

Wittunga Botanic Garden

Transforming an inspiring botanic garden destination



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What's happening?

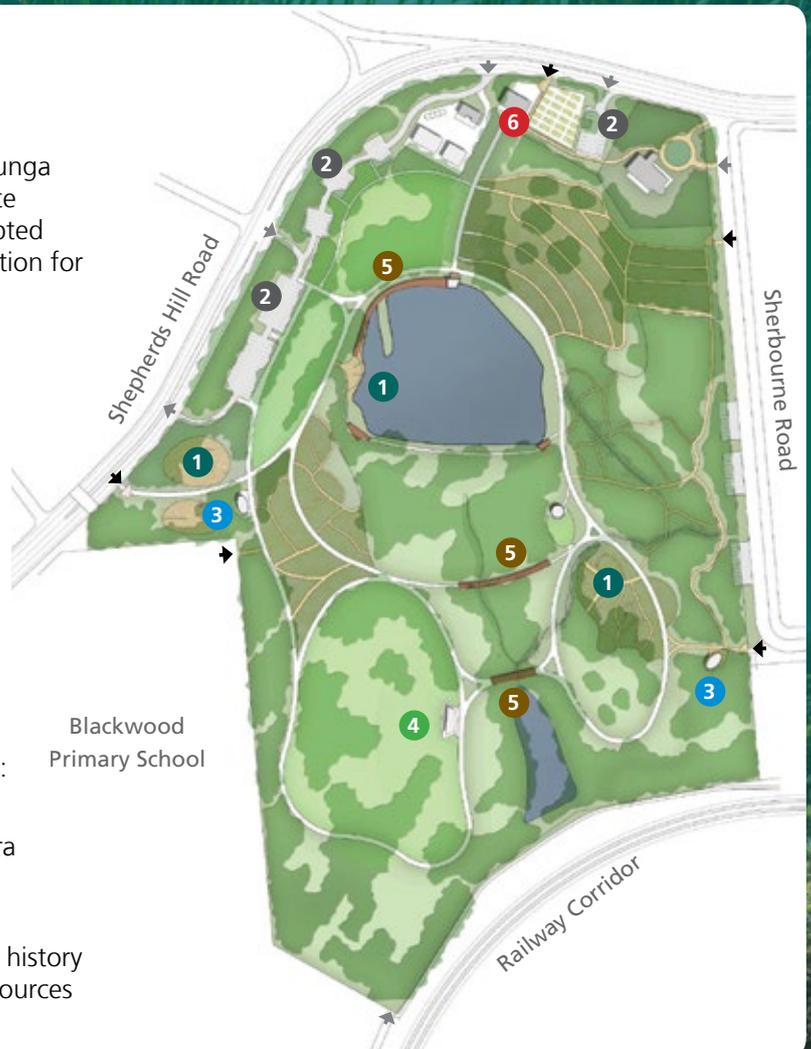
The Board of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium have initiated a review of the Wittunga Botanic Garden Masterplan. The tranquil estate showcases a diverse collection of climate-adapted South Australian plants, which provide inspiration for sustainable home gardening.

The map illustrates six proposed key developments that are being considered:

- A new Nature Play space and more natural areas for exploring **1**
- Additional car parking **2**
- New public toilets and amenities **3**
- A grassed community events and performance space **4**
- Lake enhancement, boardwalks and viewing platforms **5**
- Possible relocation of State Flora **6**

Across the entire Botanic Garden there will be:

- Renewal of living collections, including enhancing displays of South Australian flora
- Improved paths, providing better access to beautiful and important plant collections
- Interpretation of the collections and estate history through rich storytelling and education resources





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The Masterplan will guide the opportunity to create and enhance a botanical destination experience, which connects people with each other and nature. The peaceful and tranquil estate of Wittunga Botanic Garden, displays many climate-adapted South Australian plants, that inspire the creation of sustainable home gardens.

What does this proposal offer?

Enhancing this botanic destination in the Mitcham Hills can be achieved through a proposed relocation of the State Flora native nursery retail outlet; pending a business case and cost-benefit analysis for consideration. Restoring the historic Apple Store building, then opening it up to the public for the first time, will allow visitors to be inspired by the native plants on display at Wittunga and then purchase plants for their own gardens in one place. This relocation will activate and improve access to more of the State's heritage buildings and promote the use of South Australian flora for home gardening.

Over the next few years the Adelaide City Deal will be providing \$750,000 in funding for Wittunga Botanic Garden to start implementing the Masterplan vision. The Copland Foundation has provided \$43,000

for new interpretive trails and education resources and the Friends of Adelaide Botanic Garden have contributed \$10,000 to support Garden upgrades. Through Government and Philanthropic partnerships there are great plans for Wittunga Botanic Garden.

The Masterplan proposes the development of many items including grassed community event spaces, better public amenities and enhanced nature play. These initiatives offer new venues for local music and creative artists, children's play, community concerts and markets, weddings and family celebrations and other community initiatives; all connecting people with nature and each other.

Public engagement opportunity

The revised Masterplan focuses on the infrastructure development of Wittunga Botanic Garden to enhance the visitor experience and the learning, conservation, horticulture, cultural and science opportunities. We invite you to review the proposed draft Revised Masterplan and then provide comments to the Botanic Gardens on the proposal. Please email your comments to botanicgardens@sa.gov.au with the subject **"Wittunga Masterplan Engagement"**, or telephone during office hours on **08 8222 9311 before 1 November 2019**.

Indicative timeframe for Phase 1 action



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