

THE UNSW STAFF SOCIAL CLUB
Town and Country Gardens – Southern Highlands
Sunday 27/4/2014

Autumn in the NSW Southern Highlands is a very special time of year, trees glow with colour and gardens enjoy a late flower flush. The opening of Oldbury Farm (1820), Oldbury Cottage and Oldbury Vale along with other significant gardens in the Southern Highlands are some of the enjoyable events in the 2014 Town and Country week-end. You will be able to enjoy those Autumn colours of the magnificent cool climate gardens.

All funds raised go directly to the establishment of the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens.

Approximate Itinerary

8.00am	Leave UNSW (just inside Gate 14, Barker St)
9.30-10.00	Morning tea break at McDonalds in Mittagong (own expense)
10.30-12.00	Visits to Oldbury Farm, Oldbury Vale and Oldbury Cottage (Sutton Forest)-adjoining properties.
12.30-1.45	Lunch at Mittagong RSL Club (main meal, dessert and tea/coffee)
2.15-3.30	Visits to 2 gardens in Bowral including a plant stall (time permitting)
5.30 approx	Arrive UNSW

Oldbury Farm/Vale/Cottage (Sutton Forest) : You will be able to use the services of a shuttle bus for transport between these 3 properties.

Oldbury Farm: A fine 1820's sandstone homestead is the centerpiece to this large garden encircled by layered Hawthorn hedges. Many very old Elms and conifers dominate the garden which has extensive perennial filled garden beds, sweeping lawns and precisely trimmed conifer hedges. Ongoing development has seen the inclusion of a native garden, a prairie style garden and the nascent Arboretum replete with fire pit and lookout.

Oldbury Vale: This country garden was redesigned in 2006 to accommodate a new Richard Rowe designed house which replaced a 1950's weather board cottage. Many of the mature trees are from the 1950's while most of the garden beds were created with the new house. This garden displays a lavish array range of shrubs, Hydrangeas, perennials and ornamental grasses interspersed with free standing stone walls. A very impressive orchard is located to the south of the house.

Oldbury Cottage : A new garden established in 2005 to surround a renovated sandstone shepherds hut with a new addition by Richard Rowe. The garden connects to the broader landscape with the use of a Ha Ha and a sandstone flagged courtyard is surrounded by a cottage style garden which provides a sheltered area for entertaining. Beautiful book leaf stone retaining walls feature throughout the garden and reflect the character of the early shepherds hut. Bhutan Cypress (*Cupressus torulosa*) to the west, provide an important windbreak from the extreme Winter winds.

Lunch at Mittagong RSL Club: A main meal (Fish and Chips or Roast of the day), dessert (Pavlova & Fruit Salad) and tea/coffee will be served.

Greenwood Garden (Bowral): Water links various areas in this 5 acres garden to create a cool ambience where tree ferns, rhododendron, camellia and magnolia thrive. A descending rill takes advantage of the slope and the lake is enjoyed through a copse of eucalypts. Autumn is a particularly vibrant time in this seasonal garden.

Quindalup Garden (including plant stall) (Bowral) : 'Quindalup' is an aboriginal word meaning happy place, and indeed it is. Early plantings began in 1973 with a backdrop of eucalypts. Today it is a grand park of 10 acres with the Conifers, particularly the firs and spruce as the focus of the garden. A plant collector's garden of rare trees and shrubs.

Plant Stall: A vast array of rare, unusual and hard to find plants all grown by the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens Plant Propagators Group. Plants include Daphne, species and Maples, locally bred Daffodil bulbs, many rare salvias and much, much more.

Cost including: transportation from and to UNSW, Visit to 5 gardens and lunch:
Member (and one guest each at \$70): \$70;
Children \$25 each;
Guests: \$80 each

Sorry no telephone bookings and no refunds. For any enquiries: please contact Nadia Withers, 9385-3652 or n.withers@unsw.edu.au - Deadline: Friday 11/4/14.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: * Information will be emailed closer to the date

Sunday 15/6/14 – Madame Tussauds Wax Museum
Wed 9/7/14 – The Lion King – The Musical
Fri 11/7/14 – Snow White Winter Family Musical
Tues 30/9/14 – The King and I – The Musical*
Sun 26/10/14 – Bathurst Open Gardens*
Sun 16/11/14 – A Day Trip to Macarthur Region*
Wed 19/11/14 – Wicked The Musical *
Sat/Sun 6-7/12/14 Cherry Picking Week-end in Orange*

To : Nadia Withers, School of Marketing, UNSW, Sydney NSW 2052
TOWN & COUNTRY GARDENS – SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS
Deadline: 11/4/14.

Name: -----

School/Home Address: ----- Extn. No. -----

Email Address: ----- Mobile No./Home No.: -----

Dietary Requirements (if any): -----

----- places at \$70 each (max. 2 each at \$70) \$-----
----- places at \$25 each \$-----
----- places at \$80 each \$-----

Total \$-----

A cheque for \$----- made payable to The UNSW Staff Social Club is enclosed

(Cash OK by prior arrangement – to be hand-delivered – Quad 3031B)