

Understanding Place

THE RESOURCE OF LANDSCAPE



The University Club of Western Australia, Hackett Drive, Crawley

Saturday 12 March 2011 from 8.40am until 6.30pm

Registration, coffee and specialist book stall opening at 8.10am

A range of distinguished presenters and audience participants will consider the 'big picture' of landscape with reference to indigenous and settler history, contemporary case studies and possibilities for the future. The forum will be opened by Professor Alan Robson, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Western Australia, and eminent agricultural scientist.

Speakers include:

- **Richard Aitken** is an architect, and author of *The Garden of Ideas: Four Centuries of Australian Style*. He contributed to *Reframing Darwin* (2009) and is co-author of *The Oxford Companion to Australian Gardens* (2002), *Botanical Riches* (2006) and *Gardenesque* (2004).
- **Juliet Ramsay**, landscape planning specialist representing Australia on the Cultural Landscapes International Scientific Committee of ICOMOS. In Western Australia Juliet is known for writing *Parks, Gardens and Special Trees* for the Australian Heritage Commission.
- **Craig Burton**, adjunct professor of Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts at the University of Western Australia. Craig has received many design awards for new work in historic Australian landscapes, the most recent being the Walter Burley-Griffin Award for Urban Design in 2010.
- **Stuart Read**, landscape specialist with the New South Wales Department of Planning, with experience in developing a national biodiversity strategy, regional forest assessments (including in WA) and historic place management. Stuart is an active landscape historian who led a tour to Spain for the Historic Houses Trust of New South Wales in 2010.
- **Simon Lang**, geologist, who will outline Western Australia's geology and speak about the relationship between minerals and plants. Simon has spent many years living in remote areas of Australia and can navigate by recognising certain eucalypts.
- **Marion Blackwell**, eminent landscape architect and botanist, perhaps best known for her design of the grounds of Murdoch University, who has collected and named numerous plant species. Marion will talk about the evolution of Western Australia's special flora.
- **Stephanie Clegg**, landscape planner with the WA Department of Planning. Together with departmental colleague Tara Cherrie, Stephanie developed an award-winning visual landscape planning manual, and advises on landscape impacts of development proposals while retaining a keen interest in remnant urban bushland.
- **Ruth Morgan**, a PhD student in environmental history at UWA specialising in climate change since the European settlement of Western Australia.
- **John Viska**, founding member of the Western Australian branch of the Australian Garden History Society, and horticulturist specialising in Perth's garden history. He compiled *A Guide to Conserving and Interpreting Gardens in Western Australia*.

Tickets include ***The Garden of Ideas*** presentation by Richard Aitken, and cocktail party \$150

AGHS and National Trust members \$100

Students \$80

Please visit www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au to purchase tickets by Wednesday 9th March

