

Conference program 30 October to 2 November

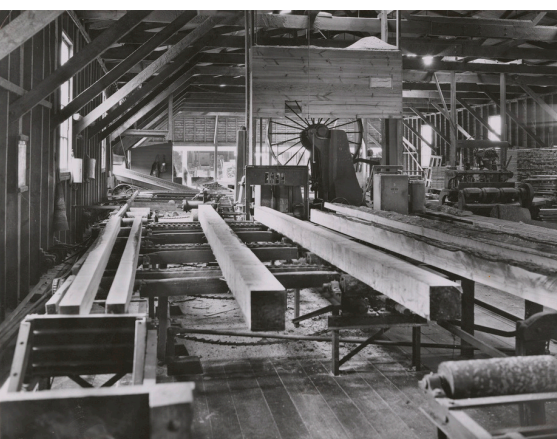
Thursday 30 October

registration and reception 4pm to 6 pm

City Hall, Commercial Street East, Mount Gambier

4.30 pm Welcome by Her Worship the Mayor the City of Mount Gambier,
Mrs Lynette Martin OAM

City Hall is within easy driving distance or a 10-minute walk from Mount Gambier's Commodore motel. A shuttle bus will be available for delegates staying at The Barn who do not have their own car or access to other private transport.



Umpherston Sinkhole/Balumbul,
photo Adam Bruzzone, courtesy South Australian
Tourism Commission

Friday 31 October

morning program of talks

8.00 am Registration at The Barn Palais

8.30 am Welcome and introduction, **Conference Convenor Dot Evans**

8.45 am Welcome, **AGHS Patron Tim Entwisle**

9.00 am Keynote address, **Trevor Nottle**,
'Reflections on the changing "landscape" of the AGHS'

9.30 am **Ian Lewis**, 'The origins of the landscape and soils of the Limestone Coast region and how these have profoundly shaped biological and botanical life forms and human habitation'

10.00 am Morning tea

10.30 am **Richard Heathcote**, 'Viewpoints: perceptions of the landscape of the southeast by early European artists and visitors'

11.00 am **Glenys and Barry Mulligan**, 'The evolution of a garden, 1937 to 2025'

11.30 am Questions and discussion

12.00 pm Housekeeping

12.15 pm–1.30 pm Lunch, The Barn

Friday 31 October

afternoon program of visits

1.40 pm Buses leave from The Barn

Visits to Umpherston Sinkhole, The Apple Farm (with afternoon tea) and Blue Lake.

The order and exact timing of visits will depend on the route of the bus allocated. These have been varied to limit the number of delegates arriving at any venue at one time.

5.00 pm Buses return to The Barn

7.00 pm **Dinner at Limestone Coast Pantry**, housed in the former Worsted (Woollen) Mills, 1/20 Harrald St. Mt Gambier. Two-course buffet dinner. Delegates to purchase their own drinks.

Saturday 1 November morning program of talks

- 8.00 am** Annual general meeting
- 8.40 am** **Uncle Ken Jones**, 'Stories of the Boandik people and their habitation of the southeast'
- 9.10 am** **Sue Bell**, Bellwether Vineyard, 'The gentle art of making wine at a Coonawarra winery'
- 9.40 am** **Matt van-Schaik**, Bio Gro, 'The recycling and utilisation of forestry and other "waste"'
- 10.10 am** Morning tea
- 10.40 am** **Susan McCormack**, Director Carrick Hill, 'The Australian Museum of Gardening and The Blade exhibition'
- 11.10 am** Questions and discussion
- 11.40 am** **Stuart Read** – Conference summation
- 12.00 noon** **Helen Oates** introducing the 2026 Conference in Orange
- 12.15 pm** Housekeeping
- 12.20–1.30 pm** Lunch – The Barn



Saturday 1 November afternoon program of visits

1.40 pm Buses leave from The Barn

Visits to Caroline Hills garden and vineyard and the Bio Gro composting facility in Wandilo and packing plant in town.

Buses will travel in different directions so the order and exact timing of visits will depend on the route of the bus allocated. Afternoon tea will be served at Caroline Hills. Buses will return delegates to their accommodation around 5 pm.

7.00 pm Conference dinner – The Barn

Prue Slatyer, National Chair – Welcome

Francesca Beddie, Editor of *Australian Garden History*, is our after-dinner speaker on the topic 'Diplomatic divertimenti, a reflection on where plants fit into a career bound together by a belief in the power of words'.

Sunday 2 November all-day trip

Buses depart from The Barn at 9 or 9.30 am.

The all-day trip incorporates the Nangwarry Forestry Museum, Penola Petticoat Lane cottages, St Mary's vineyard and garden, Yallum Park Homestead and garden, Lake McIntyre (Millicent wetlands) and the Holla-Fresh herb farm at Tantanoola.

Delegates will be given a packed lunch, catered by The Barn. Morning tea will be provided either at Millicent Wetlands/Lake McIntyre catered by the Hatherleigh Hall committee or in Penola at the St Mary McKillop Primary School, a short walk from the Petticoat Lane cottages, catered by members of the Country Women's Association.

Buses return to The Barn around 5 pm.

Delegates to make their own dinner arrangements.