

Australian Garden History Society (Southern Highlands Branch)

The Rectory Garden at Bodalla and the South Coast

Tuesday 7 – Thursday 9 May 2024

Tour Cost and Conditions

- **Cost** - \$670 per person (**single room** supplement \$166 per person) – includes coach travel, admission charges, all meals; and accommodation.
- **Bookings** are to be made on the enclosed booking form.
- **Deposit** of \$250 per passenger must be made at time of booking - bookings will be confirmed by email on receipt of the booking form and deposit.
- **Final payment** – no later than **Friday 19 April 2024**.
- **No refund** will be given for cancellations **after 19 April** unless the booking can be resold.
- Due to limited accommodation availability, the tour is limited to a maximum of 35 passengers and a minimum of 28 passengers.
- The Committee reserves the right to amend the itinerary without notice.
- All tour participants must travel on the coach.
- Due to weight constraints passenger luggage must be limited to 23 Kilograms.
- Please ensure all **luggage** is **clearly identified** with your name and contact details.
- **Enquiries/bookings** - Ray Bradley (E) rbb1945@bigpond.net.au (M) 0416 191 905 (T) 4861 4090

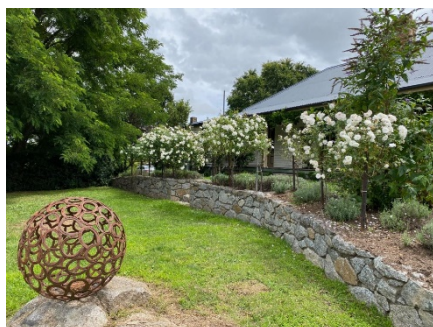
Please note:

- Venues may have steps and/or slopes, unsealed and/or uneven pathways and grassed areas and may require a reasonable amount of walking. Please ensure you wear suitable footwear and that you are capable of walking and standing for a period of time.

Day 1 - Tuesday 7 May 2024

Depart **Mittagong RSL** - 7.30am

Morning Tea - **Ryrie Park**, Braidwood



Longsight dating to the 1850s, was once home to Sir Austin Chapman, the first Member for Eden-Monaro in the inaugural Commonwealth Parliament. Wanting to do justice to the garden's history the current owner, who purchased the property in 2016, peeled back layers of weeds, ivy and elm suckers keeping the roses, flowering quince, and granite outcrops she discovered. A thuja plicata fastigiata (Western Red Cedar) hedge was planted on the eastern boundary and an avenue of capital pears along the driveway. The vistas from the house to the surrounding farmland have been opened up. In restoring the garden, the owner took inspiration from what was there

including the iceberg roses on the home's eastern side where the original four plants have been repeated and underplanted with Munstead lavender, and the garden room on the western side that was created from an original box honeysuckle hedge. A "secret path" along the western boundary links the property's front and back gardens. Dotted among the original plantings in the garden are swathes of Teucrium "Bangay balls", a trademark of one of the owner's favourite Australian garden designers, Paul Bangay.



Lunch - **Concept Café**, Braidwood

Before arriving in Batemans Bay, we will visit **Holmes**

Lookout, located in the Clyde River National Park, sitting high on the ridge line offering spectacular scenic views of the Clyde River as it winds its way towards the Pacific Ocean. You will see Batemans Bay to the southeast and glimpses of the beautiful Budawang Ranges to the northwest. Set among beautiful tall gums it is fantastic for birdwatching - look out for vibrantly coloured parrots and laughing kookaburras in the branches above. You may also see honeyeaters, treecreepers, yellow robin and eastern spinebills.



Overnight and Dinner – Lincoln Downs Resort, Batemans Bay - (2 nights)

Day 2 - Wednesday 8 May 2024



The Rectory Garden at Bodalla exudes a serene charm, inviting visitors to lose themselves in its enchanting allure. Nestled amidst the picturesque landscape this garden is a sanctuary of tranquillity and natural beauty. As one wanders through its pathways, they are greeted by a symphony of colours and scents, with vibrant blooms dancing in the gentle breeze and the sweet fragrance of blossoms filling the air. The meticulous arrangement of plants and flowers creates a tapestry of textures and hues, captivating the senses and inspiring a sense of wonder.

