

Annual Review 2010



ADELAIDE BOTANIC GARDENS
FOUNDATION INC.

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The Botanic Gardens of Adelaide is comprised of three botanic gardens and has served the community of South Australia for more than 150 years.

The three botanic gardens, Adelaide, Mount Lofty and Wittunga provide visitors with an exceptional range of cultural, recreational, educational and scientific facilities which enhance people's enjoyment and understanding of the plant world.

Over 1.8 million people visit these gardens each year including approximately 50,000 school students.

The Botanic Gardens of Adelaide help to increase knowledge and appreciation of plants, their significance and conservation, locally and globally, for the ongoing benefit and enjoyment of the community.



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Chairman's Report

It is with pleasure that I present my second Chairman's Report on the Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation.

The 2009-2010 financial year has been challenging for the Foundation. Our major source of funding to date had been the generous support of corporations, trusts and major gifts. Unfortunately these three areas of giving were impacted by the global financial crisis and increased competition for support. Therefore the Foundation's ability to meet our funding targets to the Botanic Gardens was challenged; this has been in line with the experience of similar organisations.

The Foundation has used our existing funds to ensure our commitments to the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide were met in a timely manner.

The Foundation has invested considerable resource into building new funding streams to ensure our ability to support new projects within the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide can continue for many years to come. In such times, it is even more important to thank all our supporters for their loyalty and generosity and to welcome new supporters who have given to the Foundation.

The Foundation has been most pleased to have developed a growing network of Ambassadors to promote and support our "Iconic Projects" including the Garden Health and the Kitchen Garden. Our Ambassadors are helping the Foundation to grow our contributions to these projects and ensure they are wholly realised for the people of South Australia and our visitors.

I thank my Committee Members for their generous support and commitment to achieve the best outcomes possible, particularly as all Members offer their services on a pro bono basis. We all recognise and appreciate the camaraderie of the Board of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide through this challenging year.

Misha Prusa continued as full time Director of the Foundation. I would like to thank her for working closely with all Committee members in our fundraising work, organising events and her partnership with Garden staff on the Foundation's projects.

Thank you again for your most valuable support and we look forward to having you on board next year.

Ruth Hemmerling

Chair

A portrait of Misha Prusa, the Director, is positioned on the left side of the page. She is a woman with short, light brown hair, smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a dark grey or blue top. The background behind her is a plain, light-colored wall.

Director's Report

This has been a year of changes, challenges and achievements.

The Foundation gave a major commitment to the Gardens to be a key supporter in the ambitious undertaking to create a "Kitchen Garden Collection" within the Gardens. This is in addition to our ongoing commitment to support the establishment of the Garden of Health.

With the global financial crisis affecting the world, charities needed to look wide for fundraising opportunities to help weather the storm. Whilst we are a small organisation, the Foundation too, took steps to maintain our funding ability. Early in the year we introduced an annual event program which has achieved an increased public awareness and grown our support base.

Our new Ambassador Program is well underway and we acknowledge and thank each and every one of our spokespeople for their contribution to the Foundation and our Gardens projects.

The Foundation has welcomed many new Benefactors and Supporters to our Directors Circle Recognition Program and we have received very positive feedback from our Supporter Luncheons, Evening With Peter Cundall & Sophie Thomson – Garden Of Health event, Home Grown Gala Dinner and Gardens To Plate Cook Off – Kitchen Garden events.

In fact, much has been said of our inaugural and successful Home Grown Gala Dinner – a marvellous achievement for the Foundation, our sponsors and guests. We thank and appreciate the contributions made to the evening's results by our financial and in-kind supporters.

The Foundation continues to market itself on the ABGF website, our GreenMail and our Newsletter.

I would like to thank most sincerely all those who have supported the Foundation – Benefactors, Foundation's partners, Committee Members, external professional advisors as well as management and staff of the Botanic Gardens– all of whom have been part of our achievements in the past year. It has been my pleasure to have worked with you all. Thank you.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead developing many new friendships.

Misha Prusa
Director

Foundation Highlights

The Inaugural Home Grown Gala Dinner 29th April 2010, Hilton Adelaide

A Food & Wine Journey through South Australia enjoyed by 350 home grown enthusiasts. Styled by Simon Bryant with the state's best producers and proudly supported by The Hilton, Jacob's Creek, Coopers, JAM, Nippy's and Tasting Australia 2010.

