



Your Monthly Update

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Welcome to LIAWA's Summer Update, where we're thrilled to bring you the latest and most impactful developments within the association, its partners, and all industry stakeholders.

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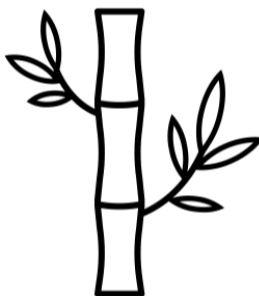
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As the year comes to an end, it's an opportune moment to express gratitude to the Board, staff, members, sponsors, stakeholders and all those who have played a role in advancing our industry. This year has presented us with numerous challenges, introduced new projects and events, welcomed fresh faces to LIAWA, and provided us with much to be appreciative of as we eagerly anticipate what 2024 holds.

Since September, the Board has been buoyed by a flurry of new members joining the Association; Trade and Suppliers exhibited their fabulous products, equipment and landscaping must haves at the Trade Night; the WA Turf Growers' Association gave us an update on stock, pests and new carbon capture options; members also have enjoyed a vibrant Melbourne Cup event; prepared an immersive program for the inaugural Southwest Forum in collaboration with the Nursery & Garden Industry WA (now slated for 2024), Darren Seinor, Tim Davies and I met with students and staff to present the South Metropolitan TAFE's Waterwise Landscaper lecturer and workshop; in November, members learned about Business Benchmarking tips and tricks, operationally LIAWA has changed banks; from a governance standpoint there's been an addition to the Board; recent Fires have impacted some members causing loss and damage and LIAWA has connected and looked to support where it can; the Board enjoyed Festive Bevies with members and I had an opportunity to showcase Paul Bangay's, A Life in Garden Design at his book launch at the end of last month.

Hope you enjoy reading this month's newsletter.

Christine Stanton
LIAWA Executive Officer



Paul Bangay - A Life In Garden Design



In a rare moment, I had the honour of interviewing the charming internationally renowned landscape designer Paul Bangay at the Perth launch of his eleventh book, *A Life in Garden Design* at The UWA Club in November. Ahead of the interview, Paul was kind enough to accept LIAWA's invitation to meet with members to discuss all things landscaping and design. And they did so with gusto.

In a 250-seat auditorium, Paul generously spoke candidly and openly for more than an hour, captivating and inspiring the entire audience with stories from his childhood, encounters with remarkable individuals and the profound impact his garden designs have had both in Australia and globally.

Hailing from the Melbourne suburbs during the 1970s, Paul was raised in an environment where his mother nurtured native plants, and his parents shared an unwavering passion for gardens. It was amidst this backdrop that Paul was entrusted with his own modest patch of land to sow what he fondly refers to as his "children's eight seeds." This seemingly small endeavour marked the inception of a lifelong journey into the artistry and creation of gardens.

[Read more...](#)

New Member - Build Hub 360

Congratulations to Build Hub 360 who have been endorsed by the Board as Supplier/Trade members. Build Hub 360 is an online platform that is an operating system for Landscape Contractors connected to an integrated Marketplace of Materials and Service providers to provide new standards of profitability and efficiency. LIAWA thanks Bronson Wigglesworth (Founder Build Hub 360) for supporting the Festive Beves with the Board on the last day of November, which was a very enjoyable networking occasion. Bronson looks forward to reaching out to members to test his new online product in early 2024.



BuildHUB360

LIAWA Welcomes New Board Member

LIAWA Welcomes new board member - Yvonne Bosetti - Event Coordinator at The Ritz Carlton Hotel.



“I was born in Milan, Italy. After my degree in Marketing and Communication, my passion for different cultures, discovery and learning pushed me to move to the United Kingdom, where I have been improving my communication and public relations skills, while also being involved in the organisation of events. After a few years in London, I decided to move to Australia and here, I have studied for my Master in Business Administration with a double major in project management and tourism leadership. I currently organise events at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, using my PR, communication and organisation skills. I am a positive and energetic person, who always looks at the half-full glass.”

LIAWA Bank Change

Due to Bankwest closing their business accounts, LIAWA has moved its banking to Bank of Queensland.

We kindly request that you update your system to reflect the new account details provided below.



Bank: **Bank of Queensland (Floreat Park)**

Account Name: **Landscape Industries Association of WA Inc**

BSB: 126-577

Account: 23452688

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us:

Christine (Executive officer): 0497 120 519 (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday)

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Thank you for your continued support.

Member Category Review for Regional Members

Board is offering a **50% reduction in fees to regional members**, given regional members don't have access to the same level of benefits as Perth based businesses. A two-year 50% discounted rate for regional member landscapers, gardeners and garden designers is now available for all new regional members.

Newsletter Sponsorship



LIAWA is pleased to announce that **Miniquip have agreed to sponsor the E-Newsletter Landscaper** for the 23-24 financial year.

Additionally, Miniquip Hire has a new depot in Forrestdale!

Now situated at 14 Roos Avenue, at the corner of Allen Road, just minutes from the Tonkin Highway.

