving two schools per month and at the same time the Master Builders Association (MBA) were assembling the Visitor Centre.

Keith Morice, caretaker, was obliged to resign in August due to ill health, to the regrets of all. Tony and Allison Payne agreed to be caretakers for a year and this greatly assisted the transfer of Noreen Stubbs' records from card on to computer.

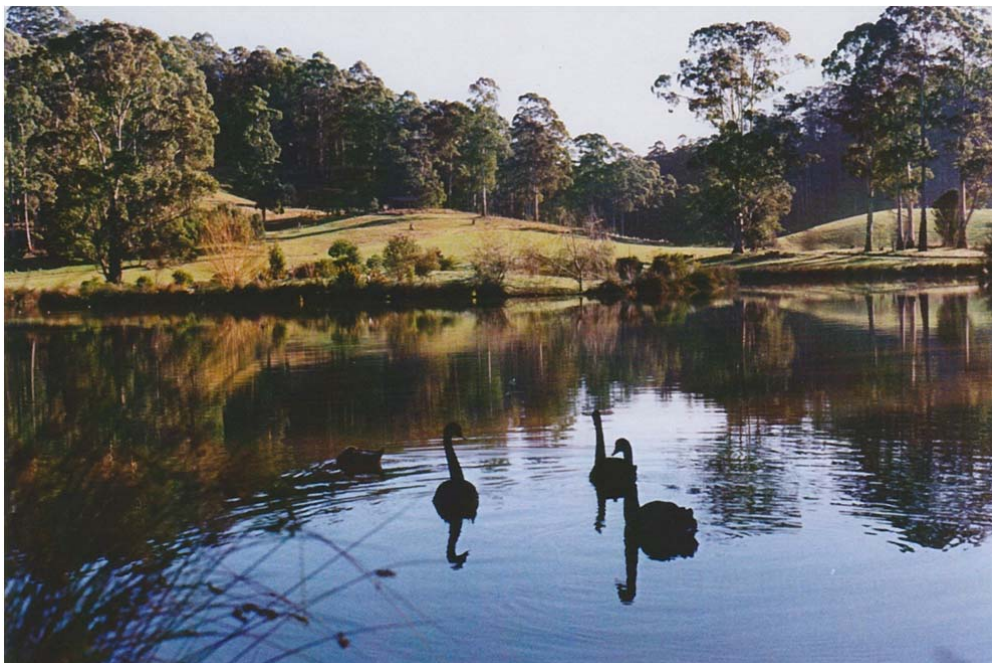
Some notable dates during the year were:

January 11th- Winifred Richmond died. Friends donated \$1,000 to the permanent endowment fund as a memorial.

February 11th -The Rotary Club of Devonport, having completed work on the Edbrooke Arbour, dedicated it to T.A.I. with a barbecue party.

February 12th -The Rotary Club of Devonport South East also held a barbecue where they dedicated the Brendon Layton kiosk by unveiling an Australian flag. 18 Corporate sponsors had donated materials for construction of the kiosk.

March 25th- Three cygnets, with one wing pinioned, were launched on the lake. They were hatched on September 28th 1990 from the Waterbird Haven Trust.



April 17th - The Gathering of Friends was held. There were then 18 financial friends and 60 friends from services rendered.

May 26th- Lionel Morell came to view the entrance of the Arboretum prior to drawing up an overall plan.

May 30th- The building of the new Visitor Centre: A crane lifted the octagonal superstructure off the ground whilst posts were installed to hold it up. The crane departed at noon and by evening all side panels were in place.

May 30th- Frank Roberts died. He had been a voluntary worker at the Arboretum and Brenda Roberts donated a park seat at the top of the western hill, as a family memorial.

June 10th - The Victoria League donated and planted the Cedar of Lebanon on the top of "Cedar Hill".

June 14th- The Visitor Centre (now Education Centre) was handed over by the MBA to T.A.I. then on December 8th there was formal dedication of the new building with maximum media coverage. A time capsule was buried inside the front door by Royce Fairbrother. It contained a scroll signed by all persons present that day, photographs etc. to be opened in fifty years' time. The building was then valued at \$100,000 for insurance purposes.



The Education Centre

June 18th- Kaye Fairley invited members of T.A.I. to see a video, "Restoration of a Victorian walled garden".

June 20th- Mary E White gave a lecture in the Mersey Library - "Australia's Gondwanan heritage".

July 4th -Associated Forest Holdings handed over the completed Don River bridge, opening up the New Zealand paddock to tractor operations.

July 6th - 19 trees were added to the Gondwanaland collection.

July 23rd- After the AGM, slides illustrating the first six years of development of the Arboretum were shown by Stephen King. (See Appendix 1 for elected officers and committee).

August 14th - Earl Franks died. On behalf of Lester and Franks he had undertaken the survey of land at Hogg Creek putting it on the map for the transfer of land from Rex Jeffrey.

September 23rd-25th- Eric Nash and Stephen King planted 1,400 Josta cuttings.

October 24th- Dr David Churchill, ex director of the Melbourne Botanic Gardens, visited with Mrs. Churchill. They were very encouraging and in particular admired the collection of Nothofagus species.

October 26th- General Sir Philip Bennett and Lady Bennett paid an unofficial visit without much warning.

November 13th- The Government publicised the official transfer of ownership of the site to T.A.I. which was important for fund raising. The Arboretum is now owned by its members.

Other operations in 1991 were:

- Norton harvesters undertook to maintain T.A.I.'s machinery on site.
- Mersey Skill Training started to use the Arboretum as a site for training unemployed persons. Grid mark positions were surveyed by Peter Richmond and marked by Roland Scott and Bill Wood.
- John Young was updating the fundraising video.
- Following investigations and request by David Richmond - Mr and Mrs Sampson donated the watercolour paintings of local wild flowers by Annie Cocker to the Devonport Historical Society. Arrangements were made for T.A.I. to receive colour photos of the series which were framed by Bob Vellacott for display in the Education Centre.
- The Lions Club of the Forth Valley started to build the two bridges across to the new island.

- Rex Jeffrey donated 4.4 acres of land bordering Hogg Creek; he provided a right of way for entrance and land for a layby off the Paloona Dam road. This was negotiated with Brian Frappell. Survey work by Earl Franks and legislation by Mark Temple-Smith were donated to T.A.I.
- Cooperation with the Forestry Commission resulted in a track being made and signposted through their plantation at Stoodley established in 1940.
- The Examiner Newspaper agreed to donate a column for Arboretum promotion through the summer months of 1991 and 1992.
- The North West Angling Association introduced another 1000 brown trout and 500 rainbow trout into the lake.
- The western boundary was planted in the South American section.
- 140 shrubs were planted in the oriental garden beside the car park.
- 101 trees were planted in the New Zealand section.
- Planting of the English Oak avenue was started astride the internal road.

There were 14 Corporate and Foundation Sponsors in 1991 (see Appendix 2).

1992

1,000 Josta bushes were offered for sale for the first time (at \$4.00 each). The Lindisfarne Garden Club acted as agents for Josta sales in the south.

Plantings this year include on the western hill, 17 red Maples; in the Eurasian section 14 trees which included completion of the Oak avenue with every tree donated. The oriental garden was completed and 2,000 Josta cuttings planted. At this time there were more than 1,000 trees planted at the Arboretum.

Judith Hughes trained Skillshare students in the propagation nursery.

Stiles are progressively replaced by kissing gates made by Robbie Marshall and installed by Bill Wood and Roland Scott.

The development of Hogg Creek was expedited by a Landcare grant of \$1,886 to provide materials for the bridge over the creek, layby and signage. A start was made to let Hogg Creek become the T.A.I. botanical annexe.



Hogg Creek below the fall.

Latrobe Rotary Club with assistance from Kevin Shadbolt gave 60 chairs to the Visitor Centre. The kiosk started selling Christmas cards organised by Ann Thomas.

The principle of adopting a tree was introduced whereby for a payment of \$75 one can have one's name on an established tree for eight years. This has been replaced by the Tree Sponsorship program.

The education sub-committee arranged a seminar in March which was attended by twenty primary school teachers.

Some notable dates during the year were:

April 12th - Friends were invited to gather and the Bahai community decided to dedicate their rose garden to 'Peace' on the same day, with music, prayers and dancing.



There are now 49 Financial Friends and 69 Friends recognised for services rendered.



The Oriental Garden

June - T.A.I. received seeds from Oxford, Dunedin and Chollipo. David and Peter Richmond visit the Redwoods in California.

July 5th - Tony and Alison Payne complete their year as Caretakers and are replaced by Michael and Anne Fitzpatrick.

August 19th- The A.G.M. passes special business whereby in the event of T.A.I. ceasing to operate, the assets would pass to the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens. (An amendment passed at the 2018 AGM expands this to “The Royal Tasmanian Botanical gardens, or to an organisation with similar aims and objectives to the Tasmanian Arboretum Inc.”). After the A.G.M. Tim Barbour, Head of the School of Horticulture TAFE, Launceston gave a talk on trees and gardens in USA. (See Appendix 1 for elected officers and committee).

August 31st - T.A.I. members combined with Forestry Commission officers to hold an opening walk of the new trail through the forestry plantation at Stoodley.

September 20th - This Arbor week there was a display for schools in the visitor centre and five schools contributed to the planting of 50 trees in the New Zealand section.

October- Don River floods swept away four New Zealand trees and dumped an enormous pile of cleared willow trees on the boundary fence downstream. On November 22nd the Don River was again into the New Zealand paddock.

December 12th- Barry Graue and Lyle Archer lopped trees with the Marine Board cherry picker, mainly around the picnic area.

There were 14 Corporate and Foundation Sponsors in 1992 (see Appendix 2).

1993

Alec Lazenby retired as Vice Chancellor of the University of Tasmania and, in moving to Canberra, retired as T.A.I. Patron. We invited the then Governor General, Sir Ninian Stephen, to be Patron and he accepted.

The Ferguson 28 tractor given by Don Murray was traded in enabling the purchase of a Massey Ferguson 35X.

The Bolens ride-on mower was also purchased from Tony Payne. Mown grass was raked up by Jack Jarman to provide mulch for trees.

Irrigation lines were buried to facilitate mowing.

Earth moving by Denzil Mead at the north end of the entrance avenue enabled the remaining Dawn Redwoods to be planted. Denzil Mead's log loader was driven down the Don River and used to lift all fallen willows out onto heaps on the riverbank.

Nine school parties totalling 300 primary school children visited in the first 6 months of the year.

The Education Centre was opened on Sundays and displayed the Timber goblets made by Rex Bramich.

A new five year plan was drawn up and published in the June newsletter.

Bob Walker built the stone seat on top of the hill in the Dickenson Rock Garden.

Seven social groups came to work on site as follows:

- The Lions Club of the Forth Valley who built the second island bridge and mowed island grass.
- The Society for Growing Australian Plants (now Australian Plant Society, North West Tasmania) worked on the Tasmanian Alpine Garden.
- The Devonport Garden Club worked in the Oriental garden.

- Work order personnel under a supervisor came on the same days as missionaries from the Church of Latter Day Saints. The enthusiasm of the latter encouraged the former.
- The Mersey Skillshare jobskills team, mostly with Robbie Marshall as supervisor, built the Hogg Creek Bridge and three bridges across the Melrose Creek. They also built the stone walls flanking the front gate. The Rotary Club of Devonport North built tables and seats for the picnic area.
- The Mazda Foundation donated the computer.
- Jostaberry bushes were sold at the kiosk, by Tony Payne and by the Lindisfarne Garden Club. A further 2,000 Jostaberry cuttings were planted.

The Caretaker's cottage leaked and was re-clad with Weathertex Pine lock. The carport was also enclosed to provide an additional bedroom for the Douglas family.

The boardwalk through the fernery was built.

22 routed signs were made from Celery Top Pine and erected on site. Many visiting groups were given guided tours.

Discussion was held regarding whether the Arboretum should become part of the National Botanic Gardens Regional Scheme.

Gunns Timber provided old rack sticks for tree protection stakes.

Some notable dates during the year were:

February 1st - The Arboretum was visited by 6 Rotary exchange students from Denmark and also by passengers from the German cruise ship *Maxim Gorky*. Interpreters were provided.

