

Role Description

Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation Committee Member

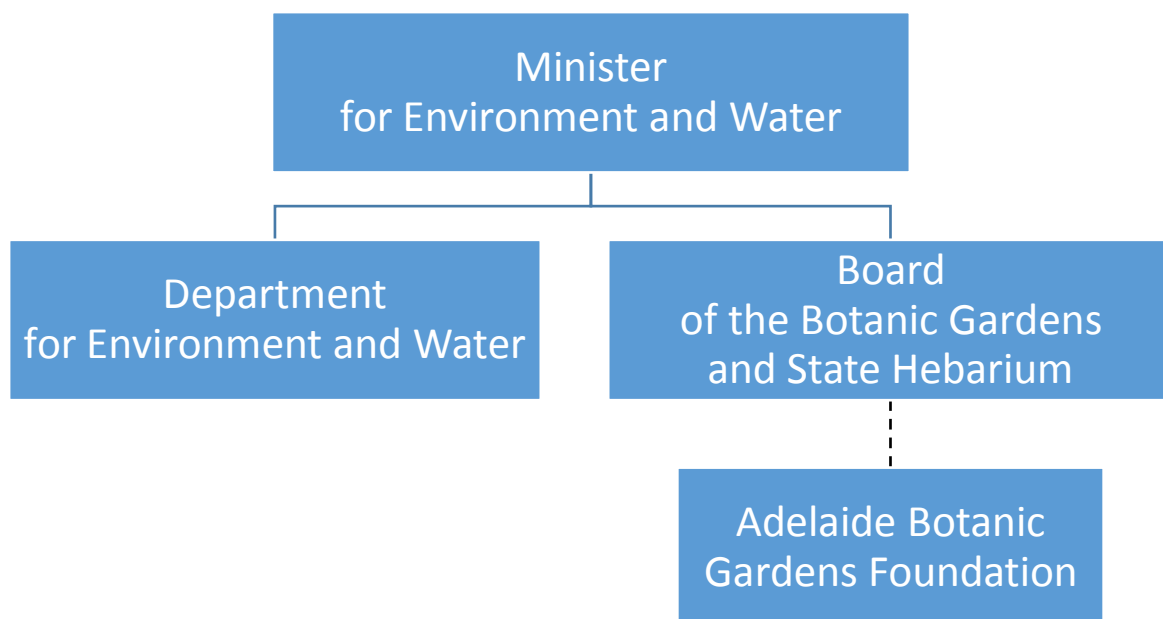
The Importance of Botanic Gardens

The importance of botanic gardens in our society was acknowledged in 1837 when Colonel William Light included an area for a botanic garden in his plan for the City of Adelaide. From this initial vision three botanic gardens and the State Herbarium have developed over the past 180 years to create what is now known as the Botanic Gardens of South Australia. The Adelaide Botanic Garden, including Botanic Park and the State Herbarium, is situated on part of traditional lands of the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains. Part of Mount Lofty Botanic Garden lies on country of the Peramangk people.

The Botanic Gardens is one of South Australia's most visited cultural and scientific institutions. With more than 2.6 million visits each year we provide a diversity of experiences, services and expertise to a wide community, at a local, national and international level.

The Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation

The Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium of South Australia rely on the generous support of the community, individuals and business. The Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation Incorporated was established in 2004. During the Gardens 150th anniversary celebrations in 2005-2007 it successfully raised \$5.1 million for Botanic Gardens projects and for the Botanic Gardens long term financial security. The Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation is a not for profit organisation and has deductible gift recipient status for taxation purposes. It is a separate entity from the Board of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium.



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Our Vision

The Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation's vision is to assist the Board of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium to lead, inspire and engage the community in creating a botanically sustainable future in a changing environment.

The Board of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium's vision is an inspired community which actively contributes to the sustainability of our world. It aims to be:

- recognised as world-class in botanical science collections and conservation
- influential in leading changes in humanity; and
- a creative and collaborative institution that is advancing thinking through experimental approaches.

The Board and Foundation work collaboratively for the benefit of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium. The Foundation is responsible for establishing the appropriate best fundraising practice governance and administrative structures to comply with its respective regulatory requirements; noting it is guided by the Board.

Our Mission

The Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation's mission is to raise funds and obtain other support for the benefit of the Board of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium of South Australia.

The Board of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium's mission is to 'build an understanding and appreciation of the botanical world' which is underpinned by managing living, cultural and preserved collections and using our science and research to improve the understanding of the botanical world. We do this through the work of the State Herbarium, Seed Conservation Centre, Santos Museum of Economic Botany and our public programmes including education and the Australian Centre of Horticultural Excellence.

The Foundation's Objectives

- to raise funds from the public, corporate sector or government for the benefit of the Board of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium
- to support the Board of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium in relation to projects and events undertaken by the Botanic Gardens from time to time;
- to assist in communication with the public, corporate and private sectors in relation to opportunities for partnership with, sponsorship of, and benevolent donation to, the Botanic Gardens; and
- to generate interest in the Botanic Gardens.

Our Expectations

Budget Goal

\$1.5 million per annum to support annual programmes and projects; and \$20 million in funds for the long term Endowment 'Future' Fund by 2030.

Role Description

The Foundation is seeking motivated Committee Members who may have an interest in gardens, the environment, science and/or conservation. Members are expected to serve the best interest of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation and its affiliates for a minimum term of three years. The Foundation's primary responsibility is to raise funds from the public and corporate sector and obtain other support for the benefit of the Board of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium, and to ensure sound business decisions, fiscal responsibility, and fundraising success.

Committee Members will actively identify potential donors and support the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium Director and Development staff to ask for philanthropic gifts and secure support from corporate partners. Committee Members work between meetings to accomplish fundraising goals set by the Board. Committee Members provide support in the following areas:

- partnerships and networking
- peer to peer asking
- investment management and approval of annual operating budget.

Committee Members attend bi-monthly meetings in the months of February, April, June, August, September, November and December and will be invited to participate on the Director's Giving Circle membership programme and Corporate Club working groups on a needs basis.

Skills desired

Priority is given to candidates with a background in philanthropic giving and a willingness to engage in peer to peer leveraging, asking for and securing philanthropic gifts and corporate partnerships. We are searching for candidates for who possess skills in any of the following areas:

- impact / cultural institution fund raising
- corporate giving and sponsorship
- building organisation's endowment funds
- building donor bases
- media and brand building

Benefits

By joining us you will:

- gain leadership experience in growing a not-for-profit
- have access to world-class botanical science and experiences
- make a difference in one of South Australia's longest serving scientific and cultural institutions

Salary

Voluntary position.

How to apply

Please visit our web site for more information at www.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au.

To express your interest in committee membership please submit your application to Ngaire.Henderson@sa.gov.au and/or call the Director Dr Lucy Sutherland on 08 8222 9311.

Positions will remain open until filled.