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ABOUT OGSA

OGSA was incorporated in December 2014.

It now has 85 members and has elected an inaugural committee which comprises many well known South Australian gardening identities including horticulturalists, authors, the former ABC Gardener of the Year, previous state coordinators and several members from the current South Australian committee of Open Gardens Australia.

The Committee members are:
Chair : Vick Winnall; Deputy Chair: Lyndie Carracher; Treasurer : Rob Andrewartha;

Secretary: Jane Knowler and Marilyn Kuchel, Virginia Sheridan, Gill Hicks, Di Michalk, David Hancock; Trevor Nottle, Tom Wilkinson, Gail Heritage, Marg Wilkinson and Fiona Watson.

ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

Membership of OGSA offers people the chance to associate with like minded people, to receive exclusive members-only activities (picnics, garden visits, talks by gardening experts) and garden related products and, during the 2015/16 season, a two-for-one fully paid garden entry to a garden of their choice. There are 2 categories of membership:

General Membership for an annual subscription fee of \$30 and Foundation Membership for a one off payment of \$150 which entitles the holder to general membership for 3 years and allows him or her to make a generous \$60 donation to OGSA as seed funding. Foundation memberships are available until 30 June 2015. Membership forms are available by emailing interest@opengarden.org.au.



Ashgrove Iris Garden, Gumeracha.

Working hard to bring you open gardens this Spring

Marilyn Kuchel and Virginia Sheridan are in charge of garden selection and garden owner liaison and are in the process of preparing the programme for next year's season.

So far some 40 garden owners have said they will open their gardens for the 2015/16 season.

Some of these gardens have not previously been opened to the general public so there is a treat in store for avid garden lovers; other gardens are perennial favourites and a joy to return to each year.

The garden entrance fees will remain at \$8 but a new concession rate of \$6 will enable garden visitors with an eligible Centrelink card a more affordable option to visit SA gardens.

Children Under 18 will continue to be free.

There is a great love of gardening in South Australia. The demise of the National Open Garden scheme in no way reflects the number of people who continue to visit gardens in this state. Quite the opposite.

The gardens that have opened during the 2014/5 South Australian season have attracted record numbers.

With your help that will continue, OGSA will grow and gardening will flourish.

We look forward to a long and happy association. Please tell your family and friends about OGSA and encourage as many people as possible to become members and/or to visit gardens in the new South Australian open garden season.

About the Website

A website has been established and is being further developed every week.

This, together with social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and more traditional media outlets, both print and radio, will be an invaluable source of information to keep you posted about current happenings and garden openings. Go to www.opengardensa.org.au to find out more.



LATEST NEWS

LWe will be posting our Open Gardens SA calendar for the 2015/16 season on our web page (www.opengardensa.org.au) in June this year. Every week up until then we will be giving you a preview of up and coming gardens on Facebook as they are entered into the programme.

We are pleased to announce that "Gable Ends" at Mitcham will be opening this spring. This delightful multi-level garden compliments a heritage-listed 1945 stone house. There are lovely old elms interspersed with sustainable species against a back drop of eucalypts and other Australian natives, Judas trees, rose arbours and wisteria. There is an attractive iron front fence, terracotta edgings, dry stone walls and garden sculptures.

Right: Gable Ends at Mitcham, and (below) Autumn scenes from Ashgrove Iris Garden in Gumeracha which is also opening under the new SA program next Spring.

