

## GREAT NEWS!!

### Nationally acclaimed Guest Speaker secured for the GCA National Convention 2022!

**Tim Marshall, Chair of NASAA** (The National Association for Sustainable Agriculture Australia), Presenter Gardening Australia ABC TV, Founder TM Organics Pty Ltd.

**Tim Marshall** is the author of several best-selling compost books including, "Composting: The Ultimate Organic Guide to Recycling Your Garden", "Bug", "Weed" and "The New Organic Gardener". Tim has visited over 1,000 certified organic farms in Australia and more than 1,500 certified organic farms in 25 other countries. Peter Cundall said: "Tim Marshall has long been a legend in Australia as an outstanding communicator, writer and broadcaster, specialising in organic techniques". Tim has been a leader in organic agriculture and certification in Australia for 45 years and a significant contributor to organic standards and certification in worldwide forums.

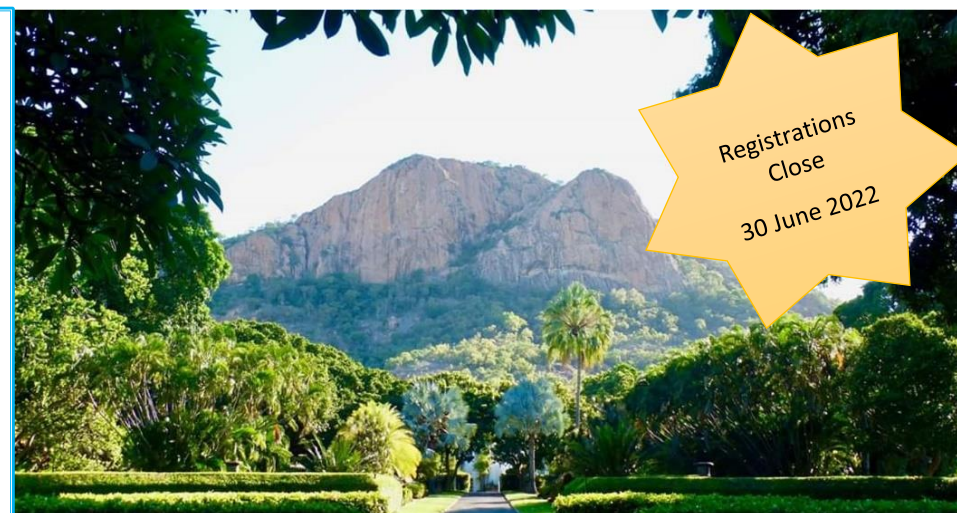
**Registration** is just \$350 which includes 13 Garden Visits, 9 Guest Speakers, 3 Lunches, 4 Morning Teas, 2 Afternoon Teas and Welcome Reception plus lots of Fun and Friendship!

**Raven Tours** is offering discounted tours of Townsville, Ravenswood and the Hinchinbrook area. We will take you to Billabong Sanctuary and the Giru Show plus the Townsville Orchid Society will be holding their Spring Show! Check out the Optional Extras in the Registration Package!

**Accommodation Packages** are available with Discount Codes from many Hotels near the Convention Centre. Check out the Information Package for the Discount Codes for the Convention.

**Program** (attached) is fully packed with something for everyone from Thursday 8 to Sunday 18 September 2022.

*'Beautiful One Day - Perfect the Next'*



Registrations  
Close  
30 June 2022



# National Convention 2022

11-15 September 2022

Hosted by Townsville & District Garden Club Inc.

- It's chilled out and scenic. You can get over to Magnetic Island, head to the restaurants and bars which are close to the Convention base, go for a sunrise walk. It's a magic place.
- Perfectly situated in Tropical North Queensland and is a major gateway to the Great Barrier Reef.
- Named the Green Destinations 2021 Global Top 100 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.
- Timed to include Townsville Orchid Society Spring Show and Giru Agriculture & Horticulture Show
- It's a stunning time of year to be up here!
- Extra Optional Tours also available.

Convention details including Program, Venues, Accommodation, Activities etc. are available on the Website  
[www.gcaconvention2022.com](http://www.gcaconvention2022.com) and Facebook.com/gca2022.

To request a full Registration Package please email [townsville2022@gmail.com](mailto:townsville2022@gmail.com)  
or contact Shirley Haslam Phone 0438 253 312

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## Convention Program September 2022

Please Note: This Program is subject to change without notice.

