



Adelaide Hills Garden Affair

Celebrating the joys, art, science and history of gardening

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Sunday 3rd May 2026

10 am to 3.30 pm

Stangate House & Gardens , Aldgate SA



WELCOME TO THE 2026 ADELAIDE HILLS GARDEN AFFAIR

Welcome to this special celebration for gardening and our environment. Enjoy exploring this historic property and its garden, designed nearly a century ago.

Meet Adelaide Hills exhibitors, sample their products and learn from expert advisers in the Inspiration Hub. We hope you also take time to visit the nearby villages during this beautiful autumn season.

Thank you to our sponsors, supporters, speakers, volunteers, stallholders, artists, our organising committee, and to you—our visitors—for making this event possible.

We hope you enjoy your day and look forward to welcoming you again.

Elizabeth Dobson, President

1st Prize: PRIZE VALUE \$1,800

Prunion 150P Kit- Battery secateurs from Pellenc Aust. Value \$1760; Goose from Zambesi Crafts Value \$40



WIN! Fabulous gardening prizes

2026 Adelaide Hills Garden Affair

Major Raffle LICENCE #M14970

All prizes donated—Total Value \$7,150

10 prizes to be won.

Tickets \$3 ea or 4 for \$10



Buy tickets on site

Middle Lawn or [online](#)

See page 10 for prize details



Sincere thanks to the dedicated & hard-working volunteer organising committee whose teamwork and countless hours have brought the 2026 event to life: Elizabeth Dobson (President), Jan Ball (VP), Paul Stone (Treasurer), Ann Williams (Secretary), Sue Beckoff, Jane Cathcart, Barb Field, Maggie Fletcher, Robyn Mew & Gisela McMichael.

WHERE DO I FIND SERVICES?

REFER TO CENTRE-FOLD MAP FOR LOCATIONS



Information Centre / Lost & Found



Buy Raffle tickets—2026 Major Raffle over \$7000 in Prizes.

Located on Middle Lawn adjacent to Information Centre **p. 10**



St John's 1st Aid Station

Located in the House Carpark

INSPIRATION HUB—COME CURIOUS—LEAVE INSPIRED!



Speakers' Program | Learning and Activities

Located on the Middle Lawn



Children's Programs & Face Painter

Located on the Middle Lawn



Plant Creches (2)—Leave your purchases in safe hands—collect later

- 1) Located in Stangate House Carpark —with nearby Drop off/ Pick up zone
- 2) On path leading to Euston Road entrance and food vans



REFRESHMENTS

Stangate Tea Room | Coffee Cart | Food Vans | BBQ

Locations are detailed on the centre-fold map and listed on **page 4**



Accessible Toilet

Located inside rear of House as shown on centrefold map



Toilets

Located inside rear of house | Garden Shed Lane | Path near Euston Rd entrance | Behind The Hut Community Centre



No pets allowed on site

Essential assistance dogs



Smoking or vaping is not permitted on site



LEGEND

-  Information
-  Raffle Tickets
-  First Aid
-  Speakers' Tent
-  Children's Activities & face painter
-  Artist painting on site
-  Plant Creche
-  Collect Seamungus
-  Toilets

INSPIRATION HUB – Middle Lawn

Brought to you with support from *Adelaide Hills Council*.

Activity details on [website](#)

- ◇ **TAFE Urrbrae**— Discover, Learn & Get Your Hands Dirty .
- ◇ **Hills Environment Centre**—Hands-on with nature and connect with others passionate about protecting our local environment.
- ◇ **Children’s Activities** Including ‘I Spy’ game and Face Painter (free).
- ◇ **Bugs n Slugs**—meet the bugs who work in our gardens.
- ◇ **Joe’s Connected Gardens**—Vegetable seedlings and advice.
- ◇ **Hedge Witch Gardens**—Worms and castings.

On Euston Road near food vans

⇒ **No Regrets Gardening Design** with Jenny Deans

CHILDREN’S PROGRAM (all FREE)



Children can drop in any time throughout the day to participate (must be accompanied by an adult.)