February 6th - The International Dendrology Society started their Tasmanian tour with expert papers being presented in the Visitor Centre (now the Education Centre).

April 1st and 5th- Vinyl and Feltex modular carpet was installed in the Visitor (Education) Centre.

April 18th - A gathering of Friends was welcomed by Neville Lester. We now have 53 financial Friends and 72 Friends by services rendered.

May 8th - Gordon Paul and Stewart Malone provide a Tree Care course for 20 paying students.

June 3rd - An Arboretum display was set up in the Rooke Street Mall.

July 20th- The AGM was held (see Appendix 1 for elected officers and committee).

August 28th -The Caretakers, Mike and Anne Fitzgerald, resigned to look after their own property. James and Maree Douglas moved in with three children.

September 13th-19th - T.A.I. shared a stand with the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens at the Launceston Garden Festival and showed the T.A.I. video.

October 4th- 9th - Arbor week saw 250 children from 5 schools on site with a display in the Visitor Centre.

October 7th- Formal hanging of the front gate, which was donated by Salisbury's Foundry, Launceston. This completed the front entrance with a turning circle outside the gate.

November 19th- The Jobskills team finished with a barbecue and formal letters of thanks were presented to the participants.

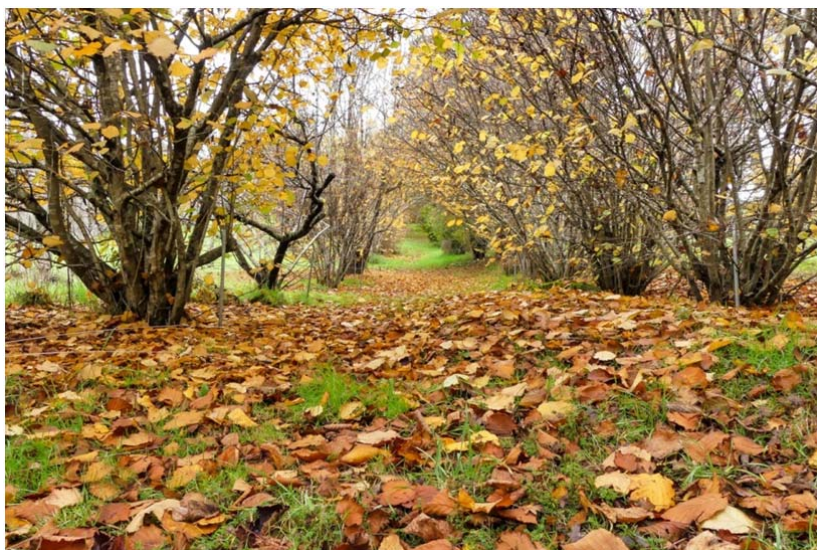
There were 11 Corporate & Foundation Sponsors in 1993 (see Appendix 2)

1994

This year saw the final transfer of land title from the State to T.A.I.

As owners of the land T.A.I. became liable to pay rates but these were, and still are, remitted by the Devonport City Council.

It was a busy year planting trees. 29 trees planted into the North American collection, South American shrubs were planted around the Visitor Centre. 10 trees added to the Gondwanaland collection and 39 to New Zealand. The Nut Walk was established with 70 trees in the European section and another 10 planted in the central paddock north of the lake.



The Nut Walk in autumn 2017

It was also a busy year for primary school visits and education.

Education Centre displays were renewed quarterly. A Gondwanaland exhibit displayed from April to July. Then Entomology mounted by Father Bede Lowery and Lionel Hill. This was followed by a native flora exhibit in October and the Queen Victoria Museum provided a native bush exhibit December 2nd for the Christmas holidays.

Rotary exchange students from British Columbia visited.

Silt from the settling pond was excavated by Denzil Mead and spread to fill hollows in the lake paddock. Then on May 7th this paddock was re-sown to fine leafed fescue to facilitate mowing in future.

John Young updated the T.A.I. promotion video with photographs of the front entrance and second island bridges.

Wendy Eagle came to help Noreen Stubbs as plant recorder. Eric Nash moved south which was a loss to the Arboretum.

2000 Jostaberry bushes were offered for sale from June onwards this year. The value of Jostaberry bushes sold up to December 1994 totalled \$14,030 over a period of three years.

The Rotary Club of Devonport North re-roofed the rotunda with Colorbond, as the original shingles were not waterproof.

The swans on the lake produced their first family of 7 cygnets.



This December the Wollemi Pine was discovered in N.S.W. It has become a great feature in the Arboretum's Gondwanaland collection.

Some notable dates during the year were:

February 10th- The first wedding was held at the Arboretum. Robert Mead and Cymone Wright were married in the rotunda.

February 16th -The 10th birthday of T.A.I.'s foundation was celebrated with a display of achievements in the Visitor Centre. This was enhanced by the Arboretum model, which had been given finishing touches by the Queen Victoria Museum Launceston.

March 7th- The Denney family held their annual reunion.

April 9th - 70 people attended the second concert "Songs in the Arbor", organised by Bernadette Methyr, to raise funds for the Fred Hollows Foundation.

April 10th -The Gathering of Friends was welcomed by John Bell. At this time there were 31 Financial Friends and 98 Friends from services rendered.

April 16th - Purchase of a microwave oven enabled sales of hot pies from the kiosk.

April 25th -Ray Bonney, M.H.A. died. He had been responsible for Premier Robin Gray enabling purchase of the site in 1984 and subsequently supported developments in many ways.

May 1st-A bus tour was organised for members to visit Dr Harry Laker's garden, Culzean, at Westbury followed by visits to Woolmers and Brickendon.

May 7th- A tree management and maintenance course was organised and taken by Gordon Paul and Stewart Maloney. They also conducted an advanced tree care course in August.

May 13th - Kevin Heinze demonstrated how to plant a tree to students of the Devonport High School. Tas TV made a video of the day's proceedings.

May 27th- Dee Houghton died. As first chairman of the Fund Raising committee and publicity officer she had made fundamental contributions to the arboretum's establishment.

June 4th - 45 friends attended the planting of a Magnolia in memory of Dee Houghton and attended a friendly social in the Visitor (now Education) Centre afterwards.

July 10th - Chris Tassel, Director of the Queen Victoria Museum, Launceston organised a geological excursion which included the arboretum, attended by 60.

July 26th -The A.G.M. was held and followed by an address by Prof Robert S. Hill, Department of Plant Science, University of Tasmania- 'The Tasmanian flora, past and present; our key to understanding Gondwana'. Prof Hill also visited the Arboretum and offered future support from his department. (see Appendix 1 for elected officers and committee).

September – This month the Permanent Endowment Fund reached \$23,393. A tree-planting standard was established for use at the Arboretum.

October 16th-The third concert "Songs in the Arbor" was organised by Bernadette Methyr for the Fred Hollows Foundation.

October 22nd - Dr David Bedford, Director of the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens visited the Arboretum with Mrs. Bedford.

October 29th - 800 Rainbow trout were introduced to the lake by the North West Angling Association.

November 4th - The deeds to the land title were received by Mark Temple-Smith on behalf of T.A.I. Old roads and tramways have been incorporated into the new title. It was 10 years since T.A.I.'s original submission to the bicentennial authority.

November 5th - Bill Wood died. He was a member of the committee and tireless worker on site. His death was a loss.

November 5th- The LEAP scheme organised by Mersey Skillshare concluded with a social barbecue and presentation of a letter of thanks to all participants.

There were 12 Corporate and Foundation Sponsors in 1994 (see Appendix 2).

1995

On January 11th the Chairman of the Forward Planning sub-Committee proposed during 1995 to: 1. suspend plantings (only until maintenance could be assured.), and; 2. reintroduce sheep to the central lake area.

The impact of these proposals would have been:

- All the trees already planted, and which were about to be planted, would need to be fenced for protection from the returned sheep.
- The elderly or disabled would be unable to drive around the internal road without opening 4 or 5 gates.
- The many trees in the nursery ready for planting would need to be re-potted and watered for another year, making extra work in the nursery.
- A contradiction of the Arboretum's primary objective which 'is to plant trees'.

In fact the decision to remove sheep from the central paddocks inside the internal road had been officially taken 4 years prior and in the last year fencing had been moved for this reason.

At the General Committee meeting on January 24th there was lengthy discussion regarding these proposals. R. McCormack and Mark Temple-Smith expressed the view that decisions of the Forward Planning sub-Committee should be accepted. But they also moved motions, which were carried, that these two matters be referred back to Forward Planning for further consideration.

After a period of inactivity the Arboretum's status quo was restored.

Joan Sykes agreed to take on the position of Secretary just a fortnight before the A.G.M.

Plans were made to plant an Eastern Asia rock garden north of the lake.

More than 100 trees were planted this winter.

Hermon Slade donated \$25,000 to the Permanent Endowment fund thanks to work by John Bell. At the end of August this fund stood at \$58,445 with good hopes it would achieve \$100,000 by the end of the year thanks to bequests.

Some notable dates during the year were:

February 1st – Stephen King formally tendered his resignation as Secretary and Public Officer of T.A.I., effective as from the AGM in July. Stephen King's resignation was received with regret by all members of the General Committee at the meeting on 28th February, at which Chairman Neville Lester placed on record the outstanding contribution that Stephen King had rendered to the Arboretum, first from 'Founding Father' jointly with David Richmond, then throughout the ensuing 11 years of his dedicated service.

January 19th – Malcolm Gray died. He served on the Fund Raising sub-Committee for some years.

February 7th- The 1995 LEAP Training scheme for unemployed persons started at the Arboretum.

February 10th- The Victoria Museum in Launceston removed their Save the Bush demonstration in the Visitor (Education) Centre.

February 20th- April 23rd- Petrarch's bookshop mounted a display of books about trees in the Education Centre.

February 27th- Greening Australia held their quarterly Board meeting at the Arboretum. Eric Nash proposed that the Yellow-throated honeyeater (*Nesoptilotis*

flavicollis) should be adopted as the bird emblem for Tasmania. (Tasmania remains the only Australian state or territory without an official bird emblem).

March 6th -The Denney family held their annual re-union.

March 18th -Tasmanian Festival Wind Symphony Orchestra and the Festival Show Band give a concert in the rotunda conducted by Max Carron.

April 9th- A Gathering of about 50 Friends were welcomed by Neville Lester.

April 15th- Geoff Haward's resignation was accepted and a record made of his valued contribution, particularly to the Education sub-Committee.

June - Bovill Bros. helped with spraying ragwort. Mersey Skillshare erected the post and rail fencing flanking the entrance.

July 8th - A new machinery shed was planned by Bob Vellacot and sited.

July 28th - The AGM was held After the meeting Mike Peterson, of the Tasmanian Forestry Commission special timbers section, gave a talk on the work at Mt Reid with its 10,500 year old Huon Pine and climate dating from tree rings. (See Appendix 1 for elected officers and committee).

July - Philip Milner re-vamped the Tasmanian Alpine Area by introducing a small pond.

September 23rd - Another Advanced Tree Care Course was run by Gordon Paul and Stewart Malone with 20 present.

November 12th - 40 members of the International Dendrology Society visited the arboretum at the start of their 10 day tour in Tasmania, which was organised by David Richmond.

There were 10 Corporate and Foundation Sponsors in 1995 (see Appendix 2).

1996

Doreen Muller assumed responsibility of membership secretary.

The Sylvan Circuit east of the lake was made up and well formed. Willows were removed from the banks of the Don River and the Melrose Creek. Hawthorns removed from the old quarry. New barbecue built near the Visitor Centre.

Jobskills trainees were employed on site until June organised by Mersey Skill Training and the North West Training Group.

One kilometre of two inch water main completed the encircling of the Arboretum.

Also during this year:

- The machinery shed was constructed under Bob Vellacott's overall supervision, enabling tidying up of the old farm area.
- 18 Visiting groups booked into the Visitor Centre.
- The Fred Hollows concert was held and some weddings.
- The Nursery was used to teach propagation to TAFE students.
- A pond representing a mountain tarn was established in the Tasmanian Alpine section.
- A South American shrub garden was planted around the Visitor Centre.
- Membership at June 30th was:- 192 Adult, 254 Family, 18 Society.
- 6 Park benches were donated by the Lions Club of Devonport.
- The verandah of the Brendon Layton kiosk was glassed in by Rotary Devonport South East. The floors to the toilets were tiled, donated and laid by Wyllie Tiles Devonport.

