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Dear members, its almost the end of the financial year and for all of us its time to renew our memberships. I would encourage you all to jump onto the 5% discount benefit for all payments made before the end of June. You will need to apply the following discount code - TAKE5BYJUNE302018

On another membership detail our National Councillor Matt Mitchley MAIH has been busy promoting the '3 for free' incentive which can be read in this month's newsletter. And lastly our student membership is still running and has become very popular which demonstrates the new wave of horticulturists wanting to be associated with a national industry body.

I hope you enjoy this edition of The AIH Journal and look forward to receiving any stories about garden projects, events or relevant workshops that you have be attending over the next month.

All the best.
Regards,

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Photo – Michael Casey

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President's Report

Dear Members

On 26th I attended the Community Gardens Workshop held at Ryde TAFE in Sydney.

It was well attended and convened by Chris Poulton. A big thank you to Costa Georgiadis who was the key speaker.

Our members were keen to learn more about how important gardens and particularly healthy food gardens can be as a way of fostering a vibrant more cohesive community. Research work by the Botanic Gardens is useful in providing empirical evidence to support the Psychological benefits of Community Gardens.

I note the upcoming Barangaroo Project overview presented by Stuart Pittendrigh MAIH (Horticulturist of the year 2015), planned for Maitland with Convenor Tom Lantry FAIH , (Horticulturist of the Year 2017). This event will be run by the Hunter Region group on the 14th June. Members from surrounding regions should consider attending. There are many other Workshops and Events planned for other regions and I refer you to our excellent website to view these and make bookings.

The Queensland Garden Expo at Nambour is really worth a visit on 13 to 15 July.

Please also consider some really great international events that are coming up
Singapore July 18th to 21st July 2018 The International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) World Congress in Conjunction with the Singapore Garden Festival and
Jakarta 19th -21st July 2018 The Green Urbanscape International Expo.

I can report that the Awards Night will be on the Gold Coast on October 27 and we are co-ordinating a combined Bus tour on the 27th October with Therapeutic Horticulture Australia (THA) who are meeting in the same area on 26th October.

Please assist the Councillors and Regional Convenors in their quest to locate worthy award recipients. The criteria and forms should be available within the next week.

Finally, I encourage members to send us any interesting articles and news items which can be included in our Newsletter.

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Convenor Reports

Sydney NSW News

Upcoming Events

Greenwall Workshop

Learn about the construction and maintenance associated with green walls.

Hosted by Mark Paul

Thursday 25th October

Western Australian News

Events running throughout April in Western Australia

June 6

Growers Technical Morning

Richgro, Jandakot

June 27

NGIWA Annual Members' Breakfast

Venue TBA

November 7

Pest & Disease Workshop

Venue TBA

Singapore News

The Singapore Garden Show is gaining energy and will be officially opened on the 21st July. Come and see the many gardens and designs highlighted in and around the Garden show.

AIH will be in attendance so please get in contact with John or National Council to find out what events are planned while in Singapore.

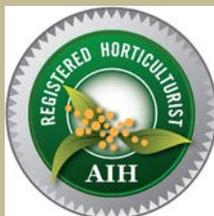
Regards

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Registered Horticulturist – CPD Program



Registered Horticulturist Accreditation

Update

Registered Horticulturist members of AIH hold an important and valuable tool for themselves as practitioners, their business and the standing and perception of horticulture professionals in the community.

AIH is the only organisation that offers this accreditation to existing or new members.

The program is currently under review to make it more valued, have more rigor and have a wider recognition from a range of your user clients like government and other professionals to specify a Registered Horticulturist for their projects.

What you are required to do to maintain your RH Accreditation

You need to accumulate 24 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points in a two-year period. (You should have a CPH Log Book – if not contact the Secretary).

You need 24 CPD Points in 2 years

The 24 points can be made up of a range of activities such as attending AIH workshops, other related industry events, workshops, seminars and conferences. Trade days, manning a display, writing a related article, subscriptions to magazines. Teaching, media presentations. The list is extensive, many are listed on the attached schedule, if not simply ask and you will be allocated points. The point value will also vary according to the activity and are also published on all notifications from AIH of CPD events.

