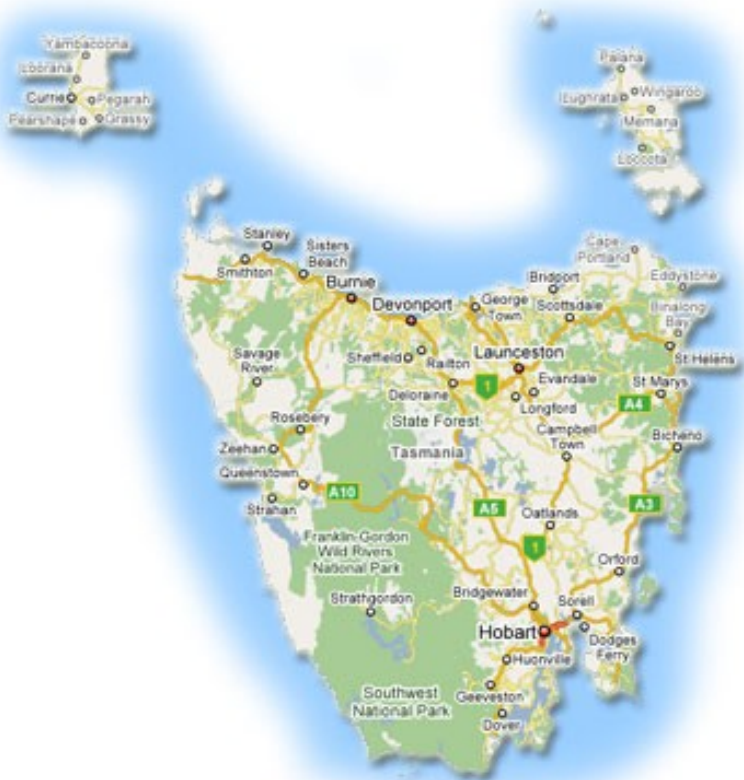


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Snowy Mountains

Tour 01/12: Wednesday 1 - Friday 3 February 2012

- **Cost \$365 (single supplement \$80) per person which includes all admission charges, morning teas, meals and accommodation**
- **Deposit \$100 - 18 November 2011**
- **Final payment - 16 December 2011**

Day 1:

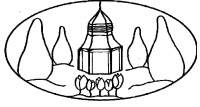
After morning tea at Lake George we will travel to Berriedale for lunch at the [Snowy Vineyard Estate](#) (formerly Snowy River Winery). After lunch we will visit Snowy View Cottage garden at Dalgety situated on the banks of the Snowy River. The garden at Snowy View Cottage utilises simple plantings 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 *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.



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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:

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 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.



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Plant Fair at Lanyon Homestead

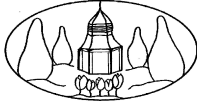
Tour 02/12 - Saturday 24 March 2012

- **Cost - \$70 per person which includes morning tea, admission to the Plant Fair, a tour of Lanyon Homestead and lunch at the Lanyon Café.**
- **Payment due - Friday 17 February 2012.**

One of Australia's premier historic properties, [Lanyon Homestead](#), lies at the foot of the Brindabella Ranges. The 1850's homestead has been beautifully restored and furnished. Located within magnificent gardens the property includes a range of outbuildings and is located within a landscape of natural buildings. Sheep, cattle and horses still graze on the timbered hills and fertile banks of the Murrumbidgee River. Guided tours of the property will be available throughout the day at 20 minute intervals commencing at 10.00am. Stroll through the pleasure gardens with flowing perennial beds and roses, the vegetable garden with heritage varieties and come to rest on terraced lawns beneath mature trees to admire the superb pastoral views.