All proceeds from the event will support the Kitchen Garden for the Adelaide Botanic Gardens.

The ABC Gardening Australia Expo 6th – 8th March 2010, Adelaide Showgrounds

The Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation featured the Garden of Health at its first time exhibiting at the ABC Gardening Australia Expo. Over 23,000 visitors enjoyed the Expo and many visitors to the Foundation's stand were interested to see the Garden of Health realised in the Adelaide Botanic Gardens.

An Evening With Peter Cundall & Sophie Thomson 19th October 2009, Hilton Adelaide

An Evening With Peter Cundall & Sophie Thomson was the Foundation's first public event since rebranding and was a resounding success, enjoyed by over 450 gardening enthusiasts at the Hilton Adelaide.





From garden to table

Help the Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation raise funds for its Kitchen Garden project by attending the *Home Grown Gala Dinner* on Thursday, April 29 at the Hilton. Food will be styled by Simon Bryant and special guests will include Maggie Beer, Stephanie Alexander and Consuming Passions' Ian Parmenter. The Kitchen Garden project aims to educate

Take a look at beauties

SPRING shows off with five openings in the Australian Open Garden Scheme this weekend.

■ At Boat's End at Currency Creek, the climate-compatible garden features spiky foliage, spires of echiums, natives, salvias and succulents combined in stunning combinations.

The opening includes plant sales from climate-friendly nurseries, and panels of plant and design speakers both days at 11am and 2pm.

In the Media

Cooking up a storm in the ga



FEAST OF SENSES: Hannah, Lily, hospitality consultant Peter Butter, Aleshya, William, chefs Simon Bryant and Michael Joseph and Jayden in the gardens.

AMY NOONAN

TOUCH, sight, smell and sound are four senses engaged by the Adelaide Botanic Gardens. Now a fifth sense will be

Prusa said the garden would be a year-round permanent resource, demonstrating the connection with food, cooking and fresh produce.

It would add a domestic touch to the ornamental

annually - who visit the garden, providing a respite from the culture of fast food.

Chef and Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation ambassador Simon Bryant said the kitchen garden would

be the place for all children to learn where food comes from and how to have a new or better edible garden," Mr Bryant said.

He said he hoped the official Kitchen Garden would

The Adelaide Botanic Gardens was opened to the public in 1857.

Inaugural superintending George Francis was said to have been influenced by the Royal Botanic Gardens

Garden makes a healthy start

CLARE PEDDIE
SCIENCE REPORTER

A GARDEN of health at the new western entrance to the Adelaide Botanic Garden will feature edible and medicinal plants in a contemporary design that fosters wellbeing.

Collections development officer John Sandham said he liked to call it the garden of healthy delights, as distinct from the Fringe Festival's Garden of Unearthly Delights.

One side of the garden, devoted to wellbeing, will contain what is described as an orchard of earthly delight, a garden of mind's ease with plants that have a psychological effect, and a tranquil garden filled with beautiful plants that appeal to the senses through their colour, texture or scent.

The other side is about the treatment of illness, with plants from all over the world.

"This garden will open everybody's eyes to the importance of plants, not only in the history of many cultures but what's important today," he said. "Certainly we have to rely on plants for our future."

The garden is being developed in stages as funds become available. The northern side will open before the end of the year.

This month, experts will meet at the Horticultural Therapy symposium at Urrbrae to discuss the therapeutic benefits of garden settings.

Share an evening with gardening personalities Peter Cundall and Sophie Thomson at Hilton Adelaide on Monday, October 19. Tickets cost \$10; phone 8222 347.



children healthy

, the foundation is hosting the *Home Grown Gala Dinner* at the Hilton, the state's best producers and seeds will go towards the Kitchen Gmc. Senior Australian of the Food Identity Maggie Beer will be special guests.

en Garden will promote the link ants and food and provide a opportunities for the public, in children, to participate in the arvesting and cooking of the

information, visit www.abgf.org



COOK'S CALENDAR

STEP ON IT

Hands-on food and wine experiences are all the rage. But are we ready for feet-on? Two wineries have grape-stomping events coming up this month during vintage. The first is this Saturday at Angus Plains cellar door in Langhorne Creek.