RH Audit

To keep the integrity of the accreditation to its highest standard, an audit will be conducted of your CPD logged details. There is no specific time or period for the audit and can be requested (with reasonable notice) at any time.

If you haven't recorded details on the log you can use receipts, booking/reservations, name tags etc. arranged over the two-year period. Audits will soon be due.

AIH is planning to have a dedicated Registrar to manage the program. This will be soon. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need more information please contact me.

Kim Morris FAIH

Registered Horticulturist No 02

Secretary

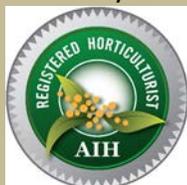


Table of Points: CPD Activities & How to Accumulate Points

Description of Activity Hours Notes	Hours	Notes
AIH - CPD workshops and programmed events as per AIH calendar	1 point / hour OR 2 points / hour if the presenter	
AIH-endorsed conferences, seminars, workshop,	1 point / hour OR 2 point / hour if the presenter	
Other Industry relevant conferences, seminars, workshops, AIH representation on industry committees	0.5 point / hour OR 1 point / hour if the presenter	
Field trips, open days, product launches	0.5 point / hour	Maximum of 6 points per 24 month period
Special consultancies & projects that extend professional knowledge	3 points per activity	Maximum of 12 points within any 24 month period
Courses leading to formal qualifications or competencies	24 points for full qualification Cert IV and above	1 qualification within any 24 month period of registration
Achievement of individual competencies achieved through recognised approved training provider or other formally assessed learning outcomes from other institutions	2 points per competency	Maximum of 24 points within any 24 month period of registration
Supervised Research and published papers	6 points per project 3 points per published paper	Maximum of 12 points within any 24 month period of registration
Proof of Subscriptions to appropriate journals, magazines,	0.5 point Per relevant subscription	

Hours should not include travel time.

Other activities, events or points requiring clarification or information should be referred to the AIH Secretary

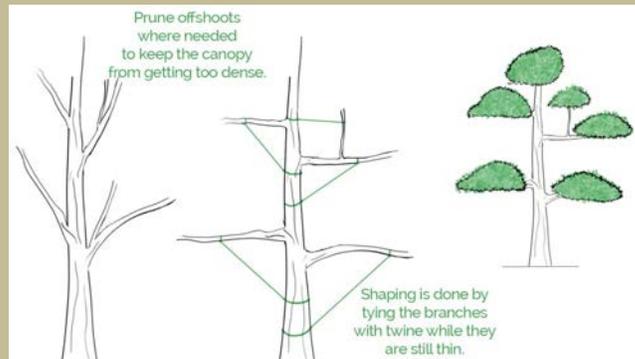
Eligible activities and points may vary or be changed periodically.



Garden Article – Cloud Pruning

How to Cloud Prune

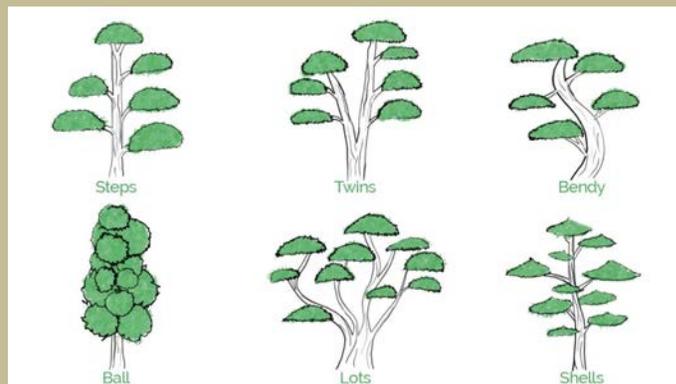
Cloud pruning, when done right, creates some very beautiful results. Tree branches look like clouds (hence the name). There are rules that you have to follow.



