

# CAMPERDOWN BOTANIC GARDENS AND ARBORETUM

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## Partnership with Council

Meetings of the Botanic Gardens and Arboretum Restoration Group canvassed various models for community involvement in the conservation, maintenance and development of the Botanic Gardens and Arboretum, drawing on the strengths and weaknesses of arrangements at other gardens locations.

A model was developed acknowledging the central role of the Council as land manager, yet calling for the establishment of an expert group to provide advice to Council. Community contributions to support the work of the Council in relation to the Botanic Gardens and Arboretum would be provided through a Trust to raise friends and funds, conduct projects and co-ordinate engagement and volunteer efforts.



## THE ROAD TO CHELSEA

Theatre Royal, Camperdown  
Sunday 13 October 2013  
2 pm to 4 pm  
Tickets \$15

Tickets available at the Corangamite Shire office in Camperdown or at the door. Enquiries to Janet O'Hehir on 0427 629 557.

This event is presented by the Camperdown Botanic Gardens and Arboretum restoration group and the Dry Stone Walls Association of Australia, and supported by Corangamite Shire and the Victorian Government's Building Stronger Communities project.



Join us in celebrating the work of Camperdown's rock star Alistair Tune – waller, artist in stone and member of the winning Australian team at London's Chelsea flower show.

Guest speakers will highlight some of the unique stone structures in the South West, from traditional farm walls to modern sculpture – and plans for a Guilfoyle rockery in a regional botanic garden.





## Conservation Management Plan

The Working Group established to develop a draft brief for the preparation of a Conservation Management Plan for the entire Camperdown Botanic Gardens and Arboretum site reported in June.

Corangamite Shire Director of Sustainable Development Ian Gibb has prepared a draft application for funding, which is to be submitted to the State Government's *Putting Locals First* fund.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

13 October 2 pm Theatre Royal, Camperdown  
'The Road to Chelsea'  
a talk by Alistair Tune

29 November: 2 pm Killara Centre, Camperdown  
Film screening, 'Greenfingers'



Community members and Corangamite Shire staff (and a large horse) assess the situation at the Arboretum.



### What's growing?

#### *Cassine crocea* (African Holly)

The National Trust's Register of Significant Trees lists three species from the Camperdown Botanic Gardens and Arboretum. This one, which can be found growing near the old potting shed, is *Cassine crocea* (sometimes known as *Eleodendron croceum*).

Originally classified as a holly (hence the common name), this tree from southern Africa is uncommon in Australian gardens and listed as rare and endangered in its natural habitat.

Evergreen with dark green leathery leaves, its most striking characteristic is the yellow bark, from which it takes the second part of its name 'croceum', meaning yellow like a crocus.

Download the Trust Trees app to learn more about Victoria's significant trees.

### Film screening

The Camperdown Botanic Gardens and Arboretum restoration group, in partnership with the Corangamite Film Society, will be hosting a free screening of the delightful British film 'Greenfingers' for members of the district's Garden Clubs (and anyone else with an interest in gardens and gardening). Featuring the talents of Dame Helen Mirren and Clive Owen, the film as has been described as a funny, generous, heart-warming, garden-affirming experience. No guns, no car chases, no special effects and no violence!

Friday 29 November  
2 pm  
Killara Centre, Camperdown