Some notable dates during the year were:

March 24th- Visit by members of the Hermon Slade Foundation after donation of \$25,000 in 1995. They planted a Huon Pine to commemorate their visit.

July 25th - The AGM was held (see Appendix 1 for elected officers and committee). At this meeting annual subscriptions were increased from \$15.00 to \$20.00 for adults and from \$20.00 to \$30.00 for a family. The Junior membership category was removed.

July 20th - Philip Murray conducted a training session on Rose pruning.

There were 18 Corporate and Foundation Sponsors in 1996 (see Appendix 2).

1997

David Richmond retired as President after long and dedicated service in that role with Bruce Beattie taking over from January 1st 1997.

The Devonport City Council gave significant financial support for upgrading the Sylvan Circuit and for grass control.

A Landcare group is formed for removal of willows from the banks of the Melrose Creek and the Don River.

This year maintenance and protection of trees took precedence over planting.

Bob Vellacott submitted a draft new 5 year plan, supported by Brian Frappell.

Working Bees of volunteers are organised on the third Saturday of each month.

In August, The Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens presented T.A.I. with 16 plants grown from Chinese seed and a *Lomatia tasmanica* which has recently been claimed to be the longest living plant, with a 43,000 year old clone.

60 persons attended a Fred Hollows Foundation concert in the Visitor Centre presented by Christobel Harcourt-White.

Some notable dates during the year were:

April 15th- Neville Lester's resignation was accepted with regret. Record was made of his tremendous contribution since inception of the Arboretum and of his firm's most generous support with Survey work.

September 23rd - The AGM was held (see Appendix 1 for elected officers and committee).

November 9th - 50 members of the Pathfinders Orienteering Club met at the Arboretum.

December -The Arboretum was used for several Christmas barbecue parties.

There were 6 Corporate and Foundation Sponsors in 1997 (see Appendix 2)

1998

Ken Michell informed us that the timbered hill to the North East of the Arboretum was to be sold by North Forest Burnie for development. Protection of this hill from clear felling and development was vital to secure the Arboretum's boundaries. John Bell and Neville Lester submitted a request to North Forests Burnie that part of this land be donated to the Arboretum.

After prolonged negotiations on December 3rd Bryan Hayes, Manager of North Forests Burnie, formally handed over to T.A.I. the title to 10.75 hectares valued in excess of \$20,000.

This land addition increased the area of the Arboretum from 47.41 ha to 58.16 ha (143 acres).

In addition to providing a permanent forest backdrop, the land provides for eventual development of Nature Trails, a rainforest feature and this acquisition includes a 1km section of Don riverside walk which was originally the Don-Melrose-Barrington tramway track.

The Devonport Lions Club installed 6 new picnic tables during the year.

A start was made replacing willows with native trees along the banks of the Melrose Creek and Don River.



The Don Riverside walk.

Other trees planted were:

- 90-100 Maples on Western Hill with irrigation drippers and mulch.
- 21 planted in the New Zealand section with co-operation established with the Auckland Botanic Gardens.
- 10 planted in the Gondwanaland section.
- 20 planted in the East Asia collection.

Professor Robert Hill donated a fossil of *Fitzroya tasmanensis*.

Patricia Coy continues to produce Arboretum cards for sale @ 2.00 each.

Joan Sykes resigned as Secretary effective January 1st 1999 and is replaced by Pam Bartlett.

Present number of members 454. Estimated number of visitors now 5000-6000 per annum.

Some notable dates during the year were:

February 22nd - Arboretum Open Day. The Devonport City Council organised music by the Devonport City Brass and Emu Valley Jazz Band, the day was well attended.

July - 18th- A five year strategy plan, initiated by Bob Vellacott and developed by Brian Frappell was unanimously adopted for the year commencing 1998/1999.

September 15th- The AGM was held (see Appendix 1 for elected officers and committee). The Major Fund Raising Committee now consists of John Bell (Chairman), David Grant and Dallas Cowan.

There were 7 Corporate and Foundation Sponsors in 1998 (see Appendix 2)

1999

Attacks on trees by possums were a problem. A possum repellent and corrugated iron guards were trialled.

Sub Committees are established on an annual basis covering the following aspects of work: Major Fund Raising; Work Programme; Strategic Planning; Living Collections; Property Management; Visitor Services; Budget.

Dick Burns became the Curator of the Tasmanian section taking over from Philip Milner.

The Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens presented T.A.I. with 16 new species.

The Tasmanian Mushroom farm gave us 100 m³ of composting straw for mulching trees.

In the Visitor (now Education) Centre, the wattle posts infected with borer were replaced with Celery Top Pine.

John Bell successfully negotiated with the Rotary Club of Devonport North to build a new rotunda near the kiosk, with materials donated by Luck & Haines/Mitre 10 and by Goliath Cement. Funding for the project was from a successful submission to the Commonwealth Federation Centenary Fund.



The Federation rotunda is ideal for tourists and The Arboretum can now cater for quite a number of visitor groups at one time. Donations provided for the purchase of 4 picnic tables, specially designed to enable wheelchair access.

Some notable dates during the year were:

February 21st – The Arboretum ‘Open Day’. 450 attended the jazz concert; there were guided tours and visits by disabled persons travelling in vintage cars.

The Caretakers, James and Maree Douglas resigned. Alan and Annette Tyson took over for a limited period.

March 7th - Devonport Camera Club visited and donated their photographs for Arboretum cards.

The Magnolia collection was expanded to five species in the Eastern Asia section. Missing trees were replaced in the New Zealand and North American collections.

September 14th - The AGM was held (see Appendix 1 for elected officers and committee).

September - John Bell retired from the Major Fund Raising Committee. Pam Bartlett retired as Secretary. Noreen Stubbs and Wendy Eagle retired from on-site recording and were replaced by Greg and Noelene James. Lyn Marshall retired from recording incoming specimens and was replaced by Dawn and Pat Boyle.

October – David Richmond and Phill Parsons attended the International Dendrology Conference held in the Dandenongs in Victoria.

There were 15 Corporate and Foundation Sponsors 1999 (see Appendix 2).

2000

300 native trees were planted on the banks of the Melrose Creek. A dry summer emphasised the value of mulch.

A general inspection was made in the autumn and all dead and unthrifty trees removed. A replacement strategy was initiated.

Following the visit of Dr. Gintaras Kantvilas, Director of the Tasmanian Herbarium, who identified the diversity of lichens on a sign board in the Tasmanian collection, the N.W. Walking Club provided funds for the erection of interpretive signage of the 13 types present.

David Yaxley of Devonport donated a near new ‘Wheel Horse’ motor mower.

The main impacts on the plantings this year have been possum browsing and sheep as grazers. Removal of the sheep from Cedar Hill, the adjacent Eastern Asia area, South America, and some lower parts of the Western Hill has taken place. As more fences are relocated and plantings increase, greater areas will not be grazed by the sheep, thus the cost of guarding (and inevitable damage from using grazing as a method of grass control,) should be less.

To their benefit the Tasmanian plantings continue to be cared for by members of the Australian Plant Society North West Branch.

John Grainger agreed to be our new Plant Recorder. The records were reviewed to ensure they are up to date, with a view to putting a list of specimens on the website. There are now 1656 plants in our living collections.

Willow control has continued, along with planting of further indigenous plants, in the Don River zone. Part of that planting was supported by the Olympic Landcare Funding. Removal of crack willows from the part of Melrose Creek within the arboretum has been achieved.

The Tasmanian Community Fund agreed to a grant of \$37,000 to construct a possum and wallaby exclusion fence, to be completed by May 2002.

T.A.I. continued to find itself without a full complement for the committees and areas of work.

Some notable dates during the year were:

February 20th - The Arboretum 'Open Day' is enlivened by the R.A.A.F. Jazz ensemble followed by the Jazzmanians in the afternoon.

March 24th - Official opening of the new rotunda in the car park. It has coin operated electric barbecues and was built with Federal funding to commemorate the Australian Centenary of Federation, following a comprehensive submission lodged by John Bell.

March -The Denny family held their annual reunion.

March - The position of Caretaker was held briefly by Alan and Annette Tyson, also by Harry Price. After their departures there were several applicants. James and Maree Douglas were re-appointed to their positions relinquished a year ago.

April - David Richmond attended an IDS gathering at Beechworth, Victoria.

July 30th - A gathering was held in the Education Centre for members, curators and founders.

August 5th - With bright sunshine and no wind, a mass tree planting ceremony was held marking Sydney's 'Green Games' and also in honour of Paralympian Leeroi Court (Bronze, Atlanta 1996). The planting was along the Don River where Crack Willows had been removed. Bridge damage from a devastating flood restricted planting to the west bank.

September 12th -The A.G.M. was held (see Appendix 1 for elected officers and committee). Following the meeting, Jill Roberts spoke on her recent visit to the Galapagos Islands.

November 13th - Bruce Beattie and Bob Vellacott both resigned from the Arboretum. Both had given significant and valued contributions for many years.

There were 13 Corporate and Foundation Sponsors in 2000 (see Appendix 2)

2001

Denzil and Mary Mead supplied the Arboretum with slashing services and were grazing those areas which were difficult to slash.

Volunteers supported the City of Devonport in bringing the OASIS concert to the T.A.I. Over 1000 people attended.

During autumn two collection managers from Kew Botanical Gardens, UK, were assisted by T.A.I. volunteers in collecting *Nothofagus* material for their collections.

Phill Parsons attended the International Dendrology Conference in Brisbane in June.

There has been additional work in weed control arising from the change from grazing to mowing. A program to treat woody weeds was commenced and will be continued in an attempt to eliminate them.

The Australian Plant Society North West Tasmania held a working bee to plant in the Tasmanian section.

Two *Gynatrix pulchella* - rare in Tasmania - were found along the Don River.

During spring, a team from Royal Tasmanian Botanic Garden were onsite to plant their contribution to the Southern Hemisphere Conifer Collection.

T.A.I. was represented at the Australian Plant Society "Spirit of Gondwana Expo" in the Hobart Town Hall.



Araucaria araucana

The Southern Hemisphere Conifer Collection now has about 130 plants in the ground which is an asset of great value to science. It reinforces other SHC collections in Adelaide, Geelong and Auckland Botanic Gardens and Laver's Hill Arboretum.

The North American collection curator, John Langford, has planted a number of species.

The Australian Rainforest Collection survived the first winter.

Wattles were planted across the road from Tasmanian Alpines by Jill Roberts.

Eastern Asia is being co-curated by David Richmond and Judith Hughes.

2002

With the sponsorship of Malcolm Lester, of Lester Franks Survey, and Geographic and Duke Energy, the entire site was mapped onto a Geographic Information System database, thus allowing greater accuracy, easier planning and display of our collection information. The job of Plant Recorder passed to Trina Moule when the new system became operative.

The Oriental Garden near the kiosk was extended to the new path linking the carpark to the second rotunda, and the garden around the Visitor Centre had further herbaceous ornamental planting added. The decorative herbaceous plants are not recorded. The new path was the result of a grant from the Australian Open Garden Scheme.

Co-ordinated by Maree Douglas, the Brendan Layton Kiosk was open on weekends during the summer months.

The Master Builders Centenary Education Centre (Visitor Centre at this time) continued to be staffed with a volunteer almost every Sunday to provide information to our visitors. Jill Roberts co-ordinated the staffing.

Editor Ann Thomas was producing 'newsy' newsletters.

Phill Parsons attended the International Dendrology Araucariaceae Symposium held in Auckland and New Caledonia in March and presented a paper on the Araucariaceae in cultivation in Tasmania. He also attended the Council of Heads of Australian Botanic Gardens meeting in Hobart in April.

The work of plant recorder, Noreen Stubbs, was recognised by granting her Life Membership.

Construction of the possum exclusion fence was under way.

This year saw the exploration of a Partnership agreement with Tasmania's eminent botanical institution, the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens.

At this time there were 1950 plants in our records.

