

OPTIONAL DAY THURSDAY ACTIVITIES

Thursday 9 September, 2021

Discover Sydney Harbour and explore our Royal Botanic Gardens in its harbour setting while enjoying a day of special activities. As a prelude to the AGHS Sydney 2021 Conference, we have planned events and walks for Thursday 9th September. Enjoy Sydney's natural beauty and its rich Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultural heritage. Designed for all, we encourage visitors to engage and enjoy one or more activities on the day. These include a harbour cruise on a tall ship; Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney guided walks; and the Pre-registration event. Details and the timing for events and activities follow.

Sydney Harbour - cruise

10 am to 1:00 pm — Green Necklace Harbour Cruise aboard Tall Ship 'James Craig'

Set sail on the James Craig tall ship on Thursday morning from Darling Harbour. See our Green Necklace Cruise flyer for further information and 1 April booking details.

Bookings can be made when booking for the conference or subsequently at the AGHS website

Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney

Thursday provides an opportunity for delegates to visit the Royal Botanic Gardens, a special place in the heart of Sydney. It is one of the earliest surviving colonial botanic gardens in the world and one of the oldest, richest and most extensive early public cultural landscapes in Australia.

Come and enjoy one of the many guided walks hosted by the Friends of the Gardens outlined below. All walks will start at The Gardens Shop and finish at the Rose Garden, where the pre-registration runs from 4:30 to 6:00 pm.

Botanic Endeavour Exhibition

From 21 August to 12 September, the Florilegium Society at the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney will be mounting an exhibition of paintings linking the historic Banks and Solander specimens held in the National Herbarium of NSW with the Living Collection of the three Botanic Gardens (Sydney, Mount Annan and Mount Tomah) and mark the 250th anniversary of Captain Cook's voyage in HMB Endeavour. The book associated with this exhibition was written by our members Colleen Morris and Beverly Allen. The exhibition is at the Lion Gate Lodge at Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney and admission is free.

The walk below, '8 Days at Kamay / Botany Bay' is based on this exhibition.

Guided walks

A series of guided tours have been organised in the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney, as specified below. Bookings can be made on the Trybooking link for each of these tours, as indicated. The charge for these tours is \$20 except for the Aboriginal cultural tour which costs \$40.

Aboriginal Cultural Tour

Join an Aboriginal tour guide to learn about the Cadigal – the traditional custodians of the Sydney city area.

Learn about the diverse history and culture of the Aboriginal people of the Sydney region with an Aboriginal guide in the heart of the city. Uncover the Royal Botanic Garden's rich Aboriginal heritage by exploring plant uses, culture, artefacts and tasting some bush foods.

8 Days at Kamay / Botany Bay

Botanic Endeavour tour and walk called: '8 days at Kamay / Botany Bay' in which three Royal Botanic Gardens guides role-play Banks, Solander and Parkinson and tell stories of the 1770 voyage and the plants they encountered whilst visiting living examples of those taxa in the Garden.

Heritage Trees and Early Directors and Superintendents of the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney

Discover more about early Garden's superintendents, Charles Fraser and Allan Cunningham and our longest serving director, Charles Moore. You can visit trees planted by, named after, or associated with these three botanical and horticultural pioneers.

A Colonial Garden

This walk, originally prepared by Landscape Architect, Teacher, Garden Historian and Volunteer Guide Allan Correy, is one of many theme walks developed over 40 years by Volunteer Guides. This walk visits plants popular in Colonial Gardens in Sydney and in some cases popularised by the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney.

Guided walk times

2:00 to 3:30 pm	8 Days at Kamay / Botany Bay	www.trybooking.com/BQDFF
3:00 to 4:30 pm	Aboriginal Cultural Tour	www.trybooking.com/BQDHB
3:00 to 4:30 pm	8 Days at Kamay / Botany Bay	www.trybooking.com/BQDGS
3:00 to 4:30 pm	A Colonial Garden	www.trybooking.com/BQDGU
3:00 to 4:30 pm	Heritage Trees and Early Curators	www.trybooking.com/BQDGX

Pre-registration

4:30 to 6:00 pm — AGHS Conference Pre-registration

Pre-registration will be available in the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney, Rose Garden and Pavilion after the walks have concluded. Delegates can register, receive their conference bag and catch up with other delegates.

Closer to the conference, we will request delegates to confirm if they intend to pre-register.