The Open Gardens Australia Plant Fair will be held in the grounds of Lanyon Homestead providing an opportunity to find that perfect plant as well as to meet and talk with specialist growers. Open Gardens Australia has gathered together growers of the most interesting and garden-worthy plants along with garden ornamentation, tools and gifts. Plant stalls will include Antique Perennials offering rare and unusual perennials; the Australian Geranium Society; Cooramilla - specialist growers of hardy perennials; Dewitt's bulbs; Gundaroo Tiller – tools, garlic & vegetable seedlings; Lambley nursery – Bulbs, perennials, shrubs & grasses; Nieuwesteeg Rose nursery - Old fashioned & modern roses; Post Office Farm - Hellebore specialist; Sun Valley Plant Nursery - unusual Australian Native Plants; The Plant People - Australian native plants for cold climates; Tijara Iris Nursery - Breeders of bearded Iris and Yamina Rare plants offering unusual trees and shrubs - old and new varieties.

There will be a number of speakers throughout the day including Janet Jeffs - well known Chef and owner of the Ginger Room and the Kitchen Cabinet Old Parliament House speaking on organic/biodynamic gardening and cooking that produce; a garden walk with a guide from Lanyon –



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discover the history of the garden and when and who planted the magnificent trees in the grounds; Dr Lenore Coltheart speaking about convict and early settler food and the related history of Lanyon and Geoff Hudson, the Italian Gardener, will demonstrate cooking with Italian vegetables.

Weather and traffic permitting we will **return to the Southern Highlands around 6.00pm.**





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Fagan Park, Galston and Winkworth Park, Glenorie

Tour 03/12 - Tuesday 1 May 2012

- **Cost - \$65 per person which includes morning tea, tour and admission to Fagan Park, lunch at Dural Country Club and admission to Winkworth Park.**
- **Payment due - Tuesday 3 April 2012.**

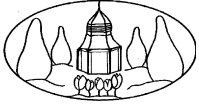
[Fagan Park](#) is a 55 hectare area of lush green gardens donated by the Fagan family to Hornsby Shire council. The park is home to the original homestead, Netherby Cottage, which has been converted into a museum overlooking over 15 acres of parkland.

The 'Gardens of Many Nations' include 10 hectares of gardens and an Eco garden. The gardens include Chinese, Japanese, English, Dutch, South and North American, and African Gardens. Members of the Friends of the Gardens will be on hand to provide a guided tour.

After lunch at Dural Country Club we will visit *Winkworth Park* an expansive garden belonging to Diana & Don Ross in Cattai Ridge Road, Glenorie.



Winkworth Park is framed by a wide variety of trees including cape chestnut, magnolias, camellias and maples. A Weeping Japanese Maple area, which can be seen from the living areas of the house, has been established under the shade of a Golden Elm. This area has been underplanted with hellebore and bulbs. Paths meander past generously planted beds of shrubs, perennials and bulbs. Features include a



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formal rose garden overlooked by a dovecote, a white garden, a bush house and an Australian native garden walk. Arches are festooned in climbers and a sandstone wall is draped with Hoyas and ferns. Bright bromeliads are planted beneath turpentines, she-oaks and blueberry ash. The driveway, constructed in 1997, is lined with a mature avenue of Ulmus trees. The garden plantings require close examination to reveal the range of horticultural delights which it contains.

Weather and traffic permitting we will **return to the Southern Highlands around 6.00pm.**





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Paradise Gardens, Kulnura

Tour 04/12 - Wednesday 8 August 2012

- **Cost - \$55 per person which includes morning tea, tour and admission to Paradise Gardens.**
- **Payment due - Wednesday 11 July 2012.**
- **Please bring your own picnic lunch – an urn of hot water will be available but bring a cup, tea or coffee, milk and sugar.**

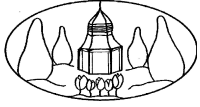
After morning tea at West Pennant Hills we will make our way to [Paradise Gardens](#) at Kulnura.

The owner of Paradise Plants, Bob Cherry, became interested in camellias in the mid 1960s. When the present property was purchased a collection of camellias was planted to begin establishing the garden. At that time, Camellia sasanquas were not widely grown and there were only a small number of cultivars available. A breeding programme, which continues to this day, began and over 25,000 have been raised. However, only a handful are now included in the range.