In July students from Hillcrest Primary School assisted in planting 200 Blackwoods.

In the Aotearoa New Zealand Collection, the experience with the earlier corrugated iron tree guard has been utilized to protect trees outside the Possum Exclusion Barrier thanks to the generosity of the Roofing Centre.

The Australian Rainforest Collection was protected with frost guards. A temporary canopy was projected to be planted once some fencing occurred.

Lester Franks Surveyors supported us by surveying the 20m grid squares for new Eastern Asia section and Ulverstone High School students assisted in the installation of the in-ground markers.

2003

The General Committee decided to bring forward our own National Tree Day to avoid inclement weather in July and this year the 2nd of May saw 52 students from Nixon St Primary assist by planting 146 local woody plants along the north side of Melrose Creek.

Thanks to James Douglas, the Arboretum acquired a 12m steel walkway, originally from Australian Cement, and donated by Dowlings Ltd for use as a bridge in the picnic area.

Green Corps assisted us by bringing the Nature Trail back to an acceptable standard by regrading, installing some more steps and handrails, repairing the edges where they had decayed, replacing drains and reinforcing the substructure and hand rails of the viewing platform.

As part of the Partnership Program with the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Garden their Education Officer, Jean Gray, assisted us in setting up the exhibition we held on Carnivorous Plants.

We have changed the provider for our website and now appear under our own domain name - tasmanianarboretum.org.au.

This year we were assisted by a Green Corps Team through Anglicare - the partner of Greening Australia. They worked on the nature trail and poured a concrete slab on the vehicle crossing to the Visitor (now Education) Centre to make it safer. They also removed redundant fences, installed a new one, painted 2 bridges, worked on the possum exclusion barrier and planted 1,900 trees.

We conducted our first visitor survey this year. By far the largest number of answers to the question "What did you enjoy about the site?" was "peaceful".

At this time there were 2,250 plants in the records.

We were granted 'Land for Wildlife' status.

Brian Frappel and David Giles were thanked for maintaining a watching brief over the Hogg Creek Annexe. Brian Frappel relinquished this role. Remedial works and tree clearing were needed to return this asset to a safe, useable condition.

The Don River Bridge was damaged by flooding in August and was closed pending raising funds for a replacement structure.

Caretakers James and Maree Douglas decided not to renew their contracts. They were thanked for their efforts, especially the excellent presentation brought about by the mowing of the site. Judith Hughes was contracted to be the caretaker and Phill Parsons to oversee and conduct mowing.

Judith Hughes and Phill Parsons, as delegates, attended the inaugural Botanic Gardens Congress of Australian and New Zealand held in Geelong, Victoria, in October. Their attendance was funded by two grants from the Council of Heads of Australian Botanic Gardens.

On 18th October the Dowling Bridge was opened by Steve Kons MHA representing the Premier (Mr Jim Bacon MHA).

2004

This year, fortune smiled upon us when Denzil Mead convinced the Lower Barrington Landcare Group to disburse some of their wind-up funds to seal the Mary Houghton Dawn Redwood Entry Avenue.

Several floods occurred in January. The floodway contained the moving water although Melrose Creek overflowed. Many of the bags guarding the riparian revegetation remained in situ even though they were inundated. The flood gates opened and most self-closed as designed.

The then Visitor Centre (now the Education Centre) was open between 11am and 4pm almost every Sunday and several week days during the summer.

Roadside signage was improved to raise our profile. There are now Tourist Information signs on the Sheffield Main Rd at the Melrose Rd junction and at the junction of Old Tramway Rd.

Now coordinated by Judith Hughes, the kiosk opened on weekends between October and April including on a very busy day, that of the Jazz concert. We added home-made ice cream to the stock. This year, besides providing an on-site presence, takings were in the order of \$3,000.



Lyn Otley and Lee Cole worked with Royal Tasmanian Botanical Garden Education Officer, Jean Gray, to give an additional dimension to the schools' visits during Devonport Arbor Week.

The 20th anniversary of Tasmanian Arboretum Inc was marked on the 30th of May by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, Mr Richard Butler, who gave a speech and

planted a *Tilia amurensis*. David Richmond, Stephen and Solvieg King, John Bell, Denzil and Mary Mead were inducted as Fellows. 82 people attended the occasion.

We received a grant of \$24,000 from the Tasmanian Community Fund towards building the first of two stages of a self-guided interpretation signage. This will fund the design of the interpretation panels up to production.

Phill Parsons was awarded runner-up in the Australian Institute of Horticulture Horticulturalist of the Year Awards for his work for the Tasmanian Arboretum. In recognition that it was a joint effort by all, he donated his prize to the Permanent Endowment Fund.

Plants recorded in the collections now numbered 2,484.

David Giles replaced a set of steps in The Hogg Creek Annexe to keep this asset in a safe, useable condition. Peter Sayer volunteered to oversight the Annexe.

The footbridge between the Fernery and the Picnic Area was replaced and renamed the Leatherwood Bridge.

A security system was installed in the Machinery Shed. A new fuel storage shed was built and the Kiosk was repainted.

The several burrows, habitat of the threatened species of burrowing crayfish *Engaeus granulatus*, were protected from mower damage.

2005

The Visitor Centre (now the Education Centre) operated as last year.

The kiosk opened on weekends between October and April and on the Arbor Weekend in May. Besides providing an on-site presence, takings were in the order of \$3,500. Thanks go to those volunteers who kept this facility open and to Mike Hancock for supplying the popular homemade ice-cream.

Phill Parsons joined the International Dendrology Society (IDS) South East Australia Tour through western Victoria.

Our inaugural Tree and Garden Festival netted \$4,361.

Devonport's Jazz Festival drew a large crowd. The assistance of the Rotarians from Devonport North made this an enjoyable weekend for committee members who could enjoy the music without being involved with parking.

We applied for enviro-funding to revegetate the Don River and a grant of \$8,000 was received.

Planting by The Green Corp of 1800 trees in the riparian zones resulted in a block of trees emerging to screen the Lakeside Caravan Park.

The Leatherwood Bridge was opened on 7th July 2005 by Mark Baker MP. Construction was by T.A.I. volunteers and Work for the Dole participants.

Plants recorded in the collections now number 2,593.

A particularly wet year saw excellent growth in some of the collections and some deaths of established plants, although these may not all be due to soil saturation.

The Aotearoa New Zealand Collection had a flood large enough to tear out several guards.

We added 5 *Araucaria araucana* and 18 *Wollemia nobilis* (purchase funded by donations) to the SHCC, making this a representative cold-climate southern conifer collection.



The Wollemi Pines in 2015

The Tiger Wall was relocated from former Zolati brickworks to the T.A.I. Tasmanian Section (an initiative of Harold Ramsden). It was dedicated on 17 September 2005 by Senator Christine Milne. (Newsletter #84 of September 2005 has the story of its origin).



The Tiger Wall

Education was significant in term 3 with visits from 750+ students as well as teachers and support staff/parents. The ages ranged from Kindergarten to Grade 9 and as well as local schools, there were visits from Westbury and King Is.

25 November 2005 T.A.I. signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Garden.

2006

A detailed case for support funding was put in an address to Devonport City Council on 11 February.

On 19 February the "Classical Meets Jazz" all day concert, organised by the Devonport City Council, attracted 3,800 people. Parking was controlled by the Australian Cadet Corps and Rotary North (who also offered BBQ food).



An Australian Open Garden Scheme Community Garden Grant of \$5,000 meant the Oriental Garden acquired a new concrete path and bridge.

In May, Phill Parsons attended the NSW Regional Botanic Gardens Conference at Lake Hume, Albury, organised by BGANZ.

Also in May T.A.I. conducted a Photography Competition during Devonport's Arbor Week.

A generous donation by Rita Linahan facilitated a 1 in 20 grade path from the Dowling Bridge to the Education Centre to be built.

Royal Tasmanian Botanical Garden Education Officer, Jean Gray, worked on our site and in Devonport during the first week of October. 5 classes, including from King Is. attended.

Over 1000 students attended during the year. Lyn Otley and Lee Cole have put in a tremendous and meritorious effort.

The Nature Trail was refurbished by the Burnie Field Naturalists and declared open as a self-guided walk on the 11th of September.

Plants recorded in the collections now numbered 3390.

Late frosts impacted on our collections, cutting back new growth and killing some plants that had responded well to the wet year before. Below average rainfall through

spring and summer resulted in a doubling of water use but only a few plants failed due to drought.

We may hold the largest ex situ collection of Tasmanian plants in the world.

John Langford, with some assistance from Barry Argent, has built stone walls on either side of the Melrose Creek crossing to the Visitor Centre, adding a feature and reducing risk.

A Community Work for the Dole project led by Greg James saw a deck added to the Kiosk. The Kiosk then opened more often and trading for the year rose to \$5,206.

The Master Builders Centenary Education Centre (formerly the Visitor Centre) was returned to original use with a dedication to education activities, periodic displays, meetings etc.

Late in the year Phill Parsons participated in the IDS Tour of Dorrigo, NSW.

2007

The Don River Bridge, rendered unsafe by prior flood damage, was removed by Phillip Mead with an excavator. A concrete replacement was installed in the 2007 low water period by Van Eck Contracting at a cost of \$32,000.

The Nature Trail viewing deck was replaced after damage by a tree failure. Several dead and unsound trees were removed from the trailside.

Devonport City funded part of the costs of a path connecting the kiosk and carpark to the toilets to improve access for people with some ambulatory difficulty.

A Carbon Offset Program was introduced in the March 2007 Newsletter.

Devonport's "Classical Meets Jazz Festival" second year drew a similar sized audience but with more and younger members. The Australian Cadet Corps and Rotary North assisted us with parking. The Kiosk sold out of much stock, particularly the homemade ice-cream.

The new interpretation panels were opened on Wednesday April 18th 2007 by Devonport Mayor Lyn Laycock.

Arbor Week(s) in May expanded to 2 weeks. 15 classes attended on 6 days.

Plants recorded in the collections now numbered 3720.

The Kiosk now had 6 four-seat tables made by Work for the Dole under the supervision of Greg James.

The purchase of Halletts Quarry by the Arboretum progressed with the issue of a Schedule of Easements and payment of fees and stamp duty.

The world's largest ex situ collection of Tasmanian living woody plants has been reviewed by the Curator Dick Burns and the Plant Recorder Trina Moule.

The purchase of a new 45hp tractor with demountable bucket increased the range of work we can do. We added a trailing mower to retain 2 machines capable of mowing, in case of breakdown.

Below-average rainfall conditions, something that appears likely to become a permanent state, will be addressed by using mulch on new plantings until they establish. This will be at an additional cost.

2008

In its first full year of operation the Carbon Emission Offset Tree Planting Program saw 17 units taken up comprising 85 trees. At this time we had a total of 190 trees taken by 37 off-setters.

Arbor Week was the main focus of the year's activities, with 14 classes undertaking educational activities.

A new display was erected in the carpark. It displays a list of activities and, importantly, a map of the site.

The Australian Cadet Corps and Rotary North again volunteered to make Devonport's "Classical Meets Jazz Festival" a success by assisting with parking.

An artwork called *Trees Count* was made from some of the old Alpine Arbour floor and a log from a volunteer Blackwood. It has worthy educational value.



A new wheelchair friendly walkway was installed in the fernery to replace the narrow, slippery boardwalk.

John Langford completed the stone walls on the Melrose Creek crossing to the Education Centre.

Two early morning 'Breakfast with the Birds', led by Paul Hydes and David Critchlow, were held on consecutive Saturdays in November. Many birds were sighted on the stimulating walks and a convivial cooked breakfast was shared afterwards by participants

T.A.I. received a Certificate of Excellence in the Tasmanian Tidy Towns awards. It was awarded for: "Environmental innovation and for the voluntary development and maintenance of this outstanding tree park".

The purchase of Hallett's Quarry was completed in December.

A lichen interpretation board, designed by Dick Burns and built by Greg James, was erected at the start of the Nature Trail.

70 bales of hay were harvested and sold for an income of about \$1,200.

2009

The rose garden was replanted in 3 sections, viz species, old and new hybrids.

