



## Special walks available in the Botanic Gardens of South Australia, 2015

To book a tour, contact **the Booking Officer, phone 8226 8803.**

*Gold coin donation.*

*Note: tours in all gardens are cancelled if the forecast temperature is 36°C or over.*

### Adelaide Botanic Garden

**1. Significant Trees**

Introducing some of the many historically important trees within the garden.

**2. Bach to Bark**

A musical journey – from a monument to Elvis Presley to the bamboo of the Japanese shakuhachi.

**3. The International Rose Garden**

With more than 5000 rose bushes, this garden in spring is a delight to the senses.

**4. Botanical Illustrators**

With your guide, see the plant, appreciate the picture, hear about the artist.

**5. The Garden Then and Now**

So much changes, yet so much stays the same. Discover how our garden has evolved.

**6. The Wetlands**

This most recent addition to the garden highlights the relationship between people, plants and water – and will eventually irrigate the whole garden.

**7. Plants of the Bible**

See for yourself some of the plants you have only read about.

**8. Aboriginal Plant Use**

The early settlers found Australia harsh and forbidding, yet indigenous people had lived off the land for many thousands of years. How did they do it?

**9. The Mallee**

Explore the subtle beauty and delicate colours of this iconic Australian landscape.

**10. Waterwise Gardens**

South Australian gardeners cope with a difficult climate. Discover a range of plants ideally suited to our conditions.

**11. What's a Weed?**

Garden escapees can ravage our bush and some Australian plants are a threat overseas.

**12. Plants for the Pantry**

An introduction to a wide range of native and exotic food plants and their uses.

**13. Tomato Tales**

"Love apples" or poison? Find out the juicy truth about tomatoes and their relatives.

**14. Plants for Fibre**

Fibre is one of the most important plant products. Which plants provide fibre and how is it used?

**15. Plants for Paper**

Another plant product we tend to overlook.

**16. The Wood from the Trees**

An experienced wood turner talks about varieties of wood, their beauty and their uses.

**17. The Garden of Health**

Discover plants that have been used to enhance physical and mental well being through different cultures and ages.

**18. Mighty Myrtaceae**

Gum trees, bottle brushes, paper barks, tea trees – these are just some of the iconic Australian trees in this family.

## **Wittunga Botanic Garden, Shepherd's Hill Rd, Blackwood.**

**1. What's in a Name?**

Why are Eucalypts called gum trees? How did Banksias get their name? Discover the answers to these and many other questions in your tour of Wittunga.

**2. The Eucalyptus**

Eucalypts and their distinctive aromas symbolise Australia. Admire some of the 140 different eucalypts in this lovely garden.

**3. Plant Hunters and Collectors**

Hear about the exploits, trials and tribulations of the early plant collectors in their obsessive search for new species

**4. Bush Harvest – South Africa and southern Australia**

Discover the connections between South African and southern Australian plants, and their use by indigenous peoples and early European settlers.

## Mt Lofty Botanic Garden

**Note: All booked walks and bus tours are cancelled on days of extreme fire danger, or when the forecast is 36°C or over.**

**1. Plant hunters and Collectors**

Hear about the exploits, trials and tribulations of the early plant collectors in their obsessive search for new species.

**2. Conifers**

The conifer collection at Mt Lofty is one of its glories. Come and enjoy its beauty.

**3. Fern Gully**

This scene of lush natural beauty is a cool haven on hot days and a delight all the year round.

**4. Gondwana: A Journey Through Time.**

Learn more about the fascinating world of plants and how they have evolved over the ages.

**5. Bark and Trunks**

Wonder at the diversity of textures and exquisite range of colours to be found in the bark of trees.

**6. Roll and Stroll – a shorter, wheelchair accessible walk round the lower lake**

The latest addition to the garden, a new trail means that this lovely site is now much more readily available to everyone.

### Bus tours of the Mt Lofty Botanic Garden

- An experienced guide will meet your bus at the lower car park, off Lampert Rd, Piccadilly, and lead a tour from the lower to the upper car park, taking you through many of the specialised areas of the garden.
- **The bus size must not exceed 22 passengers** due to restricted turning areas.
- While Spring and Autumn are the most spectacular times of the year in this cool temperate garden, it is beautiful at any time of the year.
- Many groups choose to bring their own lunch or morning or afternoon tea to enjoy in the garden before returning home.