Through the 1990s and into the 21st century the breeding programme was extended to Camellia japonica and other Camellia Species. Each year over 3,000 hand pollinations are carried out often using yellow species and tropical species of camellia such as Camellia amplexicaulis from Vietnam, and the amazing Camellia piquetiana which has purple flowers and a leaf half a metre long.

Paradise also breeds lavenders including the well known 'Bee' and 'Bella' series. Many other lines including Photinia, Michelia & Buddleia are also bred.

Come and experience this unique garden; a life times' passion. Explore one of Australia's largest and most famous gardens, with over 12 hectares of Camellias and other wonderful flowers and trees. Enjoy the many sculptures - the cheeky monkey colony, grotesque gargoyles and the amazing water fountain wall and admire the stained glass windows in the Summer Tea House.

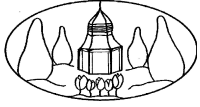


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The day will commence with a short talk on the garden and then a guided tour. Facilities are available for a BYO picnic lunch. Plants, including camellias and polyanthus, will be available for purchase prior to our departure.

Weather and traffic permitting we **will return to the Southern Highlands around 6.00pm.**





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Mount Wilson and Rydal Daffodil Festival



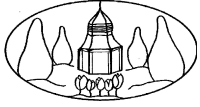
Tour 05/12 - Wednesday 12 - Friday 14 September 2012

- **Cost \$360 (single supplement \$150) per person which includes all admission charges, morning teas, meals (except lunch on day 1) and accommodation. Please bring a picnic lunch for Mt. Wilson on day 1.**
- **Deposit \$100 – Friday 20 July 2012**
- **Final payment – Friday 17 August 2012**

Day 1:

After morning tea at Richmond we will make our way to Mt Wilson where we will first visit [Bebeah](#) one of the original large garden estates of Mt Wilson. This garden has been completely rejuvenated, restored and reshaped over the last nineteen years and is now an important and rare example of a formal country garden. The garden sprawls over 12 acres (5 hectares) with precise geometry of tightly clipped hedges of azaleas, camellias, box and laurel merging seamlessly with sweeping grassy expanses, broad arcs of white gravel drives and pathways, gently weathered classical statuary and enticing glimpses of immaculately framed vistas. Magnificent specimen trees, some 120 years old, abound: oaks, magnolias, elm, conifers, cherries, dogwoods. At the geographic and spiritual centre of the garden is a large lake, bound on three sides by tiered plantings of wide varieties, colours and textures. As is often the case in this garden, tantalizing flashes to the lake are proffered to the visitor before it suddenly and unexpectedly unfolds.

From Bebeah we will travel to [Nooroo](#) built and planted in 1880 by William Hay. Original plantings include English oaks, chestnuts, ash and cedars underplanted with thousands of bulbs including, bluebells, daffodils and crocus. Formerly owned by the Valder family from 1917 the property was sold in 1992. The existing formal garden has been maintained and extensive work undertaken to create a number of new garden rooms. Famous for its wisteria collection, hostas, lily of the valley and Japanese iris have been planted to compliment the delicate pastels of the wisteria. *Nooroo* also has many rare



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maples, azaleas and rhododendrons. In Spring, in addition to the Wisteria collection, camellias, magnolias, lilacs, peonies and many other trees and shrubs are in full flower.

The final garden at Mt Wilson will be [Merry Garth](#) surrounded by temperate rainforest with an ever changing view south across the mountains and deep valleys of the National Park. The garden has been created over the past 35 years using a wide variety of excellent cold climate plants. A large collection of Himalayan magnolias, maples, camellias and other rare trees are under planted with a significant collection of rhododendron hybrids and species, many of which are fragrant and soft in colour. Large interesting sunny garden beds sloping away from the house are planted with small alpiners, tiny bulbs, weeping maples, standard wisteria, and tree peonies. Wide paths lead one from one area to another. Shady woodland gardens are under planted with many different hydrangeas, maples, azaleas, hellebore and hostas. A small nursery offers a collection of cold climate plants all propagated from plants in the garden.