An important development has been the recording of our infrastructure by Devonport High School students led by Darren Llewellyn. This involves an upgrade of our data records as well.

At Hogg Creek the CVGT Green Corps replaced infrastructure and re-routed tracks, to reduce risk.

Increased promotion and publicity produced increases in income with Kiosk sales at \$13,000.00, up \$4,600 on the year before, and Donation Boxes \$8,800.00, an increase of \$6,700 over two years ago.

"Classical Meets Jazz" in 2009 was the 10th year T.A.I. has hosted the Devonport City Council supported concert. The raffle raised \$1,210 and Kiosk sales were \$3,011.

The Arbor Weeks brought 12 classes on-site to undertake educational activities and plant trees. This year we were assisted by Cradle Coast Natural Resource Management who funded Todd Walsh's education program on freshwater crayfish (*Engaeus gouldii*).

Plants recorded in the collections now number 4,361.

It was with sadness that we noted the passing on 1st June 2009 of one of our Founders, David Richmond. One of David's dreams for the Arboretum was to acquire Hallett's Quarry. We achieved this early in the year.

The 25th anniversary was marked with a ceremony at the site of the Wollemi plantings. Events included an aboriginal "welcome to country"; Jill Roberts and John Langford were inducted as Fellows and planted the ceremonial Wollemi Pine.



The Arboretum signed a Partnership Agreement with Devonport City Council who increased their support. As part of this agreement Alderman Annette Rockliff joined the General Committee as the Devonport City Council nominee.

The recording of our infrastructure and checking the location of our boundaries was conducted by Devonport High School students, led by Darren Llewellyn.

2010

The new Z Track mower is being used for cutting mulch and keeping the paths open, and the Front Deck is being used to mow among maturing trees and on slopes to reduce the fire hazard. This resulted in improved presentation.

Devonport's Classical Meets Jazz Festival's 11th year was a success with people coming from greater distances. Rotary North again assisted with parking. Kiosk trading and the raffle were very successful in fundraising.

Plants recorded in the collections now number 4,578, equating to roughly 1,000 species.

Research into plant names which recognise people, for information panels in the Tasmanian Section, proved so fruitful that Dick Burns embarked on expanding on the

Dr Winifred Curtis (1905 - 2005)



Graduation Photo

plant: *Richea x curtisiae*

Dr Winifred Curtis remains Tasmania's best-known botanist. Several generations of botanists have learnt the Tasmanian flora using her Student's Flora of Tasmania.

These five books describe all the conifers and flowering plants known at the time, a monumental undertaking for any one person. The first book in the series was

published in 1956, the last in 1994, the final three authored with Dennis I Morris.

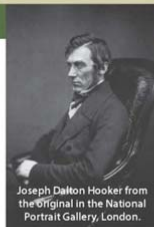
Dr Curtis was the author of the text for the other on the island's vegetation, **The Endemic Flora of** quality six-volume publication that described all

Richea x curtisiae occurs in montane areas of Tasmania. *Scoparia*, and *Richea pandanifolia*, *Pandani*. It is a hybrid indicated by the "x"; wild plants show a range of the size is generally intermediate, but flower colour range. There are nine species of *Richea* found in Tasmania as Tasmania: they are endemic to Tasmania. Two other *Ri*. The genus *Richea* is named for another botanical work doctor and botanist who visited Australia on the *Frenet d'Entrecasteaux* (1791 - 1793). The accepted pronunciation. Another plant in the Arboretum collection honouring In the Brendan Layton Kiosk, there is a folder with ***Richea x curtisiae*. Note the difference**

and flowering plants then known to exist exclusively in Tasmania. The exquisite, botanically accurate paintings of each plant were done by Margaret Stones.

Winifred Curtis was born in London, England. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science from the University College, London in 1927. While teaching at a girls' school, botanical research led to a Master's degree in 1939. That year, she took up position at the University of Tasmania. Winifred taught, wrote and lectured in botany while conducting research that earned her both a Doctor of Philosophy and a Doctor of Science.

William Jackson Hooker (1785 - 1865) Joseph Dalton Hooker (1817 - 1911)



Joseph Dalton Hooker from the Original in the National Portrait Gallery, London.

plant: *Pherosphaera hookeriana* (previously *Microstrobos niphophilus*)

William and his son Joseph were probably the pre-eminent British botanists of their time. Both had a significant influence on Australian botany.

William was born in Norwich, England. As a young man of independent means, he was able to travel and study natural history, specialising in botany. In 1820, he was made Regius Professor of Botany at Glasgow University, then in 1841, Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew.

During the 1820s, Hooker sought plant specimens from Van Diemen's Land. Residents who responded, starting in 1829, included Robert Lawrence, Ronald Gunn, William Archer and Joseph Milligan. Plant material from here continued to be sent after Hooker became Director at Kew Gardens. He remained in that position until his death.

The person who succeeded William Hooker as Director was his son Joseph. Joseph trained in medicine but devoted his life to botany. In 1839, aged eighteen, he joined a four-year voyage around the southern oceans; during the three-month stay in Hobart, he botanised with Ronald Campbell Gunn (see panel).

In 1843, he met Charles Darwin. A friendship developed and they became close collaborators, advising each other on their respective fields of research. Among Hooker's major publications was a 2-volume *Flora of Tasmania*. He retired from the directorship of Kew Gardens in 1885, but continued with his botanical work.

Both father and son are buried in the grounds of St Anne's Church, Kew Green, and memorial plaques have been placed in the church.

The author of the name *Pherosphaera hookeriana* was William Archer, probably as a tribute to Joseph Hooker. It has been found out recently that name *Microstrobos niphophilus* was assigned to material from the three Tasmanian conifers *Microcachrys tetragona*, *Diselma archeri* and *Pherosphaera hookeriana* that had become mixed. The three species have superficial similarities (all three can be seen in this bed) and labelling on older specimens can be poor or confusing. Other notable plants honouring the Hookers are *Ozothamnus hookeri*, *Conospermum hookeri* and *Acrothamnus hookeri*. In the Brendan Layton Kiosk, there is a folder with an expanded version of this panel.

Memorial plaque for William Jackson Hooker in St Anne's Church, Kew Green, London



information and producing a book.

The event “Celebrate Spring” was held on 3rd October and coordinated by Lyn Otley. 500-600 people enjoyed a variety of stalls, the Devonport Choral Society, the City of Devonport Brass Band and The Slipstream Circus.

2011

The largest flood at Eugenana in living memory occurred on 14th January. It exceeded 2.0m on the flood gauge on Melrose Creek and the Don River rose to submerge the Nature Trail viewing deck up to the handrail. It deposited a lot of weeds in the Aotearoa New Zealand (ANZ) Collection.

A new seat has been installed on Cedar Hill giving an all-round view of the Arboretum.

A ‘bush’ classroom on the railway formation north of the ANZ Collection was constructed by Nick Poltock and John Broomby.

Classical meets Jazz had poor attendance due to unfavourable weather. Due to costs, Devonport City Council has advised they will not be staging this event at the Arboretum in the future.

A very generous donation from member Marian Brookes assisted us with building a 10 kW solar power station with panels installed on the Education Centre and the Machinery Shed.

Plants recorded in the collections now number 4,620. In the time since the first plantings in 1986, 1,099 trees, or 19.2%, planted and recorded have died.

“Celebrate Spring” in October attracted about 600 people.

Groups from the International Dendrology Society visited T.A.I. on November 1st. Outgoing President Sir Richard Storey was most effusive in his praise of T.A.I.’s landscape design and well-spaced plantings.

2012

The grass growing season was longer than average, overwhelming the grass control effect of a single cutting. The season saw another year with no demand for hay. Planting is now so dense we are unlikely to see hay cutting as a meaningful income stream for T.A.I. again.

The Forestry Bridge was re-decked—generously assisted by Forestry Tasmania who supplied the timber.

A change toward deliberately using grass cuttings for mulch had a positive effect on several previously struggling species.



Autumn 2018

The Arboretum has been in existence for long enough for a ‘mass’ to develop and this season saw a clear display of autumn colour over a 3 month period.

The Platypus Observatory and Bird Hide building was completed this year. Lance Cox led the Rotary North Team.

The General Committee decided to replace Admission signs late in May stating entry is \$5.00 per adult. Entry for children remains free.

The website was redesigned by Alan Blakers, giving it a modern look and functionality, and we launched a social media site using Facebook, set up by Liz French.

Arbor Month has made it onto the calendar of certain schools, with classes repeating their visits. Thanks go to Lyn Otley and Lee Cole for organizing these activities and to Madeleine Brooker and John & Margaret Broomby for assisting.

Our “Music Among the Trees” had a relatively small attendance and virtually broke even. The event is changing to a number of smaller events in summer.

Plants recorded in the collections now number 4,800.

All collections now have some development and about half of our capacity for taxa held in our living collections are filled.

As the Tasmanian representative on the Council of the Botanic Gardens of Australia and New Zealand, Phill Parsons attended a meeting at the Maroochy Bushland Botanic Gardens, (QLD) where the BGANZQ 12 State conference was held in September. Later that spring he also attended the International Dendrology Society study tour in Brisbane and the Gold Coast.



The Platypus Observatory and Bird Hide building was opened on November 18th by David Richmond's daughter, Heather Grainger. Some 40 people attended and enjoyed afternoon tea at the Kiosk

2013

All farm fences inside the Possum Exclusion Barrier that were interfering with mowing and watering were removed. This opening up of the landscape changed the aesthetic of the Arboretum. The fence in the White Gum Grove remains.

2013 Arbor Week actually became a month—three days each week from 14th May until 6th June. It was again a success attended by 900 plus children of 38 classes from nine schools. Ages ranged from Kindergarten to Year 10. Thanks go to Lyn Otley and Lee Cole for organizing these activities. Also providing assistance were Madeleine Brooker, Virginia Smith, Ken Skeldon, Phil Parsons, K. Maxwell and Philip Murray from Devonport City Council.

“Celebrate Spring” in early October again attracted about 600 people. Lyn Otley was a key driver of this event.



Judith Hughes handed over the role of Newsletter Distribution to Jenny Oakley and the task of Minutes Secretary of the General Committee to Rosemary James.

30 years. 3 decades, 120 seasons! However you look at it, the Arboretum has grown greatly since the idea first entered the public sphere on February 16th 1984. When we first started, the idea of Thematic Collections had not emerged. Now, besides covering the main floristic regions suited to our climate, we have 3 Pineta and collections encompassing major Genera.

In the first two weeks of September, Melrose Creek left its banks five times and the water ran strongly between the banks rising to full another three times. Some of the vegetation binding and covering the banks was lost.

President Phill Parsons attended the 5th Botanic Gardens International Conference and the 6th Botanical Gardens of Australia and New Zealand Biennial Congress in Dunedin Aotearoa New Zealand.

2014

Visitor numbers have followed the State trend upward, indicating we are an important attraction in the Mersey Region.

Arbor Month attracted 700 students from 21 schools for activities. The Devonport Mayor, Steve Martin, visited twice and we gained some publicity.

The last day of April and the first three days of May saw Phill Parsons, with the Australian Chapter of the International Dendrology Society, on a tour of gardens around Bowral, Mittagong and Robertson, with an emphasis on the Yarrowa Rainforest plant communities.

The completion of the new route for Sylvan Circuit is a first step on the way to a proposed visitor centre as it has defined the site for such a structure. 225m of road was built around the main Visitor Area to improve pedestrian safety and amenity. It was certainly a major infrastructure upgrade, ably conducted by Phillip Mead. It was supported by a grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund covering two-thirds of the construction costs.

A Work for the Dole program saw many hawthorns removed on Dickenson Rock Outcrop, Limestone Hill and part of Hallett 's Quarry, which should allow the natural vegetation to re-colonize.

The lunch room in the Workshop has been upgraded thanks to a donation of a kitchen unit by Madeleine and Jim Brooker, some off-site carpentry and donation of a water heater by Greg James and also plumbing work by volunteers Ken Skeldon and George Gryta.

The Tree Park Kiosk deck was enclosed with a system of clear, roll up blinds, creating a greenhouse effect on the covered area of the deck when it is fully enclosed. This has improved amenity for the volunteers and visitors on those days needing it and still allows the open air feel of the deck on warmer days.

