



## QUEENSLAND BRANCH NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2025

Dear members

Happy new year and happy gardening.

After a successful end of year function in the leafy suburbs of Bunya, your committee is planning a program for the coming year.

### **Garden visits:**

Our first visit will be on **22 March** to Coochie Mudlo Island in Moreton Bay to look at gardens and have lunch. More details will follow.

We will visit Toowoomba after Easter -again date and details will follow.

If you have any ideas and connections for future visits, please let your committee know.

### **Landscapes at risk:**

As you will be aware from reading the AGHS journal, the Society advocates for the protection of significant historic gardens and cultural landscapes. Your local branch was successful in saving two tall Bunya trees planted in 1870 near the former town hall in Toowoomba now adjacent to the Catholic Church and threatened by a car yard; other wins have been with the addition to the Queensland Heritage Register of the original designed landscaping of the Queensland Art Gallery and of Laurel Bank Park at Toowoomba.

Our 2013 survey of Historic Gardens of Queensland identified a short list of 224 places of significance so we have plenty to watch over. For example, the Save Victoria Park Inc has been fighting plans for a stadium in the park in the heart of Brisbane so as to maximise trees and green space. Please keep an eye open for developments that might affect significant gardens, parks and treed places in your neighbourhood. Together we may be able to assist in their protection.

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We have just heard that one of the Society's long term members, Glenn Cooke, has died unexpectedly. Glenn had many friends and made a big contribution to the Society over many years. He will be sorely missed. We will pass on details of a celebration of Glenn's life as soon as we can.