At first, when you go to choose the plant that you are going to use make sure it has some interesting branch formations. Often times the stranger the branches look, you get best results when you start cloud pruning it.

When you decide which tree to get and you've found the perfect place for it in your garden it's time to prune. You'll have to figure out which branches you want to leave and which you would like to keep.

Using your tool of choice (pruning saw or secateurs) cut out the unwanted branches and clean the base of the tree. It's perfect to be done when the tree is still young. That way the marks of the cut won't stay and will disappear with time



Here are a few styles of niwaki and the different tree shapes:

After you've trimmed to the desired length and shape leave the tips at the end of the branches. That way the tree will grow in a cloud shape. While growing you can use ties and stones to redirect the growth of the branches. It mostly takes patience rather than skill.

Article with permission from Fantastic Gardeners Melbourne.

AIH Workshop News

Community Gardens in our food Future Workshop.

Our recent workshop on community gardens was held on Sat 26/5/18 at Ryde School of Horticulture (TAFE) Sydney. It was a very successful day with over 30 people in attendance and all were impressed with the knowledge and experience of our presenters. Well known TV personality and Landscape Architect Costa Georgiadis of Gardening Australia fame, educated, entertained and inspired those attending the workshop. Costa discussed the changes that are taking place in Australia today with the great need and demand for these community gardens. Costa showed us the many various styles and shapes of community gardens and the different ways that these can be used by the community. Many community spaces that were considered to be of 'little' value have been resurrected into prosperous food producing enterprises.

Dr Son Truong is the head researcher in health and physical education from Western Sydney University. He supported Costa and spoke on the research that they have done on the many health and well being benefits that come from these spaces.

Phil Pettit from the Royal Botanical Gardens Community Greening team in Sydney, who run their own community greening program for disadvantaged groups, further supported the discussion by informing us on case studies about people who have had their lives turned around through the support and self worth that community gardening brings.

Special thanks to all those members who helped with the workshop in the planning and on the day.

The AIH would like to sincerely thank **Botanica Nurseries** for sponsoring this event. Without this support it would not be possible to provide these great professional development days for our members. The AIH look forward to a long and continuing relationship.

Thanks to Phil Pettit from the RBG and Dr Son Truong from Western University Sydney who so kindly gave up their precious time to contribute their great knowledge and expertise to this workshop.

Lastly a big thank you to Costa who so graciously gave us his time from his extremely busy schedule. His passion and knowledge will be indeed passed on.

Regards,

Chris Poulton. (Sydney Convenor) AIH



Phil Pettit, Dr Son Truong and Costa Georgiadis



Chris Poulton FAIH and Costa Georgiadis

‘Three for Free’ By Matt Mitchley MAIH

Dear Fellow Members, the ‘Three for Free’ member promotion is about building AIH numbers and our future as a professional organisation that represents horticulturists.

The goal is for you to recruit three new AIH members (or one corporate) in exchange for one year’s free AIH membership.

Everyone gets something, new members save paying the joining fee as this has been waived and a further concession of another 5% if they pay before June 30 2108. You save either \$330 or \$440 on your membership.

Your recruit’s (or yourself) can lodge the application form by going to www.aih.org.au/3forfree. The promotion closes on July 31 this year.

I am Matt Mitchley MAIH, a Registered Horticulturist and a member of the AIH National Council.

Please call or email me if you need more information or help p 0404 972 235 e matt@designergarden.com.au
Help us build AIH and its future.

Matt Mitchley MAIH
Registered Horticulturist No 0026

AIH Members
Possibly the easiest thing you will do this year!....

