

**BOTANIC GARDENS OF ADELAIDE VALUES 5.0**



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The Botanic Gardens of Adelaide's strategic plan sets a vision, a mission and guiding principles for the management and development of the Gardens.

The vision of the Gardens, as stated in the Strategic Plan 2004-2007, is:

The Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium will be an international leader in horticulture for sustainable landscapes, especially those in arid and semi-arid environments.

This innovative and focused vision is backed by the Gardens' mission:

On behalf of the people of South Australia, manage the natural and cultural resources of the Botanic Gardens & State Herbarium to advance plant conservation and sustainable horticultural practices, and to enrich society.

To achieve these aims, the Gardens propose to operate within the context of a series of stated principles. These principles are:

- respect horticultural and botanical knowledge and skills and seek to ensure that staff and community knowledge and skills contribute to a high level of horticultural and botanical endeavour applied to the plant collections;
- respect garden and landscape design knowledge and skills and seek to ensure that sound design advice contributes to a high standard of landscape aesthetics within the Gardens;
- support programs with careful planning, sound marketing and appropriate evaluation, to promote public awareness and understanding of the Gardens' role, and

to communicate with, and be responsive to, visitors and stakeholders

- contribute to biodiversity conservation and scientific research through education and integrated plant conservation programs
- ensure that the Gardens' operations model effective environmental management to the community
- ensure that the Gardens can demonstrate improving effectiveness and efficiency in resource use.

The Strategic Plan is an evolving document and is reviewed regularly to meet the challenges of the changing environment in which the Gardens operate. In this context its main task is to define the nature of the Gardens' business by providing a framework for priority setting and reporting. It achieves this through a matrix of strategies and performance indicators, each set within the context of clearly designated Gardens outcomes. The nominated outcomes, described in the Strategic Plan 2004-2007 are as follows:

### PLANT CONSERVATION

- contribute to the survival of plant species in nature, nationally and globally, with particular emphasis on South Australian rare and threatened plants;
- promote the value of plants to people; and provide information regarding the processes and practices that continue to threaten the existence of plant species in the wild;
- pursue an integrated approach to plant conservation, combining long term ex situ

conservation of germplasm with other in situ programs undertaken in partnership with other agencies;

- contribute to relevant legislation, conventions and agreements that promote conservation of plants and control threatening processes;
- engage visitors and users and encourage them to develop increased awareness of the value of plants through integrating the presentation of relevant collections and the offering of educational and interpretative messages.

#### MORE SUSTAINABLE URBAN ENVIRONMENT

- contribute to a more sustainable urban environment in keeping with the climatic and edaphic (soils and other environmental factors) conditions of South Australia;
- minimise environmental impacts through effective, efficient and appropriate water application, demonstrating and promoting appropriate plant selections for South Australians, promoting sustainable horticultural practice and contributing to urban nature conservation and biodiversity;
- strive to achieve a more eco-efficient urban environment that will minimise environmental impacts and deliver social, environmental and economic benefits to the community.

#### ENHANCED COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- contribute directly to health, education and justice benefits through existing programs and through re-modelling community attitudes to, and use of, open space;

- enhance community benefits by making the Gardens a refuge that is beautiful, tranquil, friendly and accommodates the needs of visitors for recreation, facilitating the appropriate use of venues or sites for events, functions and exhibitions, and working with stakeholders and partners to ensure that the Gardens meet the aspirations of the community.

#### TOURISM AND REGIONAL BENEFITS

- contribute substantial economic and social benefits to the community through tourism, as one of South Australia's most visited tourist sites. Visits to the Botanic Gardens often results in a prolonged stay in the state or region, with direct economic benefit to local businesses and enterprises. Multiplier effects from this activity, together with other investment in services and developments beyond the Gardens' business, contribute substantially to economic growth.

The relationship between the Master Plans and the suite of key documents which guide the ongoing conservation and enhancement of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide is set out as follows:

## **BOTANIC GARDENS & STATE HERBARIUM ACT 1978**

### **BGA STRATEGIC PLAN 2004-2007**

- . **Vision**
- . **Mission**
- . **Principles**
- . **Outcomes**
- . **Strategies**

### **ABG & MLBG CONSERVATION STUDIES**

#### **OTHER COMPLIMENTARY STUDIES**

- . **Access Plan, Adelaide Botanic Garden and Botanic Park**
- . **Waterways Study, Adelaide Botanic Garden and Botanic Park**
- . **Tree Study, Adelaide Botanic Garden and Botanic Park**
- . **Power and Lighting Study, Botanic Park**
- . **Conservation Study, Adelaide Botanic Garden and Botanic Park**
- . **Conservation Study, Mount Lofty Botanic Garden**
- . **Disability Access, Adelaide Botanic Garden and Botanic Park**
- . **Disability Access, Mount Lofty Botanic Garden**
- . **Irrigation Plan, Adelaide Botanic Garden and Botanic Park**
- . **Irrigation Plan, Mount Lofty Botanic Gardens**
- . **Audit of Bushfire Preparedness and Response for Mount Lofty and Wittunga Botanic Gardens**

### **SITE MASTER PLANS**