

**AUSTRALIAN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY  
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH**

**NEWSLETTER - 12 APRIL 2016**



**Dear South Australian Members!**

The Branch Committee thanks you for your contributions to our little survey; they are planning day.

As part of the planning day, we have decided to have a theme for the year starting after the AGM in August and during 2017. The theme will be **“Dry Land Gardening”** – we will attempt to have our garden visits, talks, and a Symposium relate to “Dry Land Gardening”. This has much resonance in most of our state, including urban areas where gardening is becoming more concerned about plants which need less water, and are more heat tolerant. If possible we would like to include garden visits to rural areas where gardening in dry and harsh conditions is a real challenge. A visit to the “Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden” at Port Augusta is a possibility.

We hope to be able to collaborate with other groups in South Australia with these activities.

With this theme in mind, we would appreciate your input on this theme – possible speakers and/or topics, gardens to visit (rural and urban), etc. Please contact me, or any member of the Branch committee with your suggestions.

The Editor (ray.choate@adelaide.edu.au)

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
2016 PROGRAMME**

*(\*\*Date and/or venue to be advised)*

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| MAY   | Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> at 2.00pm<br>Mt Lofty Botanic Gardens -- Piccadilly entrance<br>Meet at the Chris Steele-Scott Pavilion<br>Tour and talk with Robert Hatcher (see attached flyer)<br>RSVP – David Inverarity ( <a href="mailto:davidinverarity@internode.on.net">davidinverarity@internode.on.net</a> ) |
| JUNE  | Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> 9.15am – 4.30pm, Ira Raymond room Barr Smith Library<br><i>Recording gardens</i> - how to source information and record gardens  |
| JULY  | Speaker Steve Hailstone – “Great Dixter’ & European gardens **   |
| AUG   | Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> AGM – Carrick Hill, lunch and speaker  |
| SEPT. | Poltalloch Station and Pangarinda Arboretum – day trip **  |
| OCT   | AGHS national conference in Canberra. “The Scientist in the Garden”<br>Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> October<br>Registration brochure in April journal & on-line. Bookings open 2 May   |
| OCT   | AGHS(SA) -- garden visit **  |
| NOV   | AGHS (SA) -- garden visit **   |
| DEC   | Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> SA Branch Christmas Party, ‘Wild Flowers’, Basket Range   |

## WORKSHOP

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016

### RECORDING GARDENS AND GREEN SPACES

The Australian Garden History Society SA branch is conducting a one-day workshop -  
*Recording Gardens and Green Spaces.*

The workshop aims to promote an interest in and the skills necessary to record garden stories/histories. All gardens and green spaces no matter the size, age or style have a story 'to tell' and there are many ways to capture and record this information.

During the workshop there will be presentations, discussions and question times.

#### Topics will include

- Why it is important to record gardens – AGHS aims/policy
- How to record – diaries, plans, chronologies, scrapbooks, photo essays...
- Sources and referencing
- Photography and interpretation of old photographs
- Plant identification
- Sharing & lodging your garden story

(Detailed programme & presenters to be advised)

**Venue** – Ira Raymond Room, Barr Smith Library, University of Adelaide

**Time** – 9.15 am to 4.30 pm

**Cost** - \$20 for AGHS members, \$25 for non-members, includes morning & afternoon tea, but not lunch.



**Information/expression of interest** - please contact

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## Landscapes at Risk – ‘Watch and Action’ List– April 2016

### South Australian Branch

#### WATCH

- **Adelaide Parklands** – pressure for active recreation uses (Grand Prix, events, income-generation) at expense of balanced management and passive recreation, risk to National Heritage List values and landscape character.

#### ACTION

- **Mount Lofty Ranges - National Heritage Listing** and UNESCO World Heritage listing for the “working agrarian landscapes” -- vineyards and farmland in the Adelaide Hills, Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale. Urbanisation, fragmented management, infrastructure upgrades, uncoordinated management by various parties (though improving coordination). **NOTE: NOT AT RISK**
- **Adelaide Botanic Garden** – lack of state heritage listing - only its selected structures are listed. In contrast, Adelaide’s parklands are listed on the National Heritage List and holistically managed; Heritage Database

*Please let the Branch Committee know of any other Landscapes or Gardens which may be ‘at risk’.*

## RELATED ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS


### GARDEN OPENING ‘THE CHESTNUTS’

“The Chestnuts”, a garden belonging to one of our members, Lyn Edwards, will be open on 23 and 24 April. It is at 46 Waverly Ridge Road, Crafter. Further details about Open Gardens SA garden visits at [opengardensa.org.au](http://opengardensa.org.au)




## Burra Districts Open Gardens

Thanks to our members in Burra, Francis Walling and Putu Suta, who brought this to our attention. Their garden is one of those which will be open (note the white wisteria).



Open Gardens-October Long Weekend

[www.burradistrictsopengardens.weebly.com](http://www.burradistrictsopengardens.weebly.com)



Burra Districts  
Open Gardens

Scarecrow Competition  
Join the fun on Saturday

Book your weekend of gardens,  
markets, art, food, workshops  
and fabulous scenery.

Details - [www.burradistrictsopengardens.weebly.com](http://www.burradistrictsopengardens.weebly.com)

Burra has its own open garden weekend on the Saturday & Sunday of the long weekend in October. Due to the harsh conditions our gardens would not qualify for the state scheme but nevertheless there are some great achievements. The Farrell Flat railway station is a case in point. This year we will have about 12 gardens to inspect in Burra as well as surrounding areas.

Details about the open gardens -- [www.burradistrictsopengardens.weebly.com](http://www.burradistrictsopengardens.weebly.com)

Anyone intending to make a weekend of it would be advised to book accommodation early and this can be done online through the Burra Visitor Centre- [www.visitburra.com](http://www.visitburra.com)



**SA BRANCH AUSTRALIAN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY  
GUIDED WALK IN THE MOUNT LOFTY BOTANIC GARDENS**

With Rob Hatcher

**Horticultural Supervisor Mt Lofty Botanic Garden**



**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016-04-12**

**Meet at 2pm at the new Chris Steele-Scott Pavilion**

**(Enter the gardens off Piccadilly Road, park in the lower carpark)**

**BYO picnic afternoon tea to share after the walk**

**RSVP David Inverarity**



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S HISTORY FESTIVAL  
1-31 MAY 2016**

Booklets will be widely available at libraries, councils, historic places, etc, and on the website from April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please check: - <http://historyfestival.sa.gov.au>

**Trevor Nottle talking at Marble Hill  
"Tools & treasures found in garden digs"  
Saturday 7th May 2016**

Marble Hill was gutted by fire in 1955 and volunteers, visitors and vandals alike have sifted through the rubble ever since, looking for Lady George's jewellery and other treasures lost in the ashes. Garden historian, Trevor Nottle, and others will talk about old tools, bottles and china found in gardens and ruins.

Talk, Tour & Exhibition \$10 per person

**Dates and times** - Sat 7 & Sun 8 May, 2-5pm

**Venue** - Marble Hill Barn, 314 Marble Hill Rd, Marble Hill, SA 5137

**"Kaleidoscope of Glorious Gardens"  
Mt Lofty Districts Historical Society**

Friday 13th May, 7 for 7.30pm at Coventry Library, Stirling.  
Details in History Festival booklet.

**Office Bearers and Committee Members 2015-2016**

Chair, Newsletter and NMC Branch Rep – Ray Choate

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Treasurer – David Inverarity

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