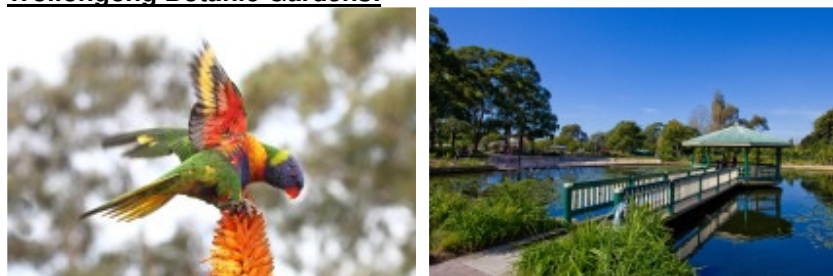


THE UNSW STAFF SOCIAL CLUB
Botanic Gardens, Buffet Lunch and Fruit Picking
Sunday 20 November 2016

Approximate Itinerary

8.00 sharp	Leave UNSW (just inside Gate 14, Barker St)
9.30	Morning tea at McDonalds – Fairy Meadows (own expense)
10.30-11.30	Free time at Wollongong Botanic Garden
11.45-1.15	Buffet Lunch at The Builders Club, Wollongong (Julianna's Buffet)
2.00-3.30	Fruit Picking at Glenebernie Orchard (The Apple Shack)
5.00approx	Arrive UNSW

Wollongong Botanic Gardens:



Wollongong Botanic Garden is a place of natural beauty where people come to relax and celebrate. The Wollongong Botanic Gardens is a great way to escape the everyday with its excellent network of paths to explore and hidden treasures to discover.

The Wollongong Botanic Garden site was originally inhabited by the Dharawal Aboriginal peoples; they remain the custodians of the land. Aboriginal culture and identity has been preserved in the Garden.

1825 – 1928: James Spearing acquires 2000 acres of land including the current Botanic Garden site and named it 'Paulsgrove Estate'. In 1836, John Leahy purchases 'Paulsgrove' and renames it 'Mt Keera Estate'. Upon his passing in 1839, his heirs subdivide the estate into farming and house lots. In 1919 James Fitzgerald purchases 75 acres and two years later built the Discovery Centre, previously named it 'Cratloe'. In 1928, Sidney Hoskins purchases the 75 acres of land, in 1938 he completed building his family home 'Gleniffer Brae Manor'. Their original garden around the Manor was designed and planted by landscape architect Paul Sorenson and sets the scene for the future inspiration of the Botanic Garden. The 'Cratloe' cottage is given to Hoskin's Gardener, Eric Winter in 1937.

1950s : In 1951, Hoskins donates a 46 acres of the estate to Wollongong City Council for the purpose of building a Botanic Garden and a further 36 acres was purchased by the Department of Housing. In 1954, Glenniffer Brae and surrounding areas (15.5 acres) were purchased by the Sydney Church of England Girls Grammar School (SCEGGS). A year later they purchased a further 20 acres from the Wollongong City Council.

1960s : In 1963, the Wollongong Botanic Garden developing the Garden to represent Professor Peter Spooner's (University of NSW) Master Plan. The first plantings on the Azalea bank are installed in 1964. In 1966, Wollongong City Council purchased 'Cratloe' and the adjoining 2.5 acres. This became the home of the Garden Curator until 1978. In 1968, the Botanic Garden was opened to the public during working hours and in that same year, Council obtain a \$9,500 grant to build The Sir Joseph Banks Glasshouse within the Garden.

1970s : In 1971, the Garden is officially opened to the public on 2 January. More than 6,000 people visited within the first year. Construction of the Walled Rose Garden took place between 1975 and 1978. The Rose Garden today still contains a large selection of international rose varieties. Wollongong City Council purchases Gleniffer Brae and the surrounding grounds on 7 July 1978.

1980s : The Wet Schlerophyll habitat was created in 1980. Swamp Mahogany, Sydney Blue Gums and Port Jackson Figs were planted within this new feature of the Garden. The Woodland Garden was created, with a range of exotic species being planted like Maples, Magnolias, Birches and Dogwoods. The Dry Land Plant collection, the Dry Sclerophyll Forest, the Herb Garden and the Exotic Rainforest was also developed during this decade.

1990s : The Friends of the Botanic Garden donated the gazebo adjacent to the Woodland Garden in 1991 and in 1993 the iconic Kawasaki bridge was built.

2000s: The Wollongong Botanic Garden Visitor Centre was opened in 2001.

The Builders Club – Buffet lunch (Julianna’s Buffet):

Julianna's all you can eat Family Restaurant won't leave you hungry, and offers a great selection of dishes from salads to desserts. Everyone is catered for! The food is legendary and the selection is astounding! The tales from Julianna's Buffet with all you can eat seafood, carvery, Asian, salad, desserts & more continue like wildfire to spread far and wide!



Glenbernie Orchard – Pick your own fruit

The farm is located at Darkes Forest on the picturesque Illawarra Escarpment, adjacent to the Dharawal National Park.

Casey and Brandon (4th generation and gen 'y') pushed the older members of the Fahey family in the direction of cider making, confident that their apples would make sensational flavoured cider. Armed with generations of experience in apple farming our family began a journey to understand what was required to make a cider that locals and visitors alike would enjoy. It was important to their family that they use 100% fresh crushed apple. The idea of delivering a pure apple cider became a reality when they discovered that the varieties of apple already grown on the farm were perfectly suitable.

We will be taken on a farm tour to picking stone fruits – peaches, nectarines and berries (might vary according to season). Taste alcoholic and non-alcoholic cider brewed from their own fresh crushed apples. You are also able to purchase their products. They also have honey, honey wines, assorted fresh and dried fruit, juices, apple cider vinegar, jams and relishes. A fun picking tour experience for the whole family! Come and see this working orchard, pick and taste fruit straight from the tree, and take some home for later.

Cost including: transportation from and to UNSW, Visit to Wollongong Botanic Gardens, Buffet lunch and fruit picking:
Members: \$50 each (and one guest at \$50 – i.e. max. 2 each at \$50)
Children: \$25 each, Guests: \$60 each

Sorry no telephone bookings and no refunds. For any enquiries: please contact Nadia Withers, 0410-669-567 or n.withers@unsw.edu.au . Deadline: Friday, 3/11/2016

To : Nadia Withers, 63 Jennings St., Matraville 2036
Due Date: Friday 3/11/2016
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---- places at \$50 each (max. 2 each at \$50)	\$-----
---- places at \$25 each (children)	\$-----
---- places at \$60 each	\$-----
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$-----</u>

A cheque for \$----- made payable to The UNSW Staff Social Club is enclosed.
Bank Transfer OK – email Nadia for details