Steeped in history and imbued with a sense of timeless elegance, the Rectory Garden is a testament to Bodalla's rich heritage. It has evolved over the years into a botanical marvel, showcasing a diverse collection of flora from both native and exotic origins. The garden's design seamlessly blends formal elements with naturalistic landscapes, featuring manicured lawns, meandering pathways, and secluded alcoves where visitors can pause and reflect. Whether seeking solace in quiet contemplation or simply delighting in the splendour of nature, the Rectory Garden offers a tranquil retreat for all who wander its paths.



Lunch - Bodalla Hotel

After lunch, we will step back in time with a visit to

Central Tilba set against the magnificent backdrop of Gulaga/Mt. Dromedary. Central Tilba is a perfectly restored and maintained period village, protected by a National Heritage listing, offering a range of unique shops and galleries showcasing antiques, traditional crafts and woodworks to unique modern jewellery, contemporary art and designs – there's something of interest for all to explore and enjoy including the beautiful and historic buildings. Like Central Tilba, Tilba Tilba is protected by a National Heritage listing, and is also spectacularly situated at the base of Gulaga / Mt Dromedary.



Dinner - Lincoln Downs Resort

Day 3 - Thursday 9 May 2024

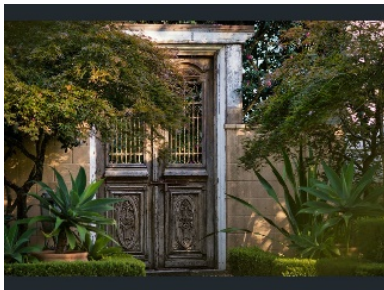
This morning we will visit **Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens** which, from its conception, was to become a unique showcase of regional plants. Site work commenced in 1988 on a site of approximately 42 hectares (*about 100 acres*) and part of Mogo State Forest, adjacent to Deep Creek Dam. The site had not been logged since the early years of the twentieth century. About 10 hectares was cleared and excavated providing fill for the dam wall. That degraded area provided an excellent site for the buildings and display gardens of Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens. The remaining 32 hectares of natural forest vegetation provided an ideal environment for walking tracks.



On New Year's Eve 2019 fire swept through the Eurobodalla Shire with devastating effects. The Garden sustained major damage and loss to its infrastructure, plant collection and wildlife population. Many structures, including bridges, walkways, work depots, picnic areas, garden structures, toilets, BBQ shelters have been rebuilt. As the bushland recovers, work continues to redesign and replant many garden beds with many hundreds of trees, thousands of plants, signs, and labels throughout the site replaced. Recovery continues into the final stage of the infrastructure replacement program and in February 2023 the bird hide rebuild, the last construction project of the program, was completed. It is expected that by the end of 2024, the Garden will be as lush and green as it was before the 2019 bushfire.

Lunch - Mollymook Golf Club

Terrara House - steeped in colonial history and surrounded by magnificent gardens, is a spectacular Federation mansion constructed from local sandstone in 1904 and is one of the most prestigious houses in Australia. Nestled on 17 acres of land consisting of manicured gardens, hedged mazes, produce gardens and century old trees as well as being home to Scottish Highland cows, guinea fowl and chickens.



Enjoy a tour of the Historic House and the extensive gardens & grounds followed by afternoon tea served on Terrara House front veranda overlooking the beautiful gardens.



Traffic and weather permitting we should return to the Southern Highlands at approximately 5.30pm.



Lincoln Downs Resort

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Passenger/s Booking Form

to be completed and returned to Ray Bradley, PO Box 2327, Bowral 2576.

Deposit \$250 per passenger due at time of booking
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Please print clearly.

Tour Passenger/s Details

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Other _____ First Name: _____ Surname: _____

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Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone No: _____ Mobile: _____

Email address: *Please print clearly* _____

Passenger Requirements

Room Type: Double Single Supplement Ground Floor

Twin Share Willing To Share With: _____

Dietary / Medical Requirements you believe we should be aware of. (e.g. - diabetic, vegetarian, gluten free)

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS:-

1: Name:Phone:

2: Name:Phone:

I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the tour conditions specified within the itinerary.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Payment options (please indicate)

- Cheque payable to **Australian Garden History Society, NSW Branch** returned with this form to:
The South Coast Tour, AGHS, PO Box 2327, Bowral 2576
OR
- Direct credit to ANZ Bank - Account name: **Australian Garden History Society (NSW Branch)**
BSB: 012 547 Account no: 237 514 077 - please include the following reference **7 May and your surname**. Email your name and phone number to aghs.sh.info@gmail.com to advise the deposit has been made.