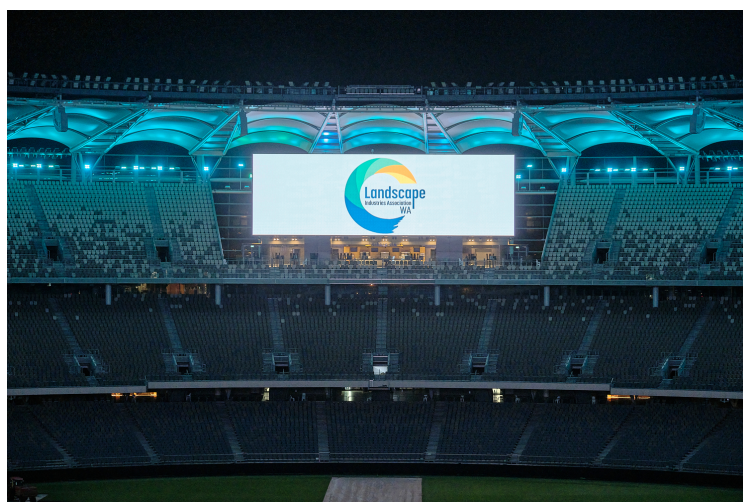
The team is ready to serve you, and their contact details remain unchanged. Stop by and meet the Miniquip team on your next visit to Forrestdale!



Seeking a LIAWA Judge - Champion of Champions Award

Seeking a LIAWA judge to serve as the representative for LIAWA in the adjudication of the 2024 National Landscaper Awards.

Please email office@landscaping.net.au to register your interest by COB December 15 2023.



Cybersecurity - are you insured?

The cyber security risks are just too great.

LIAWA Corporate supporter Cambridge Insurance Brokers, regularly receive calls from clients that have narrowly escaped or suffered a cyber event or loss, yet many do not have Cyber Insurance protection.

Cyber Insurance is essential insurance for all businesses!

While getting the paperwork right can be tedious, with cyber insurance, it's a valuable tool to identify weaknesses in your businesses' data protection and cyber security practices i.e. password protection, dual authentication login processes, remote access security, up to date security software/ransomware, processes to check and verify account details prior to payments being made, dual authentication for authorising payments above certain amounts, etc.

These security practices are no longer optional just like deadlocks, window locks, alarms and CCTV have become standard theft security measures for all businesses.

Tips for businesses

For all businesses, particularly SMEs, the Insurance Council endorses the Australian Cyber Security Centre's [Essential Eight Maturity Model](#) as a good first step towards improved cyber security health in addition to taking out Cyber Insurance.

Contact Cambridge Insurance Brokers on (08) 9248 7944 to arrange Cyber Insurance today.

Additional Cyber Insurance Factsheet

After the fire

Over the past week, Perth residents, nurseries and LIAWA landscaper members have been impacted by bushfires.

It's indeed heartbreaking to witness the devastating impact of bushfires on communities, businesses, and the environment. The aftermath of such disasters goes beyond what's immediately visible, affecting various aspects of life and ecosystems.

The repercussions on green life producers, including nurseries and tree growers, is profound. The loss of habitat for pollinators due to the absence of trees and vegetation can disrupt ecosystems and have lasting effects on biodiversity. Additionally, the use of fire retardants might compromise the soil's fertility and its ability to support future plant growth, posing challenges for growers and landscapers in the affected regions.

Insurance coverage, while essential, doesn't guarantee a smooth return to normalcy for businesses. Some might lack adequate insurance or face limitations in coverage, making it difficult to recover fully from the losses incurred during the fires.

[Read more...](#)

Bushfire Information for Landscapers

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Please see resources

Resources

For <https://bushfire.io/> is a valuable site to check for bushfire activity.

Be Prepared - <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire> has an easy process for being bushfire ready.

Firefighter trailers for hire – Miniquip have a small number of these popular small trailers for hire at various times. <https://www.miniquip.com.au/product/fire-fighting-trailer-firepatrol15-deluxe/>

Animal welfare during bushfires

For information on actions to take for each bushfire warning level, visit <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/animal-welfare/animal-welfare-during-bushfires>

KEEP UP TO DATE

Visit [Emergency WA](#), [call 13 DFES](#), follow DFES on [Facebook](#), listen to [ABC Local Radio](#), 6PR, or news bulletins.

During a power outage, your home phone, computer or other electronic devices connected to the NBN will not work. Include a battery powered radio in your emergency kit.

[Read more on support options here...](#)

Office Festive Season Hours

LIAWA will close its office from 22 December to 8 January 2024.



Office Festive Season Hours

CLOSED 22 DEC - 8 JAN
We'll be back as usual on Monday 8th January

If the matter requires urgent attention, please contact
Christine Stanton 0497 120519 or liawaexec@landscaping.net.au.

**Wishing everyone a Happy Festive Season
filled with warmth, laughter, and cherished moments
with loved ones!**



Melbourne Cup 2023



SM TAFE Waterwise Training



Darren Seiner, Tim Davies, Neil Marriott and Christine Stanton engaged with 50 students and staff at SMTAFE to provide an in-house Waterwise training program which was very well received on 6 November 2023 at SMTAFE Murdoch. SMTAFE have requested a similar presentation in 2024 and new presenters will need to be sourced. If you have a passion for educating the next generation of landscapers, gardeners and designers, please email liawaexec@landscaping.net.au

Snippets...

