

# Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand Congress 2009

8 – 11 October, Mackay  
Regional reality: plan(e)t priority

## Registration package

### About Mackay - there's more to Mackay than meets the eye

The Mackay region is an inviting blend of secluded beaches, elusive wildlife and rural communities, which is centrally located on the Queensland Coast and easily accessed by air, road or train. A safe, family-oriented city with a deep sense of community, spacious sandy beaches and tropical islands, Mackay combines country hospitality with all the attractions and commercial facilities expected of a large regional city.



While in Mackay for this Congress, take the time to explore our friendly city and beaches, then step out into our superb 'backyard'. The lush Pioneer Valley, the highland rainforest of Eungella National Park, the picturesque Hibiscus Coast, delightful Sarina, the relaxing Serenity Coast and fascinating historic towns. Also awaiting your discovery are the beguiling islands, reefs and fishing of the Great Barrier Reef, you'll love the tropical ambience of the Mackay region.

### About the theme: Plan(e)t Priority: Regional Reality

There is growing concern for the planet and its ecosystems as a result of global warming, climate change, economic insecurity and human impacts on the natural environment. Regional centres are the ideal location to focus attention on improving the impact of the human footprint on the planet and to recognise the unique role each region can have towards achieving results. The unique vegetation of regional areas and the role of Botanic Gardens in regional centres and their significance now and for the future will be explored and presented at the congress.

### Accommodation

Accommodation can fill quickly in Mackay, so we recommend you make your bookings quickly. Mackay Tourism is managing accommodation on our behalf. To book your accommodation, please complete the booking form included with this registration package, and return to Mackay Tourism. Further information and assistance with accommodation is available from Veronica Malagueno on 07 4944 5859 or email [businessevents@mackayregion.com](mailto:businessevents@mackayregion.com)

### Field trips

Field trips take place on Sunday 11 October. There are two options: Eungella National Park or the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens. The cost for field trips is not included in your registration fee – please indicate your attendance on the registration form. The bus for Eungella departs the Mackay Entertainment and Conference Centre at 9.00 am sharp and will return at approximately 5.00 pm.

### Travel to and around Mackay

Virgin Blue, Qantas and Jetstar all fly from Brisbane to Mackay and there are 10 flights every day. There are also direct flights to Mackay from Sydney and Melbourne. It costs approximately \$25 AUD to travel from the airport to most hotels in town – many of which are within walking distance of the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre. Event organisers are not able to provide transport between hotels and Congress venues. Taxis in Mackay can be booked by dialing 131008.

## Social events

### *Tropical delights welcome reception, Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens*

You will be greeted on arrival with a cocktail or drink of choice as you move through the deck to look out over the gardens and lagoon. Meet fellow delegates, enjoy barbecued prawns and other tropical delights and relax in a casual atmosphere as we welcome you to the Congress. The cost of the welcome reception is included in the full Congress registration fee, but not day registrations. The welcome reception immediately follows the BGANZ AGM which also takes place at the Gardens. Extra tickets to the welcome reception cost \$50 (sunbird registration rate).

Dress: casual tropical attire

### *Explore Mackay – a free evening*

The Friday night of the Congress is a free evening for delegates to enjoy Mackay's finest dining options. A list of dining venues will be provided – however delegates are encouraged to book ahead. See our registration desk staff for assistance with bookings or to join a group already booked in at the restaurant of your choice. Delegates bear their own expenses for this evening.

Dress: smart casual

### *Gala Congress dinner*

Local produce, local entertainment and a special Cooktown orchid made out of chocolate. Join fellow delegates for this gala event, being held at the new Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre. The evening features pre-dinner drinks, a three course meal and three hour drinks package. The cost of the gala Congress dinner, which takes place Saturday 10 October, is included in full registration fees and additional tickets are available for \$130 per person (sunbird rate). Pre-dinner drinks commence at 6.00 pm in the Convention Centre foyer. Delegates will be seated from approximately 7.00 pm.

Dress: casual cocktail attire (with dancing shoes)

## Poster presentations

Opportunities exist for delegates to prepare posters for the Congress and a dedicated space will be provided for poster presentations. To register your poster and have it included in our guide, contact Samantha Morris, BGANZ Congress Secretariat, [bganz@wombatcreative.com.au](mailto:bganz@wombatcreative.com.au) or phone 07 5538 5109.

## Sponsors and exhibitors

Several opportunities still exist for sponsors and exhibitors. For information about sponsoring the event, or exhibiting to a significant representation of Botanic Gardens staff from Australia and New Zealand, please contact Samantha Morris, BGANZ Congress Secretariat, [bganz@wombatcreative.com.au](mailto:bganz@wombatcreative.com.au) or phone 07 5538 5109.

## About the host garden - Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens

The Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens showcases the flora of the Central Queensland Coast bioregion – a diverse area featuring lush tropical rainforests, wide sweeping beaches, mangrove lined creeks and waterways and open eucalypt forests – all surrounding the coastal city of Mackay, Queensland, Australia.

The gardens have been planned to interpret many of the natural physical features of this region of Queensland, with spectacular landform representations accessed by a system of pathways, ramps and bridges. Boardwalks span sections of the lagoon to allow closeup viewing of wetland species and newly created wildlife habitats.



## About the venue – Mackay Exhibition and Convention Centre

Mackay's brand new \$29 million Exhibition and Convention Centre is equipped with the latest audiovisual technology, contemporary décor and excellent facilities. The Centre boasts a 1090 seat theatre, 100 seat studio space and two plenary halls and is set in the manicured tropical gardens of the Mackay Civic Precinct. The BGANZ Congress sessions and social events will be held between the Exhibition and Convention Centre and the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens.