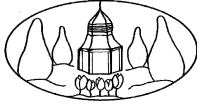
Overnight - [Zig Zag Motel](#), 70 Chifley Road, Lithgow 6352 2477 (2 nights)

Day 2:

[Rydal Daffodil Festival](#). Rydal is a pretty village set in rolling rural countryside where you will have the opportunity to follow the walking trail through the public gardens and historic buildings including the two churches with displays of daffodils. Private gardens which will be open include *Rose Cottage* with a cottage garden which wraps around the oldest remaining cottage in the village dating from around 1860 and features many bulbs and early perennials and *Rydal Cottage*, a restored cottage on two acres of land, extensively and creatively planted with daffodils and many other bulbs. We will also visit rural properties including *Chapel House* nine park-like acres with ornamental lakes with resident geese and mass plantings of daffodils; *Karingal* with impressive old trees and thousands of daffodils set around an 1860s cottage; and *Bark Ridge* where you can easily see ten thousand daffodils at a glance with other bulbs enriching the display. Lunch will be served in the barn at *Bark Ridge*.

Day 3:

Prior to leaving Lithgow this morning a guide will join our coach showing us such sights as Bowenfels Station – opened in 1869; Secret Creek wildlife sanctuary – an important breeding centre for the endangered eastern quoll; Eskbank House – built in 1842 from local sandstone for the father of

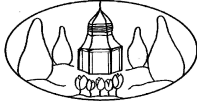


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Lithgow's industry Thomas Brown who brought coal mining to Lithgow in 1845 and encouraged the development of the railway through Lithgow; Blast Furnace Park – built in 1906 by William Sandford to smelt iron so that it could be transported to the steelworks and was the sole producer of iron in Australia for 7 years; Lithgow Courthouse – built in 1879 and was Lithgow's first courthouse; Hoskins Church – Built in the memory of Charles Sandford who was killed in an accident in 1916 - the gardens surrounding the Church are among the finest in Lithgow; and Lithgow Small Arms Factory.

Lunch will be at Falkirk at Oberon where over 2,500 different varieties of daffodils are on display throughout the 2 ½ acre garden. Spring blossoms and colour abound throughout the garden. Experience a plethora of wild bird life and the delightful farm animals.

Weather and traffic permitting we **will return to the Southern Highlands around 6.00pm.**



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Daffodils

- a poem by William Wordsworth

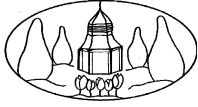
I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced, but they
Out-did the sparkling leaves in glee;
A poet could not be but gay,
In such a jocund company!
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.





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TASMANIA

[Your Guide to Blooming Tasmania](#)



Tour 06/12 - Saturday 20 October – Friday 2 November 2012

- **Cost - 25-29 passengers \$3,180; 30-35 passengers \$3,070; 36-40 passengers \$3,000 per person (single supplement \$716) - which includes coach travel, travel on the *Spirit of Tasmania* in porthole cabins, all admission charges, morning teas, meals and accommodation.**
- A pensioner discount of \$118 can be deducted from the above costs subject to the production of a current Pensioner Concession Card. You may be required to present this card when boarding the Spirit of Tasmania.
- **Deposit \$750 – Friday 17 February 2012**
- **Final payment – Friday 17 August 2012**
- This tour will be limited to a maximum of 40 passengers and a minimum of 25 paying passengers.
- Cancellations made prior to the final payment date of 17 August may incur a cancellation fee on a cost recovery basis.
- Cancellations made after 17 August could incur a loss of 100% of the tour cost unless the booking can be resold.
- No refund will be given for cancellations within 28 days of departure unless the booking can be resold.
- Additional charges may be applicable to any passenger who requires a booking variation on the *Spirit of Tasmania* after final payment is made to Spirit of Tasmania.
- **Travel insurance is strongly recommended.**

SPECIAL NOTES:

- A small overnight bag will be required for overnight travel on the Spirit of Tasmania. Main luggage will remain secure under the coach for the trip across the Tasman Sea.
- Due to RTA weight constraints passengers' luggage must be limited to 23 kilograms.