Phill Parsons toured Madagascar with IDS in September 2014.

2015

At his farewell function Paul Hydes was thanked for his observations on the bird life at the Arboretum over many years; his contributions to the newsletter and his leading of the 'Breakfast with the Birds' walks. His on-site labour and interest in the Arboretum are greatly appreciated. We hope he and Anne enjoy their new home interstate.

Arbor Week in May saw two days cancelled due to gales and rain. Educators were assisted by 13 experts and volunteers plus support from Dr Claire Hawkins and also Andrew Hughes of the Bookend Trust.

The new Limestone Hill Lookout was built by a combination of the Work for the Dole Program and our own volunteers.

Other major upgrades will flow through 2017 due partly to the generosity of one member, Marian Brookes. It is fantastic that we can attract such support.

Support from Devonport City Council continues, with the Partnership renewed for a further 2 years.

October 2015 Phill Parsons attended the BGANZ Congress in Wollongong.

In November, in reasonable weather, a large crowd enjoyed a diverse offering - Taiko drummers, a harp ensemble, a piano trio and a choral group.

We have partnered with the Australian National Botanic Garden to take higher altitude woody plants that are threatened by increasing temperatures in their natural habitats along the Eastern Seaboard.

2016

On Thursday February 11th members of the General Committee joined Master Builders Tasmania members in our Education Centre building, to celebrate their 125th year. It was also the 25th Anniversary of the hand-over of the building to T.A.I. by Master Builders Tasmania.

A prolonged warm, dry spell over summer saw 3 established trees and several newer plantings fail.

The Solar Power Station continues to produce an income of about \$1,200 above what the Arboretum uses on site.

The Carbon Offset Tree Planting withstood the force of the June flood and captured much debris, unlike the battering taken by smaller plants in the Aotearoa New Zealand Collection. The car park and parts of Sylvan Circuit suffered scouring and loss of gravel.

The recently purchased Kubota RTV is proving extremely useful in saving travelling time and delivering materials and mulch.

Two metal picnic tables were generously donated by K-Fab. An unexpected advantage of these tables is that their cool temperature has acted as a deterrent to native hen roosting.

Facebook has about 780 Likes. Volunteer Greg Close posts photos he takes at the Arboretum, helping to grow interest in the page to about 1,100 reached per week.

Alan Blakers has recast the website in a mobile-friendly format.

The Kiosk was refreshed with some interior painting and colourful new table tops.

Lee Cole and Lyn Otley again led our Arbor Week activities. Some teachers have recognized the importance of these activities to the curriculum through their

participation each year. We are running out of planting opportunities, restricting it to 1 plant per class. There were 29 classes this year from Burnie across to Port Sorrell.

The IDS annual tour, this year around Gisbourne, NZ, was attended by Phill Parsons.

Win Parker retired as Membership Secretary and Rosemary James took on the role.

We installed a solar powered water pump and water tank with assistance of a grant from TasWater and did the ground works and restoration landscaping for the climbing frame, which was funded by a Tasmanian Community Fund Grant.

We changed to Wobble Tee sprinklers, a low pressure emitter with a large droplet and random pattern, more like rainfall and with less loss to wind.

We painted some of the interior of the Caretakers Cottage, and its exterior, along with the exteriors of the Tree Park Kiosk and the Education Centre.

2017

A Music afternoon on February 19th filled the Education Centre. On the same day the climbing frame was officially opened by Deputy Mayor Annette Rockliff.



Several Bird Walks were conducted on site as well as the ongoing bird survey.

In March Phill Parsons attended a BGANZ meeting in Canberra and at the same time toured the ANBG's Australian Rainforest Collection with Curator Toby Golson. He took the opportunity to collect seeds which were sown in our glasshouse.

Arbor Week - with 34 classes from 13 schools and about 850 students - took place over three weeks in May. The Bookend Trust again participated, bringing science to the students. Assisting Lyn Otley and Lee Cole were Virginia Smith, Philip Murray, Madeleine Brooker and members of the Devonport Garden Club.

The Arboretum had a promotional stall at the inaugural Blooming Tasmania Garden Festival in the Albert Hall in Launceston.

The IDS tour of Beechworth, Victoria, was attended by Phill Parsons.

With assistance from Devonport City Council we undertook a member and visitor survey with the view of improving the services offered and forming a succession plan for the current office holders.

In May 2017 Phill Parsons participated in the IDS Tour of the Hyrcanian Forest in North East Iran along the northern face of the Alborz (Elburs) Mountains. He then proceeded to Lithuania and signed a partnership agreement with Vilnius University Botanical Garden on his way to attend the 6th Botanical Garden Conservation International Congress in Geneva Switzerland.

In June 2017 Membership Fees were raised for the first time in 20 years.

T.A.I. was deeply saddened by the tragic death, in August, of Lyn Otley, long-time volunteer and educator at T.A.I. During October the climbing frame was dedicated to the memory of Lyn. For her personal endeavour and the motivation, passion and charisma she provided over the years Lyn will be greatly missed.



Nature Playground at the Tasmanian Arboretum started in spring and operates every Monday from 10:00am until midday.

In November we added 52 conifers to the collection, which we hold jointly with our partner, the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Garden.

President Phill Parsons attended the IDS Tour of SW Victoria and the 7th BGANZ Congress in Adelaide in October.

2018

Arbor Week was managed by Virginia Smith this year and she proved to be an invaluable and very competent replacement for the late Lyn Otley. Philip Murray assisted with planting. Almost every class that attended planted and guarded at least one specimen to add to the Collections.

The main toilet block has been upgraded and a composting toilet installed (with input from T.A.I. volunteers to complete the access ramp) in June 2018. This work was made possible by a grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund.



Phill Parsons attended a tour held by IDS. The tour was based in Bermagui on the NSW South Coast.

The death of Jill Roberts, long time stalwart and a Fellow of the Tasmanian Arboretum, was reported in autumn 2018.

Conclusion

In its delightful rural freehold setting at Eugenana the Tasmanian Arboretum is truly a botanical tree park of National significance. In addition, it provides superb recreational facilities for residents of Devonport and district, Tasmanians in general, as well as visitors and tourists from mainland states and overseas. With its reputation as a centre of botanical excellence and importance for tourism and recreation, it is an organisation of which Devonport, and indeed Tasmania can be proud.

From its inception, the Arboretum has been dependent on the support of members, Service Organisations, Individual and Corporate Sponsors, Volunteers and latterly, on valued local Government Support. The Arboretum belongs to its Members, although its Rules provide that no member can benefit from its assets.

Membership

You are invited to share in this wonderful asset by maintaining your membership and encouraging others to join. Current (since July 1st 2017) categories of membership and fees, including GST, are as follows:

Membership category	Price
Single	\$30.00 pa
Family (2 or more)	\$50.00 pa
Small Business, Society or Organisation	\$75.00 pa
Corporate	\$250.00 pa
Life (conditions apply)	\$1,000.00

Life Membership

As at April 2019 the following were Life Members of the Arboretum:

Effie Bowering	TAS
Dr Helen M. Cutts	TAS
Bryan Dore	TAS
Henry Haines	TAS
Mack & Marj Russell	TAS
Greg Richardson	TAS
Dr Hillary Wallace	TAS
Dr Dorothy Blackburn	TAS

Honorary Membership

The T.A.I. General Committee determined in 1998 that honorary membership should be granted to those who had made a significant contribution to the establishment and/or development of the Arboretum. As at December 31st 2018 the following were Honorary Members of the Arboretum:

Walter J. Barrows	USA
Alan Dunn	USA
Faye Gardam	TAS
Paul & Anne Hydes	NSW
Neville & Jenny Lester	TAS
Lester Franks & Co PL (Malcolm Lester)	TAS
Master Builders Ass. Tasmania	TAS
Ann Thomas	TAS
Neil Wilkinson	TAS

Fellows

Rarely awarded but may be bestowed upon those who have provided stellar service to T.A.I. over many years. Fellows are granted Freedom of the Arboretum and have been bestowed on:

John S. Bell (dec.)
Stephen M. King (dec.)
Solveig King
Denzel R. & Mary Mead
David R. Richmond (dec.)
John Langford (dec.)
Jill Roberts (dec.)

Foundation Sponsors

To become Foundation Sponsors of the Tasmanian Arboretum Inc. our generous supporters have contributed, in cash or kind, donations ranging from \$1,000 (minimum) upwards.

As a totally unaligned, voluntary, non-profit Association we are greatly indebted to our Sponsors and thank them for their valued donations. They have played, and continue to play, a significant role in the development of the Arboretum. Such support enables us to continue developments in line with our current five year program. And also to build up our Permanent Endowment Fund, the interest from which will, in the long term, permit the employment of a fully qualified professional manager and limited ground staff.

Sponsors names as detailed in Appendix 2 of this history are featured on our Sponsor's Honour Board on permanent display in our Education Centre building on site at the Arboretum.

Under current legislation, donations to the Tasmanian Arboretum Inc. are tax deductible. Readers are respectfully requested to consider making a donation to become a Foundation Sponsor, and thus help further the development of this worthwhile Community Project.

Bequests

Members and sponsors are invited to consider giving further support to the Arboretum by making provision in their Will for a Bequest. To be effective it is essential that such Bequest be properly incorporated within the Will as one of its clauses.

Voluntary Work

Volunteers are needed and readers are invited to offer their services. The Arboretum can make use of any number of skills, in such areas as:

- Staffing the Kiosk.
- Working on site in tree planting, protection, mulching etc.
- Working in the Propagation Nursery.
- General maintenance of the Arboretum.
- Serving on the Arboretum's Committee(s).
- Assisting in general administration.
- IT assistance.

Acknowledgements

The establishment of the Arboretum from a vision has been realised by the generosity and commitment of this community. Thanks are due to our co-founders David Richmond and Stephen King.

Thanks are due to all the many Volunteers, Workers, Sponsors and Members who have contributed over the years. They have succeeded in establishing an Arboretum of international stature.

Recognition is also given the two successive chairmen of the initial Major Fund Raising Committee, Dee Houghton and John Bell.

Appendix 1

General Committee Personnel Through the Years

1984-85	President	David Richmond
	1st Vice President	Neville Lester
	2nd Vice President	Steve Kent
	Secretary	Stephen King
	Treasurer	Neil Wilkinson
	Committee Members	Judith Baker (Hughes), Bruce Beattie, Brian Dowse, Dee Houghton, John Lake, Philip Milner, Eric Nash, Alison Pitman, Jamie Radcliff, Geoff Squibb
1985-86	President	David Richmond
	1st Vice President	Neville Lester
	2nd Vice President	Steve Kent
	Secretary	Stephen King
	Treasurer	Neil Wilkinson
	Committee Members	Judith Baker (Hughes), Bruce Beattie, G.L. Davis, Dee Houghton, Gwen Richards, John Lake, Philip Milner, Eric Nash, Alison Pitman, Jamie Radcliff, Geoff Squibb
1986-87	President	David Richmond
	1st Vice President	Neville Lester
	2nd Vice President	Steve Kent
	Secretary	Stephen King
	Treasurer	Neil Wilkinson
	Committee Members	Judith Baker (Hughes), Bruce Beattie, Debbie Hill, Lionel Hill, Dee Houghton, John Lake, Philip Milner, Eric Nash, Jamie Radcliff, Gwen Richards, Geoff Squibb

1987-88	President	David Richmond
	1st Vice President	Neville Lester
	2nd Vice President	Bruce Beattie
	Secretary	Stephen King
	Treasurer	Neil Wilkinson
	Committee Members	Lionel Hill, Dee Houghton, John Lake, Tony Leary, Philip Milner, Jill Roberts, Geoff Squibb, Eric Nash, Ann Thomas
1988-89	President	David Richmond
	1st Vice President	Neville Lester
	2nd Vice President	Bruce Beattie
	Secretary	Stephen King
	Treasurer	Neil Wilkinson
	Committee Members	John Bates, Dr Helen Cutts, Dee Houghton, John Lake, Tony Leary, Philip Milner, Eric Nash, Jill Roberts, Mark Temple-Smith, Ann Thomas
1989-90	President	David Richmond
	1st Vice President	Neville Lester
	2nd Vice President	Bruce Beattie
	Secretary	Stephen King
	Treasurer	Ted Winkler
	Committee Members	John Bates, Sally Chandler, Dr Helen Cutts, Dee Houghton, John Lake, Philip Milner, Eric Nash, Jill Roberts, Mark Temple-Smith, Ann Thomas