Adelaide Hills Environment Centre will present creative workshops. -

- ◇ Little Creatures—Make your own special creatures using large gumnuts.
- ◇ Native Bee Hotel—Craft a home for our buzzing friends.
- ◇ Rock Painting—Paint nature-inspired art on pebbles.

TAFE Urrbrae—hands-on fun for older children & adults

- ◆ Chat with our passionate lecturers and students | Try your hand at plant propagation | Dig into soil testing | Get up close with plant pests under the digital microscope.
- ◆ Got an eye for design? Explore creative models from our Landscape Design program showcasing the power of permaculture.
- ◆ Test your knowledge with the Conservation and Ecosystem Management team’s skull-matching game featuring native and exotic fauna.

Kris Messenger from Bugs n Slugs

10.30am Speakers’ Tent *Bugs At Work* | Followed by *Meet The Bugs*.

Explore, examine, hold some of the amazing bugs we have in our gardens.

“I Spy “ Along the Garden Path Game for young children

Detective Game looking for hidden bugs. Suitable for young children aged 3 years and above.

Fantastic prizes for finding the bugs & an Activity Book (donated by Newman’s Nursery).

Face Painting by The Rainbow Witch Face Painting by Leah the creative artist.

No Regrets Garden Design with Jenny Deans—Gardening Advice Presentations

11am, 12 noon, 1pm—Starting or changing your garden? Find out the things that other people wish they knew early on, when establishing their gardens and some tips for managing your garden for enjoyment!



Speaker Tent located on Middle Lawn

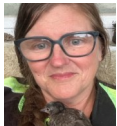
Detailed information for our speakers is on the [website](#)

SPEAKERS' PROGRAM



10:30 **Joe's Connected Garden** *Helping gardeners adapt their methods, building healthy soil and choosing resilient plant selections to thrive.* Through five connected back yards growing over 500 different edible plants, Joe has extensive experience in SA's climate.

Brought to you by Hills Environment Centre



11:00 **Kris Messenger of Bugs n Slugs:** *Bugs At Work: 5 things you can do to make the most of willing bug workers in the garden.* Followed by Children's Activity: *Meet The Bugs.* Ecologist and natural history communicator.

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11.30 **Assoc Prof. Danielle Clode:** *Gardens can pose a significant risk to houses in a bushfire, but a suitably planned and prepared garden can also reduce risk.* Author and extensive researcher into community safety and psychological preparedness.

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12:00 **Mark Smith:** *Mark will debunk Wicking Bed myths and guide you through the benefits of Wicking Beds in our Dry Climate.* Owner of Adelaide Hills Veggie Gardens for sustainable gardening enthusiasts.

Brought to you by Adelaide Hills Veggie Gardens



1:00 **Merilyn Kuchel OAM:** *Sharing the engaging history of Stangate Gardens followed by Guided tour.* Garden historian, horticultural educator and long-serving National Trust SA volunteer preserving and documenting heritage gardens. *Brought to you by National Trust SA*



1:30 **Joel Lace:** *Trees and shrubs for Autumn colour in a challenging environment.* Horticulturist at Cleveland Nursery & SA Director of the Australian Garden Council.

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2:00 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Sophie Thomson: *Future Proofing Your Garden: Creating a garden that can handle climate extremes, while still providing beauty, habitat and food.* Passionate gardener, horticulturalist & landscape advisor, media personality.

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STALLS

INSPIRATION HUB —MIDDLE LAWN [DETAILS ONLINE](#)

Raffle—Buy tickets for 10 Major Raffle Prizes Valued over \$7,000 (details **p.10**).

Information/ Lost Property Can't find what you are looking for? Get help, handouts & information and buy your raffle tickets.

Speaker Marquee All day speaker program incl. special guest Sophie Thomson (Program **p.6**) and then **Meet speaker** in adjacent tent.

Young Children's Game & Face Painter Program details p.5.

Hills Environment Centre (HEC) A vibrant mix of environmental education, creative activities and giveaways for young and old.

TAFE Urrbrae Interactive activities for all ages– propagation, soil testing, sustainable landscaping, pests under the microscope.

National Trust of South Australia Book gardens for a wedding or event, hear about programs protecting SA nature reserves and properties.

Bugs n Slugs Meet our garden heroes.