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- Tasmania has very stringent quarantine regulations details of which will be obtained and published prior to departure. If you pass the checkpoint with a restricted item it will be detected by a trained sniffer dog and you may be fined \$130 - on the spot.

Day 1:

Saturday 20 October 2012

Depart Southern Highlands and travel to Melbourne to join the *Spirit of Tasmania* for the overnight crossing to Devonport. Lunch at Submarine Café Holbrook and dinner on board *Spirit of Tasmania*.

Day 2:

Sunday 21 October

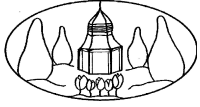
After disembarking the *Spirit of Tasmania* we will Breakfast at the Edgewater Hotel before travelling through Beaconsfield to Beauty Point to visit [Seahorse World](#). Numbers of the mystical seahorse have dwindled through fishing and habitat destruction but Seahorse World is a unique facility designed to conserve this creature, and provide an excellent experience. We will also visit [Platypus House](#), established to advance both community awareness of Tasmanian platypuses and science, and a unique Tasmanian attraction where visitors may watch Tasmanian Platypuses in an indoor setting. After lunch at the Bass & Flinders Centre in George Town we will commence our journey through the beautiful Tamar Valley taking in the views from Bushranger Brady's Lookout and [Rosevear's Estate](#) where we will enjoy a wine tasting and cheese platter at the cellar door en route to Launceston.

Overnight - [Commodore Regent](#), 13 Brisbane Street, Launceston 03 6332 4666 (3 nights)

Day 3:

Monday 22 October

This morning we will visit [Franklin House](#) noted for its rich use of imported Australian Red Cedar. Extended to accommodate one of the colonies leading private schools which operated there from 1842 until 1866 the house finally became the birthplace of the National Trust in Tasmania in 1960. Franklin House survives with house, stables and garden. Before lunch at the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce factory, with its spectacular gardens and topiary nursery, time will be available to discover Evandale an 1800's National Trust classified Georgian village with unspoiled heritage buildings. After lunch we visit



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[Clarendon House](#) one of Australia's greatest Georgian houses still standing today. It has formal gardens and grounds, a tree lined avenue, Italianate facade, restored early colonial outbuildings and is owned by the National Trust. The wealthy grazier and merchant James Cox (son of William Cox) had the house built in 1838. Dinner to-night will be at Links Restaurant, Country Club Launceston.

Day 4:

Tuesday 23 October

Today we will visit [Old Wesley Dale at Mole Creek](#) with old trees, hedges and stone walls and featuring walled gardens and a magnificent sculptured 'elephant hedge'. We will then visit [Wychwood](#), one of Tasmania's finest gardens with huge borders filled with unusual perennials, grasses and shrubs. There is a small orchard of heritage fruit trees, a productive potager, trout-filled creek, birch copses, roses and espaliered apples. Lunch will be at Wychwood before we travel through Westbury en route to [Entally House](#) one of Tasmania's most historic trust houses built in the early 1800's and containing a magnificent collection of Regency furniture and fine silverware as well as superb gardens and outbuildings.