3 for free

Sign up 3 New AIH Members and Get Your 2018/19 Membership FREE! Conditions apply

- ALL NEW AIH MEMBERS SAVE ANOTHER 5% IF PAID BY 30 JUNE 2018**
- NO JOINING FEE!**
- NEW AIH CORPORATE MEMBERS NO JOINING FEE SAVE \$200**
- NEW AIH GENERAL MEMBERS NO JOINING FEE SAVE \$110**
- NEW AIH GENERAL MEMBERS WITH REGISTERED HORTICULTURIST ACCREDITATION NO JOINING FEE SAVE \$220**

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AIH Member News



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Newsletter

AIH Newsletter is settling into a monthly program. You are invited to provide stories, matters of a technical nature to share, projects, awards and other related information.

Contact Editor Michael Casey Michael@mjchorticulture.com.au

Competitive Insurances with Fitzpatrick

We revisit our preferred insurance broker arrangements with Fitzpatrick Insurance Brokers to provide a range of competitive and customised insurances specific to horticulture and general insurances that also include Professional & Indemnity (a requirement of all RH members to hold).

Registered Horticulturist (RH) Program

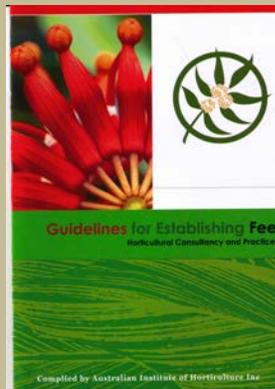
We are constantly working on refining the Registered Horticulturist (RH) program and what members should be getting from its accreditation. More work on promoting to government and industry to specify an RH. National Council will soon appoint an administrator to manage the program.

Guidelines for Establishing Fees

AIH has produced a booklet called 'AIH Guidelines for Establishing Fees'. An excellent tool for your business and to use to demonstrate 'your Institute's' support. The booklet covers a range of possible charges for your work.

The booklet is being revised and will be available to members free of charge as a pdf downloadable document.

You can reserve a copy by contacting secretary@aih.org.au



Web Site www.aih.org.au

The AIH web site is up and running with a comprehensive data base that will provide a range of useful features. It is a work in progress. Your comments are invited.

AIH Facebook and Instagram

AIH receives good numbers of 'likes' on our FB page and Instagram account. The more you like the better. Get the minute by minute info on the AIH program with links to the AIH website.

<https://www.facebook.com/AustralianInstituteHorticulture/> and www.aih.org.au

Instagram – [aust_institute_of_horticulture](#)

CPD Programs and Timetable

AIH CPD programs and events are on the FB and website calendars. We are seeking more for the next year program - need more or collaborative arrangements.

Free Student Membership

Any student studying horticulture at an institution, RTO, University is eligible for FREE membership.

The offer is open to June 30 2019 and may be extended. AIH can send details to the organisation if you can provide details other than what we may already have. secretary@aih.org.au or David

members@aih.org.au

One More AIH member – Makes a Difference

Our strength is in our numbers and our information. We need to rebuild, refresh and replenish our membership.

Each of us knows one other horticulture practitioner who could be a member. All we need to do is ask.

One more is easy, that's all it takes. Contact secretary@aih.org.au or David Membership Office at

members@aih.org.au or someone you know at AIH.

AIH Student Membership Application is attached with this newsletter

Regards,

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AIH Workshops



These workshops and events form the basis of the AIH Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program. All Registered Horticulturists (RH) can earn required points to meet their biannual requirement. These events are open to members of the public and industry colleagues.



AIH Member Insurance

AIH MEMBER INSURANCE

AIH has a negotiated arrangement with Fitzpatrick Insurance Brokers to provide a range of insurances for members.

If you have AIH Registered Horticulturist (RH) accreditation you will need Professional & Indemnity insurance amongst others.

Fitzpatrick's can arrange cover for Public Liability, tools, household, motor vehicles and other general and financial insurances. They specialise in cover for the horticulture industry and are familiar with our work.

Our member support also helps AIH as Fitzpatrick's are our major sponsor and long term AIH Corporate Members.