Hedge Witch Gardens Worms, castings.

Joe's Connected Gardens Edible plants for growing in a dryer climate.

Mt Barker Waldorf School Student grown plants and education info.

TOP LAWN

A New Leaf Used clothing given a new life with eco printing.

Australian Plant Society Promoting the growing of native plants.

J Hamilton Design Sculpture-firebowls, larger than life and small works.

Magnolia Bird Houses Decorative bird houses.

Pottery By Su Garden related ceramic items.

Small Trunks Bonsai Small bonsai, stock plants, wire and tools.

Tagged 4 Life Plant tags/ custom-made names.

FRONT OF STANGATE HOUSE

Biophilia Project Watercolours of Aust. flora and fauna on various items.

Handibags Finely crafted accessory bags made with garden themed fabrics.

Rosenthal Gully Original hand drawn and embroidered Australian birds & flowers and also selling Pen Morrison's **Bags of Blooms**.

Your Sculpture Garden Quirky Garden art- sculptural works.

Zambezi Crafts Handmade African crafts.

SHADE HOUSE

Camellia Society, Adelaide Hills/ Stangate House: Camellia plants.



STALLS

LOWER LAWN

Adelaide Hills Garden Supplies Plants, tools, giftware & landscaping samples.

Adelaide Hills Vegie Gardens and WaterUps Wicking beds, pots, information.

Aratama Plants Nursery plants.

Brenton Tucker Native Plants Potted native plants.

Carey Gully Camellias Potted Camellias.

Chrysanthemum and Floral Art Society Garden club with plants and flowers.

Fengate Nursery & Tupelo Nursery Perennial plants.

Fruit Share Adelaide Excess produce from gardens, farms for food charities.

Heritage Roses, Adelaide Region Growing & preserving heritage roses.

Hidden Valley Orchids Potted Orchids.

Hills Green Thumb Garden Club Plants grown for the Adelaide Hills.

Jane Sabey Ceramics Ceramic garden art.

Karkoo nursery Plants & gifts.

Kate's Patch Habitat for Life-cottage plants & bulbs & favourite old plants.

Lilium and Bulb Soc. Garden club- bulbs.

Mobishear Australia Cordless gardening tools.

Morris Outside (Wicked Weeder) Gloves, tools, accessories.

Pelargonium and Geranium Enthusiasts SA Garden Club - Plants.

Stirling and Hills Garden Club Club information and plants, win a Fairy Garden.

Trigg Plants Native & Mediterranean perennial plants incl. rare and unusual.

Valley Horticulture Potted ornamental trees and shrubs.

ROAD STALLS (Euston Road is closed to traffic)

Lynmac Metal Art Metal garden art.

Pellenc Aust Battery garden tools.

RPCutters Metal garden art.

Activity: No Regrets Gardening with Jenny Deans

FOOD and REFRESHMENTS- including the Popup STATION GARDEN CAFÉ

Brought to you by *Adelaide Advanced Trees* and HARRIS

Allure Fine Foods Gourmet selections, Coffee

Road food van

Big Softy Icecream and donuts

Road food van

Moorish Bites Moroccan street food

Road food van

Spuds and More Baked spuds & Yiros

Road food van

Chips on a Stick Fried potato curls

Road food van

What the Croque Coffee & Toasted sandwiches

Road food van

Ikigai By The Bean Coffee

Lower Lawn

The Hut BBQ (Sausage Sizzle) BBQ

Lower Lawn

Stangate Tea Room Scones/ sandwiches/ cake

Stangate House Verandah



South Australia's History Festival

Adelaide Hills Garden Affair in SA's History Festival

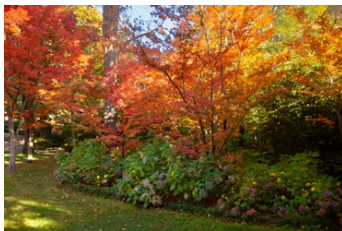
Sunday 3rd May

Discover Autumn Magic at the Garden Affair in Historic Stangate Gardens.

Explore this historic garden, a hidden Hills treasure that glows in autumn. Hear Merylyn Kuchel OAM share its engaging history and join her guided tour. Discover the famous giant oak and significant trees on a self-guided walk.