Day 5:

Wednesday 24 October

This morning there will be some free time before we visit [Cataract Gorge](#) with the world's longest single span chairlift, peacocks and wildlife, gardens with spectacular Rhododendrons, suspension bridge and spectacular views. En route to Hobart we will stop at [Ross](#) settled in 1812 and many of its original sandstone buildings have been restored. The [Ross Female Convict Station Historic Site](#) is a significant archaeological site. After lunch we will enjoy a guided tour of this historic village with its elm-lined streets complimenting the many Georgian buildings and Ross Bridge, designed by John Lee Archer, - the detail of its 186 carvings by convict stonemasons was deemed of such high quality that it won the men a free pardon. The main crossroads of the village is amusingly said to represent "Temptation" (Man O'Ross Hotel), "Recreation" (Town Hall), "Salvation" (Catholic Church) and "Damnation" (the jail, which is now a private residence).

Overnight - [Hobart Midcity Hotel](#), Corner Elizabeth & Bathurst Streets, Hobart 03 6234 6333 (4 nights)



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Day 6:

Thursday 25 October

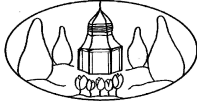
After breakfast we commence our stay in Hobart with a visit to the garden at Poplarville - built in 1845 for Captain Henry Pearce, originally on 5 acres of land where he grew onions and potatoes to provision ships. There is a substantial barn, dove cote and early green house. The front garden has two Norfolk Island Pines planted to commemorate the end of the Crimean War. The garden beds are laid out to reflect the early plantings. A side garden has elements of a garden design from the 1970's as well as earlier plantings. After morning tea we will visit [Runnymede](#) the house and garden having high architectural and historical significance, planned, created and developed by three prominent families who lived there over a period of 120 years. Built in the late 1830's the house and property were enlarged and included extensive orchards, vegetable gardens, grape vines, livestock paddocks and external buildings. After lunch at the Botanic Gardens time will be available to explore these very beautiful gardens before visiting Corinda Garden, a heritage property in the heart of Hobart. The gardens have been completely reconstructed with extensive landscaping including cobblestones and paving and the replanting of hedges and borders. Symmetrical parterres in the front garden produce an effect that is both elegant and formal. However, the larger parterre enclosed by pleached Linden trees softens the strict lines with modern charm. The flower beds have been colour co-ordinated to create harmony and tranquillity with English Box topiary featuring native animals creating a uniquely Australian touch.

Dinner will be at [Mures Upper Deck](#) restaurant on the beautiful Hobart waterfront.

Day 7:

Friday 26 October

Today we visit [Port Arthur](#), 95 kms south east of Hobart at the southern end of the Tasman Peninsula. Set within the picturesque confines of a forest-bordered harbour, the Port Arthur Historic Site offers a diverse panorama: 19th century buildings sitting within the park-like surrounds of the superbly reconstructed gardens, criss-crossed by avenues of mature English trees. Originally established in 1830 as a timber-getting camp, the settlement quickly expanded in size to include large cultivated plots laid down to supplement the rations of the convicts and officers. Accompanying this was a setting aside of small plots for the tending of ornamental gardens by the officers. On our visit we will have a tour of this historic site with its dark past and, after lunch, the gardens.



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Day 8:

Saturday 27 October

This morning is free. You could enjoy a visit to the famous [Salamanca Markets](#) when Salamanca comes alive with over 300 stallholders selling fresh and gourmet produce, arts, crafts and handiwork crafts from all over Tasmania, interstate and overseas. Salamanca Place and the famous Salamanca Market are among the main attractions in Hobart. The market is close to historic St David's Park on the fringe of Hobart's CBD and it is a short climb up Kelly's Steps to reach the Georgian collates and the village of atmosphere of Battery Point. Later in the morning we will travel to Richmond for lunch at the Richmond Arms Hotel and then meet with members of the Coal River Garden Club for a village tour through three gardens followed by afternoon tea in the last garden.

Dinner to-night will be at [The Riverview Inn](#).

