

NPQ State Conference 2023 Preliminary Timetable

Day 1 Thursday 14th September

Afternoon arrival

Check-in

Departure 2.00pm

Cattana Wetlands Walk. This 80 hectare nature conservation park, home to a wealth of bird and plant life, includes toilets and a boardwalk through fern palm forest. Led by Sharren Wong

Return Depart time 4.30pm

Dinner 6pm

After dinner interpretive talk by Bob Jago and Stuart Worboys. "What to expect in the area."

Day 2 Friday 15th September

Breakfast

Departure 8.30am Sharp

Don Lawie will travel on the bus and give local commentary on the way south.

Stop 1 10.00 - 12am

Josephine Falls is a tiered cascade waterfall on the Josephine Creek under Mt Bartle Frere, Qld's highest

mountain. Unfortunately, we will not have the time to climb the mountain.

Toilets

Stop 2 12.30-2.30pm

Lunch & Walk WARRINA Lake

Toilets

Stop 3 2.45-3.30pm

"Backyard Blitz" revegetation area. It has come under control of the Russell River Landcare Group, who are moving to rejuvenate it. The trees and understorey have developed well (the path was strewn with quandong fruit) and there were virtually no weeds.

Latest Return Depart time 3.45pm

Dinner 6pm

Talk by Peter Radke on the introduction on many north Qld plants into horticulture.

Day 3 Saturday 16th September

Breakfast

Departure 8.30am

Stop 1 9-10.30am

Private Garden in Bayview Heights

No Toilets

Stop 2 11 – 1pm

Walk and Lunch Crystal Cascades

Toilets

Stop 3 1.30- 4.30 pm

Cairns Botanic Gardens

Toilets, Café, Shop

1.30-2.30pm Guided Walks

2.30 - 4.30

Guided or free walk

Return Depart time 4.30pm

Dinner 6 pm

7.30pm After Dinner Bill Tulloch Lecture

Day 4 Sunday 17th September

Breakfast

Departure 7.30am

Cairns Skyrail

Peter Radke to join the coach at Kuranda to give a background talk on the Tablelands and his garden on the way.

Stop 1 11.30 am Rocky Creek War Memorial Lunch & Toilets

Stop 2 12.20 pm Garden visit (note no toilets)

2.15pm Tolga Park for toilets

2.45pm Curtain Fig National Park

4.15pm Garden visit

5.00pm Depart Mareeba

Dinner 6pm After Dinner Free

Day 5 Monday 18th September

Breakfast

Departure 8.30am

Stop 1 9.30-10.30am

Mossman town Free Walk

Coffee, Toilets, historic Rain trees, river

Stop 2 11am

Mossman Gorge shuttle bus to Gorge

Toilets, Lunch

1pm-3pm Interpretive Walk Bob Jago & Stuart Worboys

Return Shuttlebus to Interpretive Centre

Return Depart time 3.30-4pm

Dinner 6pm

Finish