

A MUST FOR YOUR DIARY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF THE  
HAMILTON BOTANIC GARDENS

FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019

AT HIRL 333 North Boundary Road, Hamilton

Commencing 12 noon with light lunch followed by AGM and Guest Speaker

Our Guest Speaker is Professor Tim Entwisle,

***Director and Chief Executive, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria***

Professor Tim Entwisle is a highly respected scientist, scientific communicator and botanic gardens director. He took up the role of Director and Chief Executive of Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria in March 2013, following two years in a senior role at Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, and eight years as Executive Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust in Sydney. Tim is an Honorary Professorial Fellow in the School of Botany at The University of Melbourne and has been a Visiting Professor in the School of Biological and Biomedical Science, Durham University. He is an expert in freshwater algae (a genus, family and order of algae were named after him in 2014) but has a broad interest in all plants and related life forms (e.g. he edited and wrote for the 4-volume *Flora of Victoria*). In 2014 Tim published *Sprinter and Sprummer: Australia's Changing Seasons*, challenging the use of the traditional four seasons in Australia.

Tim blogs ([Talking Plants](#)), [tweets](#), and looks for any opportunity to promote science, plants and gardens. He is a frequent guest on Australian radio and television, and writes opinion pieces for the major newspapers. Over the summer of 2014-15 Tim hosted ABC Radio National's first gardening show, *Talking Plants*, and he contributes regularly to RN's *Blueprint for Living*. He writes for a variety of science, nature and garden magazines and maintains an active social media profile.

Tim also has an interest in indie music, literature, kayaking and anything to do with Dr. Samuel Johnson. (*Taken from the website Royal Botanic Gardens*)

**Please bring along your friends and enjoy  
our guest speaker.**