Day 9:

Sunday 28 October

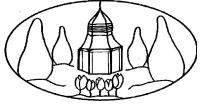
Departing Hobart this morning we will travel through New Norfolk to Hamilton to visit [Prospect Villa](#) one of Tasmania's most picturesque gardens – a fragrant oasis protected by 180 year-old stone walls and clipped hedges framing views of the Upper Derwent valley. The garden offers separate compartments, - Blanche's white garden, herbaceous borders, urn garden, spring walk, secret garden, a rockery and a classic Italian Renaissance-style garden. From Prospect Villa we travel to [Curringa Farm](#) for lunch and a farm tour before travelling to Derwent Bridge to view the [Wall in the Wilderness](#) – Greg Duncan's commemorative to those who helped shape the past and present of Tasmania's central highlands. The wall, a work in progress, is being carved from three-metre high wooden panels and will tell the history of the harsh Central Highlands Region – beginning with the indigenous people, then to the pioneering timber harvesters, pastoralists, miners and hydro workers.

Overnight - West Coaster Motel, Batchelor Street, Queenstown 03 6471 1033

Day 10:

Monday 29 October

As we depart Queenstown for [Cradle Mountain](#) we will drive past *Penghana* to catch a glimpse of the magnificent front entrance and garden. On arrival at Cradle Mountain we will join a Park Explorer tour to view breathtaking Dove Lake and majestic Cradle Mountain. The tour includes alpine flora and fauna



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that flourish in this pristine environment and we will be surrounded by Button grass plains, temperate rainforest and King Billy Pines, thousands of years old. Visiting Waldheim we will hear stories of early settlers, Gustav and Kate Weindorfer and see how they lived in the early 1900's before enjoying a short forest walk to view the last of the King Billy Pines.

On leaving Cradle Mountain we will make our way to [Emu Valley Rhododendron Gardens](#) for lunch and to explore these wonderful 13ha gardens with over 23,000 rhododendrons and companion plants, walking tracks, water features, bridges, gazebos and waterfalls. The gardens are home to diverse bird life, echidna and platypus.

Overnight - [Stanley Seaview Inn](#), 58 Dovecote Road, Stanley 03 6458 1300 (2 nights)

Day 11:

Tuesday 30 October

This morning we will have some time to relax and explore [Stanley](#) a historic town on the far North West coast of Tasmania. The major attraction of Stanley is The Nut which affords a great view right along the coast. The Nut is 152m tall, and was formed when lava cooled to form basalt rock. Stanley's fishing fleets tie up near the old wharf, which was designed in colonial times to fend off the fierce seas which batter the cape. The town is filled with historic buildings, many over 150 years old, including the birthplace of Joe Lyons, Australia's only Tasmanian Prime Minister. Close to Stanley is the [Highfield estate](#), an elegant 1830's homestead including chapel, cottages and farmyard buildings, which was built for the head of the Van Diemens's Land Company. For lunch we will travel to [Allendale Gardens at Edith Creek](#) a nature lovers' and photographers' delight, featuring over seven acres of ever-changing floral themes, rare and exotic trees and conifers. It was landscaped as 'living art' to create areas of peace and tranquillity along the banks of Allen Creek.

Day 12:

Wednesday 31 October

Departing Stanley, we will travel through Burnie to Penguin for morning tea and a short stop. The coastal section between Penguin and Ulverstone offers lots of flowers growing along the roadside on our way to Railton, the town of topiary, for a short tour before travelling to [Villarett](#) gardens - four hectares of modern formal gardens. Beginning in the first years of last century, when Beech, Holly and Oak were planted, giving the garden its original strong design structure. Since the late 1970's, the



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garden has been further developed with mass displays of conifers, roses, climbers, bulbs and much more. Numerous water features and striking sculptures play a key role throughout the garden. After lunch we will visit [Sheffield, the Town of Murals](#), with more than 50 murals depicting the history and heritage of the region. Sheffield is the home of the Clematis Cottage Nursery which we will also visit. As we make our way to Devonport, a short stop may be possible at La Trobe – a little historic town with streetscapes reminiscent of the 1880's through to the early 1900's. Many buildings are National Trust registered with 76 heritage-listed buildings. On our arrival in Devonport we will board the *Spirit of Tasmania* for dinner and the overnight crossing to Melbourne.