## Registration desk

The Congress registration desk is your first port of call for any enquiries regarding programming, social events and field trips. The registration desk will be open at the following times and venues for your convenience:

Thursday 8 October, Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens	1630 – 2000
Friday 9 October, Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre	0730 – 1730
Saturday 10 October, Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre	0830 – 1830
Sunday 11 October, Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre	0800 – 0900

When in Mackay, our Event Manager, Samantha Morris can be contacted on 0421 709 519 or by email [sam@wombatcreative.com.au](mailto:sam@wombatcreative.com.au).

## Assistance to attend Congress

BGANZ is once again offering grants to assist people to attend this Congress. Grants will be awarded to assist with travel, accommodation and registration costs. BGANZ has a total budget of \$7,000 and applications close Monday 1 June. The following subsidies are available:

- applicants from Queensland \$300
- applicants from Victoria, NSW, South Australia and ACT \$500
- applicants from New Zealand, Western Australia, Tasmania and Northern Territory \$600

While applications are open to all staff of Botanic Gardens, preference will be given to applicants who are members of BGANZ. Your application should contain a 150 word description of how the grant will assist the employing garden; details of BGANZ membership; and a letter of endorsement from the Officer in Charge of your sponsoring Botanic Garden. Further information is available by contacting the BGANZ Secretariat on 02 6250 9507 or [bganz.secretariat@environment.gov.au](mailto:bganz.secretariat@environment.gov.au).

## Cancellation policy

Cancellations made before 30 June 2009 receive a full refund minus \$35 administration fee. Cancellations made before 30 August receive a 75% refund. Cancellations from 1 September do not receive a refund unless due to exceptional circumstance, as determined by the Conference Organising Committee. Substitutions may be made at any time at no cost.

# REGISTRATION FORM

2009 Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand Congress  
Mackay, 8 – 10 October



This registration form comprises two pages. Please complete both and return to:

Customer Service, Mackay Regional Council  
Phone 1300 622 529 (1300 MACKAY) | Fax 07 4944 2400  
Email [council@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:council@mackay.qld.gov.au)

All other enquiries should be directed to Wombat Creative | Event Manager, [bganz@wombatcreative.com.au](mailto:bganz@wombatcreative.com.au) or 07 5538 5109. All prices quoted in this document include GST.

Your details	
Name	
Organisation	
Address	
Phone	
Fax	
Mobile	
Email	
Physical or dietary requirements	
Total amount owing, as per registration page.	
Credit card number	
Expiry date	
Name on card and signature	

## Payment options

Mackay Regional Council is managing invoicing and receipting for this event. Payment can be made by cash, credit card or cheque made payable to Mackay Regional Council. Invoices can be issued on receipt of registration form. If you would like Mackay Regional Council to invoice you, please indicate so on this form. The date we receive your registration determines the registration fee paid. Sunbird and magpie registrations must be paid by 31 August. Submission of registration form is a commitment to pay registration.

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## Privacy statement

Event Manager, Wombat Creative is committed to supporting the National Privacy Principles set out in the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000. Wombat Creative will collect and store information you provide in the registration form and electronic newsletter sign-up lists for the purposes of enabling us to register your attendance at the conference, to assist with future planning of other events, and to collate and analyse statistical data.

Wombat Creative may disclose some of the information collected in this registration form to conference sponsors and exhibitors, future conference hosts and BGANZ for marketing purposes. Wombat Creative may also notify you of other events that pertain to the business of managing botanic gardens, conservation biodiversity or natural resource management. Conference organisers may produce a delegate listing for distribution to delegates at the conference. Please tick here  if you do not wish to be included in this listing.

## Registration timelines

- sunbird registration closes 30 June 2009
- magpie registration closes 31 July 2009
- owl registration closes 30 September 2009

## Payment type

- cheque (payable to Mackay Regional Council)  
 please invoice me  
 credit card (include details on previous page)

Registration options	by 30 June	by 31 July	by 30 Sept
All prices quoted include GST			
<b>Congress attendance</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Full conference, including welcome reception and gala dinner but not field trip	<input type="checkbox"/> 650	<input type="checkbox"/> 700	<input type="checkbox"/> 750
<input type="checkbox"/> Day registration, Friday 9 October (does not include social functions)	<input type="checkbox"/> 250	<input type="checkbox"/> 275	<input type="checkbox"/> 300
<input type="checkbox"/> Day registration, Saturday 10 October (does not include social functions)	<input type="checkbox"/> 250	<input type="checkbox"/> 275	<input type="checkbox"/> 300
<b>Field trip attendance (please choose one only)</b> Field trip attendance is not included in Congress registration – you must indicate attendance here and pay the separate fee.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Eungella National Park – hinterland and rainforest experience	<input type="checkbox"/> 55	<input type="checkbox"/> 65	<input type="checkbox"/> 75
<input type="checkbox"/> Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens – garden interpretation and networking experience (does not include lunch which is to be purchased at delegate's cost)	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	<input type="checkbox"/> 15	<input type="checkbox"/> 20
<b>Social events</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Tropical delights welcome reception, Mackay Regional Botanic Garden (included in full conference registration but not day registration) number of tickets [ ____ ]	<input type="checkbox"/> 50	<input type="checkbox"/> 70	<input type="checkbox"/> 80
<input type="checkbox"/> Gala Congress dinner, Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre (included in full conference registration but not day registration) number of tickets [ ____ ]	<input type="checkbox"/> 130	<input type="checkbox"/> 130	<input type="checkbox"/> 145
	by 30 June	by 31 July	by 30 Sept
<b>REGISTRATION TOTAL</b>			

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