COLLECT YOUR HISTORY BROCHURE FROM THE INFORMATION TENT

Notes on the History of Stangate House and Gardens, Aldgate Railway Station and The Hut Community Centre



Aldgate Railway Station Garden 1914
Collection of State Library SA

Artists-in-Residence

Find the Adelaide Hills Garden Affair Artists

Inspired by Stangate's Gardens—Painting on site



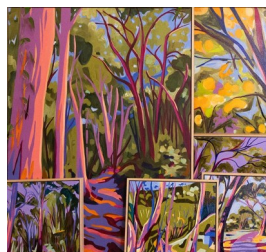
Hart Street Art Aggie Sav
Top Lawn



Renee Goulding
Lower Lawn



Tess Bartholomew
Middle Lawn





ENTER TO WIN!

10 prizes valued in total at \$7,150

[BUY TICKETS ONLINE](#) or at Information Tent Middle Lawn

\$3 each or 4 for \$10

5000 Tickets

Thank you to all the stallholders, local businesses & organisations who donated prizes

Proceeds will be shared between National Trust SA for Stangate Gardens, local CFS & AHGA

Prizes will be drawn by Adelaide Hills Council Mayor, Nathan Daniell on

Sunday 3rd May 2026 at 3.00 pm in the Speaker's Tent

- 1st** Prunion 150P Kit- Battery secateurs from Pellenc \$1760 | Metal Goose from Zambesi Crafts \$40 **PRIZE VALUE \$1800**
- 2nd** Two Professional Gardeners for a day (conditions apply) Private Donation \$800 | Wall planter from Jane Sabey Ceramics \$70 | 2021 The Foundling wine from Hahndorf Hill Winery \$65 | 3 Gardening Books from Matilda Bookshop \$120 | Vouchers from Organic Mkt \$50 | 2 Citrus Conserve from Food Share \$10 **PRIZE VALUE \$1115**
- 3rd** Hedge trimmer from Kubpower \$270 | Wheelbarrow from Coopers Rural & Hardware \$225 | Stihl Clever Axe Donor- Emmetts Stihl Oakbank \$205 | Garden Tools from Crafers Garden Centre \$200 **PRIZE VALUE \$900**
- 4th** 3 WaterUps Planter Kits from Adl Hills Vegie Gardens \$270 | Flowering Plants from Garden Depot \$100 | Conifer from Valley Horticulture \$70 | 6 Decor Garden Stakes from RP Cutters \$80 | Voucher from Verte Kitchen \$50 | Books from Danielle Clode \$70 | Gift Card Bunnings \$50 **PRIZE VALUE \$690**
- 5th** 1.5m Camellia from Carey Gully Camellias \$450 | Voucher from FRED Eatery \$75 | Embroidery from Rosenthal Gully \$35 | 2 Books from Danielle Clode \$70 | Table Runner from A New Leaf \$50 **PRIZE VALUE \$680**
- 6th** Japanese Maple from Adelaide Tree Farm \$220 | Gdn Accessories from Morris Outside \$225 | Bag from Handibags \$30 | Vouchers from Organic Mkt \$50 | Voucher from Mylor General Store \$60 **PRIZE VALUE \$585**
- 7th** Garden Tools from K&B Mitre10 Mt Barker \$150 | Garden Cart AHGA \$144 | Hamper with Voucher from Bridgewater Inn \$150 | Wine Pack from Josh Teague \$50 | Vouchers from Organic Mkt \$50 **PRIZE VALUE \$544**
- 8th** Wollemi Pine and pot from Cleveland Nursery \$170 | 3 piece Gdn Art from Lynmac Metal Art \$75 | Books from Danielle Clode \$70 | Gift Pack from Rebekka Sharkie MP \$70 | Greeting Cards from Biophilia Project \$60 | Vouchers from Organic Mkt \$50 **PRIZE VALUE \$495**
- 9th** Gift Basket & Voucher from Newman's Nursery \$200 **PRIZE VALUE \$200**
- 10th** Hamper from Karkoo Nursery \$125 | Gift Card Bunnings \$20 **PRIZE VALUE \$145**

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