1990-91	President	David Richmond
	1st Vice President	Neville Lester
	2nd Vice President	Bruce Beattie
	Secretary	Stephen King
	Treasurer	Ted Winkler
	Committee Members	John Bell, Sally Chandler, Dr Helen Cutts, Ivan Eade, Geoff Haward, Dee Houghton, John Lake, Philip Milner, Eric Nash, Jill Roberts, Mark Temple-Smith, Ann Thomas
1991-92	President	David Richmond
	1st Vice President	Neville Lester
	2nd Vice President	Bruce Beattie
	Secretary	Stephen King
	Treasurer	Ted Winkler
	Committee Members	John Bell, Sally Chandler, Ivan Eade, Geoff Haward, Dee Houghton, Philip Milner, Eric Nash, Tony Payne, Ann Thomas, Bob Vellacott, Bill Wood
1992-93	President	David Richmond
	1st Vice President	Neville Lester
	2nd Vice President	Bruce Beattie
	Secretary	Stephen King
	Treasurer	E. Winkler
	Auditor	Neil Wilkinson
	Committee Members	Karen Faulkner, Dee Houghton, John Bell, van Eade, Philip Milner, Eric Nash, Tony Payne, Mark Temple-Smith, Ann Thomas, Geoff Hayward, Bill Wood

1993-94	President	David Richmond
	1st Vice President	Neville Lester
	2nd Vice President	Bruce Beattie
	Secretary	Stephen King
	Treasurer	Ted Winkler
	Committee Members	John Bell, Ivan Eade, Karen Faulkner, Geoff Haward, Dee Houghton, Philip Milner, Eric Nash, M. Rudling, Mark Temple-Smith, Ann Thomas, Bill Wood
1994-95	President	David Richmond
	1st Vice President	Neville Lester
	2nd Vice President	Bruce Beattie
	Secretary	Stephen King
	Treasurer	Ted Winkler
	Committee Members	Pam Bartlett, John Bell, Karen Faulkner, Geoff Haward, R. McCormack, Philip Milner, Jenny Oakley, Mark Temple-Smith, Tony Payne, Bill Wood
1995-96	President	David Richmond
	1st Vice President	Neville Lester
	2nd Vice President	Bruce Beattie
	Secretary	Joan Sykes
	Treasurer	Ted Winkler
	Committee Members	Pam Bartlett, John Bell, Miss Karen Faulkner, Tony Leary, R. McCormack, Philip Milner, Tim Muller, Jenny Oakley, Phill Parsons, Tony Payne, Richard Quinn, Bob Vellacott

1996-97	President	Bruce Beattie
	1st Vice President	Bob Vellacott
	2nd Vice President	Tim Muller
	Secretary	Joan Sykes
	Treasurer	Ted Winkler
	Assistant Treasurer	Miss Karen Faulkner
	Committee Members	Pam Bartlett, John Bell, Ivy Blake, Graham Capp, Brian Frappell, Jenny Oakley, Philip Milner, Phill Parsons
1997-98	President	Bruce Beattie
	1st Vice President	Bob Vellacott
	2nd Vice President	Tim Muller
	Secretary	Joan Sykes
	Treasurer	Ted Winkler
	Committee Members	Pam Bartlett, John Bell, Ivy Blake, Graham Capp, Brian Frappell, Philip Milner, Jenny Oakley, Phill Parsons
1998-99	President	Bruce Beattie
	1st Vice President	Bob Vellacott
	2nd Vice President	Tim Muller
	Secretary	Joan Sykes
	Treasurer	Ted Winkler
	Minute Secretary	Pam Bartlett
	Assistant Treasurer	Karen Faulkner
	Auditor	Neil Wilkinson
	Committee Members	Ivy Blake, Graham Capp, Brian Frappell, Philip Milner, Philip Murray, Jenny Oakley, Phill Parsons.

1999-00	President	Bruce Beattie
	1st Vice President	Phill Parsons
	2nd Vice President	Philip Murray
	Secretary	Pam Bartlett
	Treasurer	Ian Glen
	Committee Members	Ivy Blake, Judith Hughes, Greg James, John Langford, Margaret Langford, P. Purnell, Bob Vellacott.
2000-01	President	Phill Parsons
	1st Vice President	Bruce Beattie
	2nd Vice President	Greg James
	Secretary	Judith Hughes
	Treasurer	Ian Glen
	Committee Members	Graham Alexander, Judith Hughes, Fred Konetschnick, John Langford, Margaret Langford, Andrew McMahon, Jill Roberts, Ann Thomas, Bob Vellacott
2001-02	President	Phill Parsons
	1st Vice President	vacant
	2nd Vice President	vacant
	Secretary	Judith Hughes
	Treasurer	Ian Glen
	Committee Members	Jill Roberts, Andrew McMahon, Greg James, Ann Thomas, John Langford, Margaret Langford, Graham Alexander, Ray Norman

2002-03	President	Phill Parsons
	1st Vice President	vacant
	2nd Vice President	Greg James
	Secretary	Judith Hughes
	Treasurer	vacant
	Committee Members	Jill Roberts, Andrew McMahon, Ann Thomas, John Langford, Margaret Langford, Graham Alexander, Ray Norman
2003-04	President	Phill Parsons
	1st Vice President	vacant
	2nd Vice President	Greg James
	Secretary	Judith Hughes
	Treasurer	Peter French
	Committee Members	Jill Roberts, Andrew McMahon, Ann Thomas, John Langford, Margaret Langford, Graham Alexander, Richard Levett, Harold Ramsden, Charlotte King
2004-05	President	Phill Parsons
	1st Vice President	Graham Alexander
	2nd Vice President	Greg James
	Secretary	Judith Hughes
	Treasurer	vacant
	Assistant treasurer	Judith Hughes
	Committee Members	Lee Cole, Ann Thomas, Jill Roberts, John Langford, Margaret Langford, Richard Levett, Peter French, Charlotte King

2005-06	President	Phill Parsons
	1st Vice President	Graham Alexander
	2nd Vice President	Greg James
	Secretary	Judith Hughes
	Treasurer	Bill Gleeson
	Committee Members	Peter French, Ann Thomas, Charlotte King, Lee Cole, Harold Ramsden, Richard Levett, Helen Robertson
2006-07	President	Phill Parsons
	1st Vice President	Graham Alexander
	2nd Vice President	Greg James
	Secretary	Judith Hughes
	Treasurer	Bill Gleeson
	Committee Members	Peter French, Ann Thomas, Charlotte King, Lee Cole, Harold Ramsden, Richard Levett, Helen Robertson
2007-08	President	Phill Parsons
	1st Vice President	Graham Alexander
	2nd Vice President	Greg James
	Secretary	Judith Hughes
	Treasurer	Peter French
	Committee Members	Mike Hancock, Ann Thomas, Lyn Otley, Lee Cole, Helen Robertson, Richard Levett, Louise Davidson

2008-09	President	Phill Parsons
	1st Vice President	vacant
	2nd Vice President	Greg James
	Secretary	Judith Hughes
	Treasurer	Peter French (resigned) then Robert Hine (co-opted)
	Committee Members	Lyn Otley, Ann Thomas, Richard Levett, Helen Robertson, Lee Cole
2009-10	President	Phill Parsons
	1st Vice President	vacant
	2nd Vice President	Greg James
	Secretary	Judith Hughes
	Treasurer	Robert Hine
	Committee Members	Lyn Otley, Ann Thomas, Richard Levett, Helen Robertson, Peter French, Lee Cole
2010-11	President	Phill Parsons
	1st Vice President	vacant
	2nd Vice President	Greg James
	Secretary	Judith Hughes
	Treasurer	Robert Hine
	Committee Members	Lyn Otley, Ann Thomas, Richard Levett, Helen Robertson, Peter French, Lee Cole

2011-12	President	P Parsons
	1st Vice President	vacant
	2nd Vice President	Greg James
	Secretary	Judith Hughes
	Treasurer	Robert Hine
	Committee Members	Lyn Otley, Ann Thomas, Richard Levett, Helen Robertson, Peter French, Lee Cole
2012-13	President	Phill Parsons
	1st Vice President	vacant
	2nd Vice President	Greg James
	Secretary	Judith Hughes
	Treasurer	Robert Hine
	Committee Members	Lyn Otley, Ann Thomas, Richard Levett, Helen Robertson, Peter French, Lee Cole, Alan Blakers, Darren Llewellyn
2013-14	President	Phill Parsons
	1st Vice President	vacant
	2nd Vice President	Greg James
	Secretary	Judith Hughes
	Treasurer	Robert Hine
	Committee Members	Lyn Otley, Ann Thomas, Richard Levett, Helen Robertson, Alan Blakers, Lee Cole, Rosemary James, Jenny Oakley
	Devonport City Council Representative	Alderman Annette Rockliff

2014-15 **President** Phill Parsons
1st Vice President vacant
2nd Vice President Greg James
Secretary Judith Hughes
Treasurer Robert Hine
Committee Members Ann Thomas, Richard Levett, Alan Blakers,
Lee Cole, Rosemary James, Lyn Otley (co-opted
October)

Devonport City Council Representative Alderman Annette Rockliff

2015-16 **President** Phill Parsons
1st Vice President vacant
2nd Vice President Greg James
Secretary Judith Hughes
Treasurer Robert Hine
Committee Members Ann Thomas, Alan Blakers, Lee Cole,
Rosemary James, Jenny Oakley, Lyn Otley,
Robert Lowe, David Critchlow

Devonport City Council Representative Alderman Annette Rockliff

2016-17 **President** Phill Parsons
1st Vice President vacant
2nd Vice President Greg James
Secretary Judith Hughes
Treasurer Robert Hine
Committee Members Ann Thomas, Alan Blakers, Rosemary James,
Lyn Otley, Robert Lowe, David Critchlow (co-
opted October), Jenny Oakley (co-opted
November)

Devonport City Council Representative Alderman Annette Rockliff

Committee Members Tony Clayton, David Critchlow,
Rosemary James-Burk, Andrew McMahon,
Philip Murray, Jenny Oakley

Devonport City Council Representatives Mayor Annette Rockliff
Councillor Sally Milbourne

2020-21 **President** Phill Parsons

1st Vice President Alan Blakers

2nd Vice President Greg James

Secretary Judith Hughes

Treasurer Robert Hine

Committee Members Tony Clayton, David Critchlow (resigned May),
Rosemary James-Burk, Andrew McMahon,
Philip Murray, Jenny Oakley,
Rosemary Ryan (co-opted April)

Devonport City Council Representatives Mayor Annette Rockliff
Councillor Sally Milbourne

2021-22 **President** Phill Parsons

1st Vice President Alan Blakers

2nd Vice President Greg James

Secretary Judith Hughes

Treasurer Robert Hine

Committee Members Tony Clayton, Rosemary James-Burk,
Andrew McMahon, Philip Murray,
Jenny Oakley, Rosemary Ryan

Devonport City Council Representatives Mayor Annette Rockliff

2022-23	President	Phill Parsons
	1st Vice President	Alan Blakers
	2nd Vice President	Greg James
	Secretary	Judith Hughes
	Treasurer	Kay Ridgers (resigned), Anika Lockwood (co-opted December)
	Committee Members	Tony Clayton, Rosemary James-Burk, Andrew McMahon, Philip Murray, Jenny Oakley, Rosemary Ryan
	Devonport City Council Representative	Cr Janene Wilczynski

