

# Strathalbyn Garden Club's 9th May 2014 Hills outing



Salvage and Save have a huge range of out door / garden furniture and furnishings; Yvette found plenty of stock on the shelves to choose from.



This view of Mt Lofty Botanic Gardens is from a trip on 1st May 2009.



Above - the Roach garden was full of colour; one of 100 roses in the garden;  
Below - brollies were in order for the day.



Friday 9th May 2014 is a day 45 members of the Strathalbyn Garden Club will long remember - we headed off with our trusty bus operator, Gavin Rufus, destined for our day trip into the Hills.

Little did we know that we were going to experience one of the wettest Strathalbyn Garden Club outings on record, but spirits were not dampened.

Our first stop was Salvage and Save on Windmill Hill between Mt Barker and Hahndorf, it is like a giant opportunity shop and some of our members took the opportunity to make purchases, while others spent their time looking at what is available.

With rain still falling, we arrived at the Mt Lofty Botanic Gardens and our guides boarded the bus for our tour of the gardens - we could see the beautiful autumn colours, but our view was not clear through the rain streaked windows of the bus.

Arriving at Crafers, where we were to visit two neighbouring gardens it was still raining, so with wet weather gear and brollies for protection, we headed off, with our b.y.o. lunches in hand.

We received a very warm welcome, being invited into the Roach's warm living room where most of us found a seat and ate lunch as John Roach told us about his garden which receives an annual rain fall of two metres, a bit different from Strathalbyn's 20 inches.

Trevor Nottle told us about his garden while we remained warm and dry, before we braved the elements for tours of both lovely gardens.

Gavin found a dry spot for afternoon tea under the canopy of a disused service station - he is so resourceful.

Our last stop for the day was at The Plant Depot at Mt Barker, where members were able to purchase from a lovely selection of trees, shrubs, ground covers and seedlings.

Thanks Maria for planning our lovely, memorable May, Hills garden outing.

Pots for plants and broom storage on the verandah; an unusual cyclamen; garden writer Trevor Nottle at the computer.



Viewing some of Trevor's old gardening books including one from the 1500s, the first UK print to include American vegetables.



The Plant Depot; Good variety of trees, shrubs, elegant urns, lots of pots and plenty of bright potted colour.