Southwest Forum - Postponed until March – April 2024 - LIAWA and NGIWA will be working on bringing this event to the Southwest region in Autumn 2024.

Industry Advisory Group - LIAWA would like to thank Danny Murabito, Darren Seiner and Lisa Hall for their ongoing work with South Metropolitan TAFE's curriculum review of the horticulture courses

Scholarships for Women in Leadership

APPLICATION CLOSE 15 DECEMBER

Women in Construction & Engineering Eligible for Leadership Development Scholarships

Available Now: **Partial scholarships for women ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per person**, for one of four leadership and workplace skill development programs.

These scholarships are aimed at encouraging more women to increase their impact at work, progress their career, and step into leadership roles.

Closing date extended. **Apply by 15 December 2023** through the website: www.wla.edu.au/industry/construction-and-engineering/

Melbourne International Garden and Flower Show

The Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show, Presented By Scotts, is the gift that keeps on giving!

To celebrate the most wonderful time of the year, the Melbourne International Garden and Flower Show is offering you the opportunity to WIN in their 12 days of Christmas Giveaway!

They are giving away 12 incredible flower and garden prizes just in time for Christmas! With over \$9,800 of prizes to be won, with a range of gifts on offer, there's something for everyone.

All you have to do is purchase a ticket for the Show before the 13th of December and you will automatically go in the draw!

[Purchase Your Ticket & Go In The Draw To Win](#)

WA Turf Growers Association takes action to mitigate spread of Sting Nematode

The southern sting nematode (*Ibipora lolii*), identified in 1979, has emerged as a significant concern in Western Australia, notably within the Swan Coastal Plain. Thriving in sandy soils, this aquatic worm, approximately 3mm in size, poses a threat to turfgrass, causing irregular, discoloured patches that resist conventional treatments. In response, the Turf Growers Association WA (TGAWA) has taken proactive steps to address the issue. They've developed an accreditation protocol, working closely with industry experts to ensure that turf farms meet stringent criteria. This protocol focuses on rigorous testing procedures, including specific sampling criteria, mitigation strategies, transportation requirements, and on-farm management to prevent the spread of the southern sting nematode.

TGAWA's accreditation standard offers a transparent and robust framework, providing quality assurance to end-users. Members seeking accreditation must adhere to specified measures, and the regime

emphasizes the importance of soil health and microbiology to sustain turf even in the presence of nematodes. With this initiative, TGAWA aims to protect public spaces, sports grounds, and other turf areas from the nematode's impact, fostering confidence in the quality of turf provided by accredited farms.

[Read more...](#)



Business Benchmarking, what does it mean for your business?

BBG recently presented a one-hour webinar on Business Benchmarking, challenging participants to change their habits from being the best tradie to being the best owner. Stefan Kazakis, owner of Business Benchmarking group also posed several questions for self evaluation.

Would you want to work in and for your business?

Is your business a high-performance business, with a high-performance team, led by a high-performance leader?

Do you know who your customers are?

If you think about the last 10 customers/jobs you have had – did you enjoy them, are they the type of work you want to target?

Do you know which jobs you prefer to work on?

Which jobs made you money and did you get paid on time and on budget?

If you know how much your bicep is worth per hour, compare that with what your mind is worth?

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Pencil Case - For Landscape Designers

THE PENCIL CASE! Focuses on a theme to encourage a fresh look at garden design and graphics. Tiptoe into the world of COLOUR.

COLOUR IN THE GARDEN

Colour theory is the study of how colours interact and how they can be combined to create certain visual effects. When applied to planting design, it can help you achieve balanced and beautiful outdoor spaces.

Though colour is the most fleeting in the garden (in terms of planting design), it can be used as a dynamic layer to unify the structural elements of form and texture. Form and texture provide the overall framework (or structure) for your planting arrangement (since they are more consistent), while colour provides a dynamic unity. Colour comes and goes, but if focused and choreographed well it adds a layer of movement and excitement to your plant composition.

Whether you're looking for a tranquil retreat or an energetic and vibrant outdoor space, understanding and applying colour theory can help you achieve your desired garden aesthetic.



Wine Barrels for Sale



For Sale: Authentic 220-Litre Oak Barrels - Retired from Wine Making

Tom Wisdom from Plantagenet Wines has 45 premium oak barrels available for sale, all retired from wine making. Tom is offering these barrels for purchase, with a preference for a single buyer to take advantage of streamlined delivery to Perth on a single truck movement.

Key Features:

- **Versatility:** These barrels can be used whole or repurposed as half barrels for unique pots and planters.
- **Wholesale Pricing:** Secure your piece of wine-making history at the wholesale price of \$140 per whole barrel, including delivery to Perth.
- **Limited offer:** once these 45 barrels are claimed, there won't be any available until the same time next year.



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