**GARDENERS’ CIRCLE WA INC**

**‘SOUTHERN FORESTS’, 09-12 NOVEMBER 2015**

**FINAL ITINERARY**

**DAY ONE Monday 09 November 2015**

07:45am Depart Advent Park, Maida Vale

08:30am Depart Tourist Coach Stand, Wellington Street, outside Perth City rail station

09:00am Depart South Perth Civic Centre

10:45am Garden #1, **Stirling Cottage,** **Harvey**

Morning tea

*The cottage is a 1994 built replica of the original cottage built in the mid-1800s by Governor Stirling, which housed a succession of pioneering farming families. May Gibbs lived here in 1885 and 1886, drawing inspiration from the bush for her stories and illustrations of Snugglepot and Cuddlepie.*

11:45am Garden #2, **‘Woodfield’, Donnybrook**

Jack and Rae Stannard

*The garden features fine native trees, tall grass trees and mature grevilleas. Rocks are a major design feature in the garden.*

Lunch stop in **Balingup**

2.30pm Garden #3 – ‘**River Gums’, Balingup**

Di Whincop

Cup of tea

*For some of us this is our 3rd visit to this garden, seeing it grow from swampy tangled undergrowth to a landscape of beautiful flowing ponds. Vegetation of the steep hillside path is the most recent improvement.*

4:45pm **Woodgate Winery, Manjimup**

Mark Aitken

*A family-owned winery offering a taste of the region.*

5:30pm Arrive at **The Kingsley Motel, Manjimup (3 nights)**

*The recently renovated restaurant and bar have received excellent reviews.*

*Ground floor rooms; 3 acres of grounds.*

7.00pm Dinner at The Kingsley

**DAY TWO Tuesday 10 November 2015 – in and around Nannup**

08.30am Depart Manjimup hotel

09:30am Garden #4 -  **‘Nyth Y Dryw’, Nannup**

Maggie and Bob Longmore

Morning tea

*A 3-hectare property with a very eclectic mix of tress, plants, netted food forest, shade houses and aquaponics. Bob broadcasts on Curtin Radio.*

11:00am Free time in **Nannup**

11:45am Garden #5 – **Holberry House**, **Nannup**

Louise and Chris Stokes

*A 4 acre property with pleasant B&B facilities and woodland garden, right in the centre of town.*

*Sculpture Walk &picnic lunch in the garden*

1.00pm Garden #6 – **Val Tanner, Nannup**

Val and Neville Tanner

*A steeply terraced garden keeping much native vegetation, going right down to the Blackwood River.*

*Peaceful river views from the sheltered deck.*

2:15pmGarden #7 **–** **Nannup Clockworks**

Kevin and Margie Bird

*The largest hand-made wooden clock in the world, an amazing piece of ongoing workmanship and art which deserves the highest accolades. A small delightful cottage garden surrounds the home.*

3.30pmGarden #8 **– ‘Gullyfoot Rise’, Nannup**

Cup of tea

Jenny and Brian De Garis

*A ‘two-hemisphere garden’, where the owners display their love of both northern and southern hemisphere plants.*

5.45pmReturn to Manjimup

7.00pm Dinner at The Kingsley Motel

**DAY THREE Wednesday 11 November 2015 – in and around Manjimup and Pemberton**

08.30am Depart Manjimup hotel

9.00am **Fontanini’s, Seven Day Road, Manjimup**

Tony and Shirley Fontanini

Morning tea

*Nut farm, apple orchard, avocados - a long established local family and producer in the area.*

11:00am **Garden #9** –‘**Balbarrup’, Dingup**

Sally and John Towie

*A garden of impressive conifers and exotic trees, as well as roses, perennials, hydrangeas, lavateras..*

*The area is rich in local history.*

12:15pm **Garden # 10** – ‘**Memories’, Manjimup**

Carol and Grant Monk

Picnic lunch

*A large country garden celebrating friends and memories. Deciduous trees, sweeping lawns and extensive borders make a frame-work for plantings of cottage perennials and annuals, as well as an interesting range of exotic shrubs.*

2.30pm Garden #11 – **Lakeside Garden, Pemberton**

Sally and Charles Rothon

Cup of tea

*A large country garden full of birds and winding paths, with both exotic and native plants. Deciduous azaleas are a highlight in spring.*

4.30pm **Timber and Heritage Park** OR ‘**Mitre 10 Nursery**,Manjimup

Suggested optional visits

*While timber was the town’s major industry the region is a centre for fruit and vegetable farms, dairy farms and wineries – Pink Lady apples, cherries and more recently truffles..*

7.00pm Dinner at The Kingsley Motel

**DAY FOUR Thursday 12 November 2015**

8.30am Depart Manjimup hotel

9.00am Garden #12 **– ‘Stony Bottom’, Bridgetown**

Elaine and Neil Teague

*A terraced garden near the Blackwood River with something for everyone. In addition to the diverse planting there is a bog garden and an impressive clump of Acanthus mollis.*

10:15am Garden #13 - **‘Melrose’, Bridgetown**

Anne and Robin Palmer

Morning tea

*We are invited back to this delightful cottage garden which some will remember from the Balingup Bridgetown trip in 2013. The garden is packed with roses and riotous spring colour.*

11:45am **‘Hillview Nursery**’, Bridgetown

Carolyn Cabassi

*Carolyn is a professional landscape gardener who stocks unusual plants amongst the collection of tried and true favourites. A last shopping opportunity!*

1:00pm Lunch stop in Donnybrook (picnic lunch)



2:00pm Depart for Perth

2.25pm Comfort stop in Brunswick Junction (optional)

4.30pm ETA Perth