Lunch, grapes to jump on and wine tastings are \$55; bookings essential on 8537 3159. And Bird in Hand winery, in the Adelaide Hills, has prizes for those who can extract the most juice by stomping on shiraz grapes on Sunday, March 28. Lunch is about \$12, bookings essential on 8389 9488.



Projects Supported

The Foundation is proud to have made a significant contribution to the Garden of Health project within the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide.

We focused our efforts on realising future support with an investment into the Foundation to grow our supporter base, Endowment Fund and to support and realise our two major Iconic Projects – the Garden of Health and the Kitchen Garden over the next three years.

Foundation Project Contributions to the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide

Garden of Health
 2009-10 \$400,000
 (formerly referred to as Medicinal Garden)

Foundation Projects Contribution
 2009-10 \$400,000

Note:
 The Foundation's completed Audited Financial Statements are available upon request from the Foundation Office.

Foundation Flagship Projects

Garden of Health
 Kitchen Garden
 Endowment Fund



About the Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation

The Foundation supports the mission and vision of the Board of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide.

Botanic Gardens of Adelaide & State Herbarium Vision: Lead, inspire and engage the community in creating a botanically sustainable future in a changing environment.

The Gardens together with the State Herbarium are governed by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Board of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide & State Herbarium.

The Foundation is the trustee of the not-for-profit 'Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation', and has deductible gift recipient status for taxation purposes.

The Foundation is governed by a Committee who provide overall strategic direction and monitor the financial performance and distribution of funds. The Committee reports directly to the Chair of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide & State Herbarium Board and works closely with the Director of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide & State Herbarium.

The Foundation is audited by Pitcher Partners, and presents its financial statements to the Board of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide & State Herbarium annually. The Committee ensures that the distribution of the funds is equitable and all funding allocation is carried out in a transparent fashion.

Committee

Mrs Ruth Hemmerling (Chair),
Dr Chris Laurie (Deputy Chair),
Mr Tom Verco (Treasurer),
Mrs Fiona MacLachlan OAM,
Mr Peter Cundall AM,
Mrs Helena Jenkinson,
Mrs Lesley Hawkins (resigned 2009)
and Mrs Jan Angas.

Ambassadors

Our Ambassadors for the Foundation share an enthusiastic commitment to the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide and we thank them for their generous support.

Garden of Health Ambassadors

Mr Peter Cundall AM
Mr Hieu Van Le AO - Lieutenant Governor of SA
Mrs Jane Doyle
Ms Alexandra Schultz - Youth Ambassador

Kitchen Garden Ambassadors

Mr Michael Keelan
Mr Ian Parmenter
Mr Simon Bryant
Mr Daniel Lutz - Youth Ambassador

Our Benefactors and Supporters

We thank our Benefactors and Supporters, including our in-kind donors, for your generosity and for the passion and commitment to the beautiful Botanic Gardens of Adelaide. Our thanks also to those who wish to remain anonymous.

Directors Circle Recognition Program

During the past 150 years, a series of visionary Directors has shaped our Gardens. Today they lend their names to our prestigious recognition program ¹.

¹ Whilst the Directors Circle Recognition Program reflects the past Directors, the chronological order of their stewardship is as follows; George W Francis 1855-1865, Richard Schomburgk 1865-1891, Maurice W Holtze 1891-1917, Jack F Bailey 1917-1932, Harold Greaves 1932-1947, Thomas R Noel Lothian 1948-1981, Brian Morley 1981-2000, up to our current Director Stephen Forbes 2000-present.

Organisations Including Philanthropic Trusts & Foundations

Francis Principal Supporter

Founding director **George Francis** applied immense energy to the establishment of the Gardens recognising the important economic role they had to play in the development of our fledgling colony.

Schomburgk Circle

Widely regarded as the Garden's most influential director **Richard Schomburgk** was an enthusiastic and tireless innovator credited with developing a garden of great beauty and scientific merit.

Morley Circle

Adelaide Airport, Coopers Brewery

Charismatic scholar **Brian Morley** married science with art during a two decade tenure that developed the Adelaide Gardens to exacting standard whilst substantially broadening their community and educational roles.





