



**INTERNATIONAL PLANT PROPAGATORS' SOCIETY
Australian Region**

**2019 International Board visit and tour:
“Tropical Horticulture: It is a question of Latitude!”**

The International Plant Propagators' Society (IPPS) is an international association of plant production professionals. The Society provides a forum for sharing plant production knowledge with the aim to improve the professionalism, knowledge and skills of its members. In doing so it also desires to encourage and develop professional nursery propagators around the world. IPPS membership is organized and administered on a regional level. These regions are currently spread over eight geographically defined areas: Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Europe, Southern Africa and in the USA: the Eastern Region, Western Region & Southern Region.

Each year, each region holds a local conference where it works to fulfill the core aim of 'To Seek and Share'. These conferences are held in the autumn of each region. The parent body is governed by an International Board consisting of two directors from each region. This board meets in person once a year in rotation around the regions. The board meets over a 10-14 day period in conjunction with a pre-conference tour that concludes at the local regional conference. The board last met in Australia in 2011 in NSW and Victoria concluding at the Sydney conference.

In 2019 the International Board returns to Australia with the tour starting in Cairns and concluding at the annual conference in Maroochydore. The tour is 12 days with stops in Port Douglas, Mission Beach, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton and Bundaberg. It will be visiting nurseries, Botanic Gardens, farms, research centres and a range of Australian tourist attractions. The usual participation is 50 to 60 delegates from all over the world. However Australia is a 'new' area to many from the northern hemisphere and many people want to come but never have a good reason.

2019 is also a joint Australia/New Zealand conference which always adds to numbers. IPPS is expanding into the developing countries with work being done in India and China. Australia is the sponsoring region for China and it is expected that China will become a probationary region in 2019. With all these influences the 2019 International Tour numbers could be as high as 100.

Australia is a unique country with its own lifestyle culture where things must be simple, efficient and workable. The intention of the tour is to reflect this in twelve days of travel – food, accommodation and environment. During the trip delegates will experience five star food and accommodation, simple working class meals and entertainment and classic Australian cuisine. Delegates will also see the foundations of what makes Australians the people they are. It is a big land and in twelve days the group will cover over 2500 kilometres, visit more than 30 towns eat many classic Australian dishes and see aspects of the culture that defines northern Australia,

The organizers have visited all but four or five of the venues (accommodations, food, tourist centres) to ensure that they can cope with 100 people, can deliver a positive experience that is Australian and reflect local industry standards. Each enterprise has been given an arrival date and time, range of delegate numbers and a booking, payment and confirmation schedule. Like with most conference organizers the expectation is that the event will run smoothly with all aspects fully planned.

We can only encourage you to attend if you want to see tropical Australia in a personal and natural way. The horticulture will be wide and varied, the food fantastic and the people great.

Pam Berryman (pam@ipps.org.au) and myself (clive@larkmannurseries.com.au) can be contacted for booking information. Attached is a registration form, base program and below is a link to the promotional video: <https://youtu.be/ZaQrlkNofeU>.

2019 - Tropical Horticulture - It is all in the Latitude

Day	day/night	Region	stay	Activities	Cost
Wednesday 15th May	both	Port Douglas and surrounds	Port Douglas (or other towns)	Pre conference activities like reef visits, rainforest tours, health spas	extra
Thursday 16th May	both	Port Douglas and surrounds	Port Douglas (or other towns)	Pre conference activities like reef visits, rainforest tours, health spas	extra
Friday 17th May	day	Port Douglas and surrounds	Port Douglas (Hibiscus Resort)	Pre conference activities like reef visits, rainforest tours, health spas	extra
Friday 17th May	both	Port Douglas and surrounds	Port Douglas (Hibiscus Resort)	Arrival including pickups - maybe 2 trips	included
Friday 17th May	night	Port Douglas	Port Douglas (Hibiscus Resort)	BBQ dinner at resort	included
Saturday 18th May	both	Port Douglas/Cairns	Port Douglas (Hibiscus Resort)	Airport pick-ups, Flecker Gardens, Ellis Beach Pub for lunch, Hartley's Crocodile Adventure, Cane toad races.	included
Sunday 19th May	both	Port Douglas/Mossman	Port Douglas (Hibiscus Resort)	Mossman Gorge and Daintree, Shannonvale Tropical Fruit Winery, Forest Flame dinner show	included
Monday 20th May	both	Port Douglas, Atherton Tablelands	Mission Beach (Mission Beach Resort)	Wildlife Habitat, Skyrail, Yuruga Nursery, Sunsetridge Native Fruits	included
Tuesday 21st May	both	Mission Beach, Meena Creek, Cardwell, Ingham, Townsville	Townsville (Grand Chancellor)	Paronella Park, CD Nursery. Free choice for dinner	included /extra
Wednesday 22nd May	morning	Townsville	Townsville (Grand Chancellor)	Short Tour starts here, Board meeting or free time (golf, fishing etc) Alice's Orchids, Anderson Botanic Gardens, Townsville	extra
Wednesday 22nd May	afternoon	Townsville	Townsville (Grand Chancellor)	Alice's Orchids, Anderson Botanic Gardens, Townsville	included
Wednesday 22nd May	night	Townsville	Townsville (Grand Chancellor)	Watermark for dinner	included
Thursday 23rd May	both	Townsville, Biowen, Mackay	Mackay (Coral Cay Motel)	Benalla Nursery, Department of Primary Industries - Bowen, Fish Co-op, Mango/Horticultural Produce farm,	included
Friday 24th May	both	Mackay, Clairview, Rockhampton	Rockhampton (The Edge Hotel)	Sugar Mill, Starlight Palm Plantation, Clairview CP(Mud Crabs), Fitzroy Nursery	included
Saturday 25th May	morning	Rockhampton	Rockhampton (The Edge Hotel)	Board meeting or free time (golf, fishing etc)	extra
Saturday 25th May	afternoon	Rockhampton	Rockhampton (The Edge Hotel)	Emu Park, Lizard Mountain Nursery	included
Saturday 25th May	night	Rockhampton	Rockhampton (The Edge Hotel)	Great Western Hotel - Rodeo	included
Sunday 26th May	both	Rockhampton, Benarby Junction, Mt Larcom, Bundaberg	Bundaberg (Sugar Country Mote)	Rockhampton Bot Gardens, Orams Nursery, Mt Larcom Pub, Benarby Junction Nursery, (cross Tropic of Capricorn)	included
Monday 27th May	both	Bundaberg	Bundaberg (Sugar Country Mote)	Bundaberg Distillery, Bundaberg Wholesale Palms and Plants, Widebay Passion Vine Nursery, Macadamia Farm, Australian Chilli Farm, Rock Bar and Grill	included
Tuesday 28th May		Bundaberg, Torbanlea, Noosa	Maroochydore (Novotel)	Bamboo Lane Nursery, Golden Grove Nursery, Wharf 71, Noosa Botanic Gardens, End of tour dinner	included
Wednesday 29th May to Saturday 1st June		Noosa. Buderim Maroochydore	Maroochydore (Novotel) Maroochydore (Novotel)	Manawee Garden Centre, Buderim Ginger Factory Australian/New Zealand annual conference	extra