

# Friends of Cairns Botanic Gardens

## Program of Activities

### 2020

#### MONTHLY TALKS:

Talks are programmed on the second Wednesday of each month excepting December and January. They are held at the Botanic Gardens Visitor Centre, Collins Avenue, Cairns from 6.00pm. Members pay \$5 and visitors \$10 and a light meal and tea and coffee are served. Guests mingle until 6.30pm when an update of Friends' activities is provided after which the talk commences. Talks generally last about 45 minutes and are followed by question time. The talks are usually concluded by 8pm.

**Because of Covid-19, the talks program has been suspended until further notice.**

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Committee meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month in the conference room of the Botanic Gardens Visitor Centre. General members can attend meetings as observers and are encouraged to volunteer for the various activities initiated by the committee.

The Annual General Meeting of the organisation is held in March each year.

#### EVENTS:

**Jazz Under the Stars** – Saturday night, 5 September 2020

This event is held annually during Festival Cairns. Guests arrive any time from 5.00pm bringing a picnic, folding chairs or rugs to enjoy the Gardens before the music program starts.

#### ANNUAL PLANT SALES:

Friends' members meet weekly to propagate plants to sell and raise funds for enhancements to the Gardens.

Wednesday plant trolley sales are held each week from February until November near the Friends House from **9.30am -11.30am**.

As well as the weekly sales, three much larger sales are held annually from 8.00am to 12.00pm on

- **Pre-Easter Sale** – always the Sunday before Easter – on the lawn in front of the Conservatory. **CANX in 2020 because of Covid-19**
- **Fathers' Day** – Carnival on Collins – first Sunday in September
- **Christmas Plant Sale** – first Sunday in December - on the lawn in front of the Conservatory