Holtze Circle

ABC Adelaide,
Adelaide Cabaret Festival,
Adelaide Casino,
Adelaide Crows,
Adelaide Festival Centre,
Adelaide Showgrounds Farmer's Market,
AMJ Produce Company,
Arkaba Station,
asbCreative,
Assaggio Ristorante,
Barossa Living,
Beerenberg,
Berries & Blooms,
Bestec,
Botanic Gardens Restaurant,
Botanica World Discoveries,
Built Environs Pty Ltd,
Bush Tucker Icecream,
Cannelle French Pastries,
Carrick Hill,
Chooks&Veggies,
Coles,
Corban&Blair,
CW Ottaway & Co,
David Niemann,
Deck of Secrets,
Design By Ciotola,
Dolphin Bewley Public Relations,
Endota Spa,
FiveAA,
Flinders University Dept of Screen & Media,
Friends of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide,
Fun Food Focus,
Garden Beds Adelaide,
Garden Rooms,
Greenhill Galleries Adelaide,
Haigh's Chocolates,
Hilton Adelaide,
Hi-Tech,
Jacob's Creek,
JAM,
Jasmin Indian Restaurant,
Johnson Winter Slattery,
Jumbuck Olive Oil,
Kendacraft Jewellery,
Lithe,
Luxe City Guides,
Madame Flavour,
Maggie Beer,
Melbourne International
Flower & Garden Show,
Mitolo Group,
Mulots Patisserie,
Neutrog,
Nippy's,
Northcote Pottery,
Orlando Wines,
Outback Pride,
P&A Organic Meats,
Paul Bangay Garden Design,
Peats Soils & Garden Supplies,
Perryman's of North Adelaide,

Pitcher Partners,
RAA,
Richard Gunner's Fine Meats,
Royal Adelaide Golf Club,
SA Gardens,
Shoot the Moon,
Slow Food Australia,
Stirling Organic Market & Cafe,
Surfing South Australia,
Sustainable Landscapes,
Tasting Australia,
Temptation Sailing,
The Buffalo Restaurant,
The Heritage Garden,
The Little Cookie,
The Printing Hub,
VIBE Hotels,
Westpac,
Whisk Patisserie,
Wusthof.

Leading the Gardens through recession, drought and the Great War, **Maurice Holtze** was a democratic man, jettisoning stringent rules and regulations so that visitors might truly enjoy the Gardens.

Private Giving, Friends, Societies & Community Groups

Bailey Circle

Mr Hugh Maclachlan &
Mrs Fiona MacLachlan OAM

The progressive **Jack Bailey** was a man ahead of his time, an enthusiastic proponent of growing Australian plants during an era when only exotics would do.

Greaves Circle

Dr Chris Laurie,
Mrs Skye McGregor,
Dr Rod Pearce,
Mr Ian Wall OAM &
Mrs Pamela Wall.

Joining the Gardens' workforce at just 12 years of age, **Harold Greaves** rose to become a pragmatic director putting plants and people first.

Lothian Circle

Mr Sandy Anderson,
Mr Alistair & Mrs Janet Angas,
Ms Tiffany Barlow,
Ms Patsy Bennett,
Mr Arthur Browne,
Mrs Margaret Burrell,
Dr Christopher Dibden,

Mrs Nicky Downer AM
Mr Peter & Mrs Carol Dungey,
Mrs L & Ms S Greenslade,
Mr Peter & Mrs Sarah Hignett,
Mrs Elizabeth Le Messurier,
Mr Andrew & Mrs Diana Luckhurst-Smith,
Mr Ian McLachlan AO &
Mrs Janet McLachlan,
Ms Alison McPharlin,
Mr G Michell AC,
Lady June Porter,
Ms Mary Redway
Mr Don Sarah AM,
Mrs Meredyth Sarah AM,
Mrs Manorma Somers,
Mrs Rosemary Waterman,
The Irwin Family,
The Hill-Ling Family.

Noel Lothian's many accomplishments included the acquisition of the Mt Lofty and Wittunga annexes and the development of scientific, educational and community outreach programs.