	Thur 8 Sept	Fri 9 Sept	Sat 10 Sept	Sunday 11 Sept	Monday 12 Sept	Tuesday 13 Sept	Wednesday 14 Sept	Thursday 15 Sept	Fri 16 Sept	Sat 17 Sept	Sun 18 Sept
<b>Morning</b>	Day Tours available – see attached Historical Hotels Tour	Day Tours available – see attached Ravenswood Tour	Day Tours available – see attached Hinchinbrook Tour	<b>Convention Registration &amp; Lunch Southbank</b> Convention Centre <i>GCA Members &amp; Partners</i> 11am to 12.30pm	<b>Private Garden Tours &amp; Morning Tea</b> <i>GCA Member Registration only</i> 8.30am to 12noon	<b>GCA AGM &amp; Lunch + Flower Exhibition</b> Southbank Convention Centre <i>GCA Member Reg. only</i> 8.30am Delegate Registration for 9am start to 1.30pm including lunch & Guest Speaker	<b>Private Garden Tours Morning Tea &amp; Plant Displays</b> <i>GCA Member Registration only</i> 8.30am to 12noon	<b>Speakers Morning, Q&amp;A Session</b> Southbank Convention Centre <i>GCA Member Registration only</i> 9am to 12noon	Townsville Orchid Society Spring Show 9am to 4pm	Townsville Orchid Society Spring Show 9am to 4pm	Day Tours available – see attached Historical Hotel Tour
				<b>James Cook University Garden Tour + Private Garden Tours</b> <i>GCA Member Registration only</i> 1pm to 4pm	<b>An Afternoon at the Palmetum &amp; Afternoon Tea</b> Palmetum Botanic Gardens <i>GCA Member Registration only</i> 2pm to 4pm	<b>Private Garden Tours &amp; Refreshments</b> <i>GCA Member Registration only</i> 2pm to 4pm	<b>GCA Board Meeting</b> Southbank Convention Centre <i>GCA Board Members only</i> 12noon to 2.00pm	<b>Farewell Lunch</b> Southbank Convention Centre <i>GCA Members &amp; Partners</i> 12.30pm to 3.00pm			
<b>Afternoon</b>	Day Tours available – see attached Historical Hotels Tour	Day Tours available – see attached Ravenswood Tour	Billabong Sanctuary + Giru Agricultural & Horticulture Show 8.30am to 5pm	<b>Free Time</b> 4pm to 5pm Enjoy a leisurely stroll along the water front and pop into the Townsville Yacht Club for a Drink/Coffee/M meal with 10% Discount on Meals!	<b>Free Time</b> 4pm to late evening Enjoy one of the many Restaurants/Cafes along Palmer Street	<b>ZC Training Session</b> Southbank Convention Centre <i>Current, New &amp; Prospective Zone Coordinators</i> 4.30pm to 6.00pm	<b>Session 1 &amp; Session 2 with Guest Speakers</b> Southbank Convention Centre <i>GCA Member Registration only</i> 2pm to 3pm	<b>Convention Ends</b> <i>Stay and enjoy NQ and all it has to offer!</i>	Day Tours available – see attached Ravenswood Tour	Day Tours available – see attached Hinchinbrook Tour	Day Tours available – see attached Historical Hotel Tour
				<b>Convention Welcome Reception &amp; Canapes</b> Quayside Terminal <i>GCA Members &amp; Partners</i> 5pm to 9pm	<b>GCA President's Dinner</b> Touch of Salt <i>GCA &amp; TDGC Convention Committees, Life Members &amp; Zone Coordinators only</i> 6.30pm to 10pm	<b>Free Time</b> 4pm to late evening Enjoy one of the many Restaurants/Cafes along Palmer Street and surrounds. Or enjoy a show at one of the Theatres. Many have offered great discounts!	<b>Free Time</b> 4pm to late evening Enjoy one of the many Restaurants/Cafes along Palmer Street and surrounds. Or enjoy a show at one of the Theatres. Many have offered great discounts!	<b>Plan to check out the Townsville Orchid Show</b> which commences tomorrow Friday 17 Sept. or book a Day Tour with Ravenswood Tours or plan a day at Magnetic Island!			
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