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AIH Noticeboard

AIH Member Support

- AIH Membership Support
- AIH has been representing, supporting and developing the profession of horticulture practitioners since 1960. The first of its kind in Australia.
- AIH is the only organisation to offer individual horticultural practitioner accreditation through the Registered Horticulturist (RH) Program that is promoted by the Institute across the profession.
- AIH has active alliances with many other like organisations in promoting Australian's health through horticulture and green space development to government and the community.
- AIH has an established Memorandum of Collaboration with the National Parks Board Singapore (since 2008) and other overseas horticulture organisations to share techniques, business opportunities and experiences.
- AIH supports students of horticulture with free membership, help in career development and entry to the profession.
- AIH has been representing the interests of and improving the standard of tertiary training in horticulture since 1960.
- AIH is one of the lead agencies in a number of representative bodies such as green space programs, weed management and other relevant activities that affect horticulture practitioners and community health.
- Concessions on AIH CPD events, conferences, seminars and workshops
- Access to the AIH National Journal Newsletter every month that contains events, profiles and technical papers.
- Mentoring by established professionals.
- Opportunities to be acknowledged in the prestigious AIH National Awards in a range of categories, that include the AIH Green Space Awards.
- Offers corporate membership to larger organisations to play a part in the support of horticulture and promotion of their businesses.
- Has an exclusive Group Insurance arrangement for general, professional indemnity, household, car, tools and public liability insurances for members with Fitzpatrick Insurance Brokers.
- Trade and business referrals

AIH Noticeboard – Upcoming International Events

Singapore Garden Festival 2018



This year, the mainstay SGF will return for its seventh edition from 21 July to 3 August. The 14-day show will bring together award-winning international designers and well-established local names, community gardeners and plant enthusiasts, to present the best of tropical horticulture and floral artistry spread across The Meadow, Supertree Grove and Flower Dome at Gardens by the Bay. Come along and support our Singapore member John Tan in his quest to win this years Show Garden. Contact Wayne Van Balen or Michael Casey for more details.

For more information see <https://www.singaporegardenfestival.com/>



Returning to Singapore for the second time, the 55th IFLA World Congress 2018 will be the largest and most significant event for landscape professionals in the world. Supported by 5 regions – Americas, Europe, Africa, Middle East and Asia Pacific, it sets the stage at the ‘City in a Garden’ for professionals, government bodies and academics to be part of the in-depth discourse on trends, challenges, and business opportunities on a global scale. **IFLA World Congress 2018** is the key platform that champions landscape architecture as a major contributor to the development of attractive, liveable, equitable, and sustainable environments of the future through the themes of **Biophilic City, Smart Nation, and Future Resilience**.

AIH are a supporting organisation of this event will have an information booth at this years IFLA conference. For ticketing please use the following link <http://www.ifla2018.com/conference-registration> and apply the AIH discount code **PROMOCODE : IFLA18AIH**

Contact Wayne Van Balen or Michael Casey for more details.



EXPO URBANSCAPE & Greenery is a unique show featuring comprehensive products, innovation, design, and services in landscaping and gardening. Designed to cover all sectors of landscaping and gardening business, EXPO URBANSCAPE & Greenery aims to serve the growing market as a professional business platform for manufacturers, traders, exporters, importers, distributors, designers, architects up to individual customers to exchange ideas and newest innovation.

AIH will be a supporting organisation of this event and encourage any of our members interested in horticulture in the tropical regions of South East Asia to visit this expo.

For more information please follow the attached link <http://www.expo-urbanscape.com/index.php>

AIH Membership Renewals 2018/19

There are two options to renewing your membership this year
(one is FREE!!!).

1. Sign up three new members and don't pay your fee or
2. Pay your normal fee less 5% if you pay before June 30.

A promotional graphic for AIH membership. It features a green background with white text 'AIH Members' and a red circle with '3 for free'. A yellow banner with black text reads 'Sign up 3 New AIH Members and Get Your 2018/19 Membership FREE! Conditions apply'. The background also lists various professions like 'Zoos', 'Parks', 'Specialist Gardeners', etc.

Details from David at AIH membersh@aih.org.au or AIH Councillor Matt Mitchley matt@designergarden.com.au