Foundation Friend

Mr M & Mrs R Adams,
Mr J Aitchinson,
Dr Donald Anderson,
Mrs Dymphna Antic
Mr U & Mrs R Asenstorfer,
Lady Edith Badger,
Mr Jonathon &
Mrs Judith Bateman
Mr B Birch,
Mrs Jane Brooks,
Mrs Virginia Brown,
Ms Julie Brownell,
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Ms Taffy Burchell,
Mr John & Mrs Helen Burgess,
Ms Sue Cain,
Mr Peter & Mrs Ann Catford,
Mr Jack Clough,
Mr Malcolm Cole,
Mr Alan Constantine,
Dr C Deland,
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Mr Bill Edwards,
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Mrs Elizabeth Kenihan,
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Mr Don & Mrs Jill Kittel,
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Mrs G Koop,
Ms Meg Ladd,
Mr Robert & Mrs Delysia Lawson,
Mr John Lehmann,
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Mr Peter & Mrs Anne MacGill,
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Ms Jennifer O'Donohue,
Mr Peter & Mrs Gina Osborne,
Mr Ray & Mrs Nancy Paul,
Mrs Helen Pearce,
Mrs Patricia Pearson,
Mr Mark Pickhaver,
Mr K Pitman,
Mr Don Pitt,
Mrs B Potter,
Mr T Powell,
Ms Christine Pressley,
Mrs Jean Price,
Ms Misha Prusa,
Mrs Una Reuther,
Ms Marie Roberts,
Mrs Barbara Robinson
Mrs Hilary Robinson,
Mr Peter Robinson,
Mrs Margaret Sadler,
Mr Jeffrey Scott
Mrs T Shannon,
Mr John & Mrs Judith Smith,
Mrs H Southcott,
Ms Anne Specht
Mrs Shirley Stewart,
Mrs Mary Teakle,
Mrs Margaret Thomas,
Mr Edward Thompson,
Miss V Thompson,
Mr Daryl &
Mrs Marie Thomson,
Mrs Elizabeth Tolley,
Mrs Valmai Trezise
Dr Joe & Mrs Mary-Lou Verco,
Miss Evelyn Ward,
Mrs Eileen Ware,
Mrs Robina Weir
Mr Brian Wilson,
Mrs Rosemary Woolman

We need your help to continue the Gardens' work.

While the South Australian Government provides considerable funding, this support does not cover all costs associated with the Gardens' development. Our corporate partners, private donors, friends and community groups make it possible for the Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation to support an ongoing range of important projects.

Donate Now

Our success to date owes much to the generosity and commitment of our supporters. Whatever the amount, all donations contribute to the Foundation and our support of the Gardens. A gift to the Foundation is tax deductible and can be directed to project of your choice; the Garden of Health, Kitchen Garden and Endowment Fund.

Sponsoring a flagship cultural asset like the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide makes excellent business sense. Partnerships are tailored to meet your needs while your support enables us to enrich the experience of the Gardens' 1.8 million visitors annually.

Event Sponsorship & Corporate Volunteering

Corporate fundraising events are easy and rewarding. These activities provide great opportunities to engage and motivate your staff and to promote your organisation's commitment to the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide to your customers.

Workplace Giving

Workplace giving enables companies and their employees to have a real stake in the Gardens' future.

Donation of Goods or Services

Donate goods or services that can be used as a raffle prize or auction item such as dinner packages, romantic weekend getaways, signed memorabilia - your imagination is the key to the Gardens' benefit.

Bequests & Living Legacies

By leaving a gift to the Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation through our Endowment Fund or in your Will, you will help us to build a secure financial base for the Gardens.

Garden Bench Tribute Program

A bench is a wonderful way to demonstrate your special connection to the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide, knowing that moneys raised by this program contribute to the Endowment Fund. This future fund ensures the Gardens continue to be enjoyed by present and future generations.

Gifts In Celebration

What do you give someone who has everything? By celebrating a birthday, Christmas, wedding or anniversary, Bah mitzvah or other important days, your gifts can contribute to the Gardens.

Gifts In Memoriam

At times of loss a gift to the Gardens can be a healing experience for the family, with the knowledge of contributing to the Gardens which a loved one had a special connection to.

Thank you for supporting the Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation. All gifts make a difference.

Please call us on (61 8) 8222 9347.