Appendix 2

Corporate and Foundation Sponsors

1985

Associated Forest Holdings
W.J. Burrows

Burnie
California, USA

1987

Atkinson & Gibson
Mr & Mrs B.M. Elliott
E.Prof.R.H. & Dr D.A. Thorp
Mr John Bell
Mr A.H. Gott
Mrs M. Gott
Mr R.C. Scott
Prof. A. Lazenby
Mr & Mrs G.S. Winspear
Society for Growing Australian Plants
Greening Australia (Tasmania) Committee
Mr H.F. Foster
Mr G.A. Walpole
Mr R.C. Bonney
Rene Rivkin
Mr T.G. Matthews
Mrs B. Roberts
Mr & Mrs J. Bowering
Mr D.R. Stephens
Mr & Mrs N.W. Wilkinson
Mr & Mrs W.Y. Bovill
Lester Franks & Co.Pty.Ltd
Mr & Mrs K.H. Keep
Mr S.L. Houghton
Mr M.G. Churcher
Mr & Mrs R.H. Smith
Shadforth Ltd
Gunns Kilndried Timber Industries Ltd.
Bass Building Society
Doolan & Brothers
Petuna Seafoods Pty.Ltd.
J.Gadsen Aus.Pty.Ltd.
Glaxo Australia Pty.Ltd.
Mr G. Ibbott
Mr I.H. Day
Mr C. Munro
Westpac Banking Corporation
Goliath Portland Cement Co.Ltd.
Lions Club of the Forth Valley
Tasmanian Breweries
T.N.T. Channel 9

Devonport
Railton
Launceston
Devonport
Devonport
Devonport
Ulverstone
Hobart
Devonport
Tasmanian Region
Tasmania
Campbell Town
Devonport
Devonport
Sydney
Devonport
Devonport
Devonport
Edgecliffe N.S.W.
Devonport
Devonport
Devonport
Devonport
Hawley Beach
Spreyton
Terrey Hills N.S.W.
Hobart
Launceston
Devonport
Devonport
Devonport
Melbourne VIC.
Boronia VIC.
Latrobe
Devonport
Buderim QLD.
Hobart
Railton
Forth
Hobart
Launceston

1988

Miss A.M. Pitman	Hawthorn S.A.
O'Connor Family	Cressy
A.P.P.M. Forest Products	Launceston
Forestry Commission	Tasmania
R.T. & D.J. Fairbrother	Quoiba
Rotary Club of Devonport	Devonport
Rotary Club of Devonport North	Devonport
Humes Tasmania	Tasmania
Messrs K.F. & M.J. Fisher	Fortrose N.S.W.
Mr R.M. Foster	Devonport
Tascot Templeton	Devonport
J.R. Stephenson (Pumps & Equip.) Pty.Ltd.	Latrobe
Mr & Mrs R. B. Edbrooke	Devonport
Webster Ltd.	Hobart
United Milk Tasmania Ltd.	Devonport
Mr P. Berry	Hobart
Mr & Mrs R.S. Simpson	Eugenana
The Rhodes Trust	Oxford U.K.
Vecon Pty.Ltd.	Devonport
Dr H.M. Cutts	Devonport
Mr K.D. von Bibra & Family	Ross
Walton P. Hill	Devonport
Clements & Marshall Pty.Ltd.	Devonport
Edgell-Birds Eye (Petersville Industries Ltd.)	Ulverstone
Forest Resources	Longreach
Denzil R. Mead	Eugenana
Devonport Technical College	Devonport

1989

Sidney Myer Fund	Melbourne
Matthews Constructions	Devonport
Latrobe Municipality	Latrobe
Dennis Fieldwick Pty.Ltd.	East Devonport
H. Murray Nurseries	Don
Mr & Mrs H.C. Haines	Deloraine
C.L. Richmond & Sons Pty.Ltd.	Devonport
North West farm Equipment Co.Pty.Ltd.	Devonport
Glaxo Australia Pty.Ltd.	Boronia VIC.
Oldham Family	Port Sorell
United Milk Tasmania Ltd.	Devonport

1990

Denzil R. Mead	Eugenana
Rotary Club of Deloraine	Deloraine
Rotary Club of Devonport	Devonport
Tasmania Bank	Launceston
Jean Nichols	Devonport
Rotary Club of Devonport South East	Devonport
United Milk Tasmania Ltd.	Devonport
Forestry Commission	Tasmania

1991

Anthony J. Henry	Devonport
Spreyton Cold Stores Pty.Ltd.	Devonport
Russell-Smith Pty.Ltd.	Quoiba
Chas Kelly Transport	East Devonport
The Master Builders Association of Tasmania	Tasmania
Tasmania Bank	Launceston
Mersey Skill Training Centre	Devonport
Rex A. Jeffrey	Lower Barrington
The Examiner Newspaper Pty.Ltd.	Launceston
Denzil R. Mead	Eugenana
Greening Australia (Tasmania) Committee	Tasmania
Associated Forest Holdings Pty.Ltd.	Burnie
United Milk Tasmania Ltd.	Devonport
A.L. & S.M. Richardson Enterprises Pty.Ltd.	Devonport

1992

Rotary Club of Latrobe	Latrobe
Hydro Electric Commission	Tasmania
Devonport Orchid Society	Devonport
R.B. & E.M. Vellacott	Devonport
Chas Kelly Transport	East Devonport
Wander (Australia) Pty.Ltd.	Glen Waverley VIC.
Mrs W.P. Bell	Devonport
Geoff & Barbara Winspear	Devonport
C.T.G. Lusink	East Devonport
E.R. Rowsthorn	Hawthorn VIC.
Jacksons The Locksmiths	Launceston
The Examiner Newspaper Pty.Ltd.	Launceston
Denzil R. Mead	Eugenana
A.H. Gott	Devonport

1993

Ian H. Day	Devonport
Mazda Foundation Ltd.	Melbourne
Feltex Modular carpets	Melbourne
Mr & Mrs John Bell	Devonport
The Lions Club City of Devonport	Devonport
Salsbury's Engineering Company	Melbourne
Department of Employment, Education and	Hobart
Roland & Marion Scott	Devonport
Gunns Ltd.	Launceston
Lester Franks & Co. Pty. Ltd.	Devonport
Mrs Brenda Roberts	Devonport

1994

Clements & Marshall Pty.Ltd.	Devonport
The Lions Club of the Forth Valley	Forth
Rotary Club of Devonport North	Devonport
The Bicentennial Authority	Canberra & Hobart
Denzil R. Mead & family	Eugenana

1994	P.J. , K. and M.J. Radcliff Ted & Jane Winkler The Pratt Foundation North Forests - Burnie The Devonport City Council T.J. & M. D. Muller Municipality of Latrobe	Lower Barrington Devonport Melbourne Burnie Devonport Devonport Latrobe
1995	Tasmanian Mushrooms Personal Finance Co. Pty.Ltd. Tasmanian Alkaloids Pty.Ltd. The Hermon Slade Foundation George & Margaret Walker The Bovill family Denzil R. Mead & family Norton Harvesters Pty.Ltd. Mr J. & Mrs M. Douglas & family Mrs W.P. Bell	Spreyton Hobart Westbury Vanuatu Corindi N.S.W. Devonport Eugenana Devonport Eugenana Devonport
1996	J.R.Stephenson (Pumps & Equipment) Pty.Ltd. Vinidex Tubemakers Pty.Ltd. CSR Timber Products John S. Bell Pioneer Concrete Tas Pty.Ltd. Goliath Portland Cement Co.Ltd. Mrs Winifred Bowers North Western Group Training Oldham Family Nell & Hermon Slade Trust J.I. (Joe) Gutnick (Edensor Nominees Pty. Ltd.) Joinery Products Pty.Ltd. Wyllie Tiles Devonport City Council City of Devonport Lions Club Chas Kelly Transport Boral Resources Mrs J.F. d'Oliveyra	Latrobe Launceston Launceston Devonport Devonport Railton Devonport Devonport Ulverstone Hobart N.S.W. Melbourne Devonport Devonport Devonport Devonport Devonport Devonport Victoria
1997-98	Community Training & Education Centres inc. Mersey Skill Training Inc. Gunns Timber & Hardware Simplot Australia Pty.Ltd. Dame Elisabeth Murdoch AC., D.B.E E.N. Gerrand Green Corps Team Ian Rowsthorn Glaxo Wellcome Australia Ltd. Denzil R. Mead & family Lions Club of Mersey	Devonport Devonport Launceston Devonport Langwarrin VIC. Melrose Tasmania Queensland Latrobe Eugenana Devonport

	Nell & Hermon Slade Trust Tasmanian Alkaloids Devonport City Council	N.S.W. Westbury Devonport
1998-99	Rotary Club of Devonport South East Peter Rowsthorn D.M. & T.J. Muller North Forest Products Lester Franks Pty.Ltd. Mac Lester N.D. Lester K.J. Parker M.J. Temple-Smith Tascot Templeton Carpets Pty.Ltd. K.R. Michell & Associates Pty.Ltd. Mr & Mrs. G. Winspear Mr & Mrs John Bell Nell & Hermon Slade Trust H.C. Haines	Devonport Victoria Devonport Burnie Devonport Devonport Devonport Devonport Devonport Devonport Devonport Devonport Sydney Deloraine
1999 - 00	G. & P. Kent & Family E.D.(David) Yaxley Rotary Club of Devonport North Luck & Haines Mitre 10 Lower Barrington Landcare Group Federation Community Projects Programme Natural Heritage Trust Mr & Mrs D. K. Grant Ian H. Day Nell & Hermon Slade Trust Terminal Traders Hardware Matthews Constructions Pty.Ltd. Drew Southam Insurance	Devonport Devonport Devonport Devonport Lower Barrington Canberra Australia Devonport Devonport Sydney East Devonport Devonport Devonport
2000 - 01	Peter & Helen Stirling 99.3 FM Radio Nell & Hermon Slade Trust R. & M. Scott Walpole Family Phill Parsons Tasmanian Community Fund	Devonport Sydney Devonport Devonport & Hobart Elizabeth Town Tasmania
2001 - 02	Nell & Hermon Slade Trust C.G. Munro R.C. & M.E. Scott G.A. & J. Walpole	Sydney Buderim QLD. Devonport Devonport
2002 - 03	Nell & Hermon Slade Trust	Sydney
2003 - 04	Nell & Hermon Slade Trust Tasmanian Community Fund	Sydney Tasmania

2004 - 05	Nell & Hermon Slade Trust G.B. Kent H.C. Haines John Bell Latrobe Council Matthews Constructions Pty.Ltd.	Sydney Devonport Deloraine Devonport Latrobe Devonport
2005 - 06	Tasmanian Community Fund Nell & Hermon Slade Trust H.F. Foster	Tasmania Sydney Campbelltown
2006 - 07	Nell & Hermon Slade Trust	Sydney
2007 - 08	Nell & Hermon Slade Trust Russell Family Trust	Sydney Devonport
2008 - 09	Nell & Hermon Slade Trust H.F. Foster	Sydney Campbelltown
2009 - 10	Nell & Hermon Slade Trust J. & E. Bowering M. Murchison S. Dickenson Latrobe Council	Sydney Devonport South Australia South Australia Latrobe
2010 - 11	Nell & Hermon Slade Trust D.J. Masterman	Sydney Sydney
2011 - 12	Nell & Hermon Slade Trust H. & A. Haines	Sydney Deloraine
2012 - 13	Nell & Hermon Slade Trust T. & J. Matthews M. Brookes	Sydney Devonport Melbourne
2013 - 14	J. Rumney & A. Heron T.G. Matthews Properties P/L Nell & Hermon Slade Trust	Tasmania Devonport Sydney
2014 - 15	Nell & Hermon Slade Trust Tasmanian Community Fund	Sydney Tasmania
2015 - 16	M. Brookes Nell & Hermon Slade Trust	Melbourne Sydney
2016 - 17	Tasmanian Community Fund Nell & Hermon Slade Trust H.F. Foster H.C. Haines	Tasmania Sydney Campbelltown Deloraine

2017 - 18

Tasmanian Community Fund	Tasmania
Nell & Hermon Slade Trust	Sydney
Botanic Gardens Conservation International	
TasWater	Tasmania
M. Brookes	Melbourne

2018 - 19

J. Roberts	Ulverstone
Nell & Hermon Slade Trust	Sydney
H. C. Haines	Deloraine
H. F. Foster	Campbelltown
Bryan Dore	Port Sorell

2019 - 20

H.F. Foster	Campbelltown
V. Smith	
Estate of A. Tiffin	
Nell & Hermon Slade Trust	Sydney