



Highlands Garden Society Bowral Inc

SNOWY MOUNTAINS TOUR

TOUR 01/12

Date: Wednesday 1 - Friday 3 February 2012

BOOKINGS OPEN WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER AND MAY BE MADE BY TELEPHONE (4861 4090)

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Cost: \$365 [*single supplement \$80*] per person which includes all admission charges, morning teas, meals and accommodation

Deposit: \$100 by 18 November 2011

Final payment: by 16 December 2011

Note - early payments are required for this tour due to the Christmas / New Year holiday period

Day 1 - After morning tea at Lake George we will travel to Berriedale for lunch at the Snowy Vineyard Estate (*formerly Snowy River Winery*). After lunch we will visit *Snowy View Cottage* garden at Dalgety situated on the banks of the Snowy River. The garden at Snowy View Cottage utilises simple plantings and materials imaginatively with hardy plantings of lavender, rosemary, roses, iris, fruiting and deciduous trees. Stone from the site is used in beds and structures with recycled materials used as windbreaks.

On our return journey to Cooma we will make a stop at the Mt Gladstone lookout and Nature Reserve which sits in 125 hectares of native bushland less than four kilometres from the edge of Cooma offering magnificent views across the Monaro Plains to the peaks of the Snowy Mountains.

Overnight - Marlborough Motor Inn, 19 Monaro Highway, Cooma (T) 6452 1133 (2 nights)

Day 2 - Our first stop this morning will be at the cool climate nursery at Jindabyne before visiting



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Willawa a 5 acre garden at Moonbah near Jindabyne. This garden is featured in Myles Baldwin's book *Rural Australian Gardens* and has exuberant plantings in a tranquil setting. Silver-grey species frame colour-themed areas using exotics and natives that can thrive in snow, frost, drought and wind. Repeat plantings of successful species interspersed with granite boulders. The soil is enriched with compost, manure and mulch for 'no dig' gardening.

After lunch at the Lake Jindabyne Hotel we will make our way to the Kosciuszko Education Centre after which we will be accompanied by a National Parks Ranger on a walk at Charlotte Pass to view the wildflowers and other native vegetation and perhaps fauna.

Day 3 - Cooma and return to Southern Highlands

After breakfast this morning we will visit the Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre to learn about the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Scheme one of the engineering wonders of the modern world. The Snowy Hydro Information and Education Centre is a state of the art visitor facility showcasing the amazing story of the Snowy Mountains Scheme from the early construction days to the role the Scheme plays to-day in the development of Australia.

We will then have a guided tour of Cooma after which time will be available for you to explore Cooma; particularly Lambie Street and visit the The Raglan Gallery and Cultural Centre which showcases the regions talented artists from painters to ceramists, potters and sculptors. The Raglan was built in 1854 by James Hain, and was licensed as the Lord Raglan Inn. It was named after Lord Raglan who commanded in the Crimean War. It was also Cooma's first bank, a private hospital, a family home and now an art gallery. The Gallery is set in picturesque gardens.

After lunch at the Alpine Hotel we will commence our journey back to the Southern Highlands arriving around 6.00pm weather and traffic permitting.