



# 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 **page 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



# INSPIRATION HUB – Middle Lawn

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

Find activity details [here](#)

- ◇ **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.
- ⇒ **Varroa Mite**– Supporting bee health in your garden (Bee Biosecurity Officer, PIRSA ).

## CHILDREN’S PROGRAM (all FREE)



Children can drop in any time throughout the day to participate but 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.

**No Regrets Garden Design** with **Jenny Deans**—Gardening Advice Presentations

11am, 12 noon, 1pm— A garden design activity for older children and adults.

**“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.



## Speaker Tent located on Middle Lawn

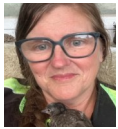
Detailed information for our speakers is [here](#)

### 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.

*Brought to you with support from Hills Environment Centre*



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. *An SA History Festival event*



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.
- Piccadilly Gardening** Gardens and tree care.
- 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

**Varroa Mite** Supporting bee health in your garden (Bee Biosecurity Officer from PIRSA)

### 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

**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

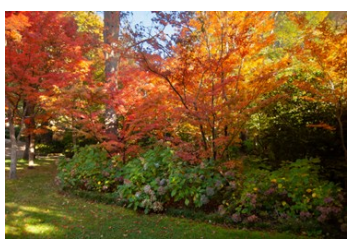
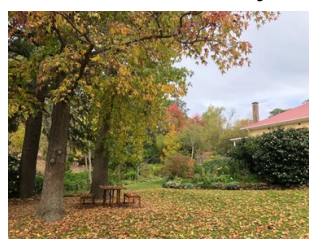
Sunday 3rd May

### 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



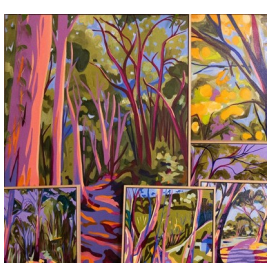
**Hart Street Art Aggie Sav**  
Top Lawn



**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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