Day 13:

Thursday 1 November

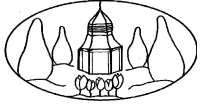
Arriving in Melbourne, we will breakfast at Café Zest in Port Melbourne before travelling to Werribee to the [Victoria State Rose Garden](#) where a short tour will be included in our visit. With over 5000 roses (covering about 6 acres), the Victoria State Rose Garden is one of the tourist gems of Victoria. Awarded the International Garden of Excellence by the World Federation of Rose Societies in 2003, it was the first rose garden outside of Europe to receive this Award and the only one (at that time) cared for entirely by volunteers. Our next stop will be Daylesford for lunch at the Bad Habits café in The Convent Gallery before visiting the magnificent garden *Musk Farm* inspired by the English Arts and Crafts movement and the romantic tradition in architecture and garden design of Lutyens and Jekyll. A love of individual plants has been indulged whilst retaining strong design elements in 14 defined garden rooms that are integrated by interconnecting walkways, architecture, and extensive use of hedging and garden ornamentation. Described by Myles Baldwin in his book *Rural Australian Gardens* as “one of the best Australian gardens I have seen. It has style, botanic diversity and theatrical flair”.

Overnight - [Parklake](#), 481 Wyndham Street, Shepparton 03 5821 5822

Day 14:

Friday 2 November

Today we make our way back to the Southern Highlands. After lunch at the Coach Lamp Coffee Shop in Gundagai we should arrive back in the Southern Highlands around **6.00pm weather and traffic permitting**.



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TOUR CONDITIONS 2012

Except for the Snowy Mountains, **tour bookings open Friday 20 January 2011.**

For bookings or further information please contact Ray Bradley - email rbb1945@bigpond.net.au; telephone 4861 4090; or through the 'Contact Us' page on the Society's website www.highlandsgardensociety.org.au/contact-us.

ALL PAYMENTS should be forwarded to the Treasurer, Jane Clifford.

Payments can be handed to the Treasurer at a monthly meeting and should be in a sealed envelope indicating on the outside the amount enclosed; name of traveller/s; name of tour and/or Tour Code. Cheques should be made payable to Highlands Garden Society Bowral Inc. with your name, address and phone number on the back of the cheque.

OR

Post cheque to - The Treasurer, Highlands Garden Society Bowral Inc, P O Box 665, Bowral NSW 2576 [*please do not post cash*]

Departure times will be announced at General Meetings and in the Bulletin before each tour.

Costing of Tours

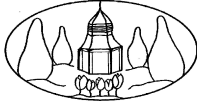
The Society takes great care in planning tours and arranging best prices commensurate with quality.

Tours are priced on a cost recovery basis plus an allowance for minor expenses. Any surplus monies at the conclusion of a tour will be held in reserve and used at the discretion of the Committee.

Because of the high workload involved in these tours – before, during and after each tour – the Society decided in May 2004 that the full costs of the Tour Director should be met as part of each tour.

Cancellation of Tours or Parts of Tours

Should any circumstance arise that is beyond its control the Society reserves the right at any time to vary or cancel any of the advertised tours on offer.



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Where a tour commences but circumstances, e.g. weather, do not permit visits to intended sites it will be at the discretion of the Tour Director as to how funds allocated to such sites, e.g. entry fees to gardens or heritage sites, will be distributed. Options to the Tour Director will include, but not be limited to, paying for entry fees to alternative sites or retention by the Society.

Traveller Cancellation

If a proposed traveller cancels a booking for a one day tour within 7 days of departure no refund will be given unless the booking can be resold.

No refund will be given for cancellations within 14 days of departure for tour 1 to **the Snowy Mountains** or tour 5 to **Mount Wilson and Rydal Daffodil Festival** unless the booking can be resold.

PLEASE NOTE:

Separate tour conditions apply to the **Tasmanian** tour - refer to conditions included in the itinerary.