Mount Annan Botanic Garden

You could win $300!

It has been five years since Mount Annan Botanic Garden’s Master Plan was completed by consultants Spackman and Mossop. So it is time to revisit the priorities and strategic directions it recommended.

We encourage you to assist us in that review process by completing this questionnaire. It deals with the eleven areas identified by Spackman and Mossop as priorities for the Garden.

Your feedback will assist us with our future goal setting and planning for the Garden so your input is very important.

Please tick the boxes and make comment in the spaces provided. Where appropriate, you can tick more than one box.

When completed, we would appreciate your returning the questionnaire to us by 14 November 2005. It can be emailed to tracey.armstrong@rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au OR mailed to Mount Annan Botanic Garden, Mount Annan Drive, Mount Annan NSW 2567 OR dropped in to our Entry Booth or a collection box in the Visitor Centre.

All people who return a completed questionnaire will be entered into the draw for a $300 gift voucher from our Garden Shop. So we encourage you to take the time to give us your honest feedback, and to ensure your chance of winning this gift voucher prize. Please don’t forget to fill in your name, address and telephone number.

If you have any questions about the review process please call me on 46347901 or our Garden Information Officer, Tracey Armstrong, on (02) 46347939. The results of the questionnaire will be available on our website www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au from 18 November 2005. The lucky prize winner will be notified by telephone and by mail.

Many thanks and good luck! The Garden’s future relies on your continuing support.

Caz McCallum
Managing Curator
Mount Annan Botanic Garden

Name: _______________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________________________________
MASTER PLAN REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Have you visited Mount Annan Botanic Garden before? ☐ Yes  ☐ No

2. What is/was the main purpose of your visit? __________________________________________
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3. Have you ever visited the Garden’s website www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au? ☐ Yes  ☐ No
If so, did it provide the information you required? ☐ Yes  ☐ No
If it didn’t, how could it be improved?_______________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________

4. Have you visited or used the:
☐ Playground  ☐ Garden Shop/Visitor Centre  ☐ Restaurant
☐ Theme Gardens  ☐ Taken a guided tour  ☐ BBQs and picnic areas
☐ Walking trails. What could be improved? __________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________

5. What do you like and enjoy most about Mount Annan Botanic Garden? Please number your preferences.
(1 = Best)
☐ Physical beauty  ☐ Fresh air  ☐ Recreation facilities
☐ Educational activities  ☐ Shopping  ☐ Remnant natural areas
☐ Fauna  ☐ Restaurant  ☐ Australian plant gardens
☐ Walking trails  ☐ Other (please specify) __________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________

6. Do you have a favourite area at Mount Annan Botanic Garden? ☐ Yes  ☐ No
Please number your preferences if you do. (1 = Best)
☐ Woodland  ☐ Bottlebrush Garden  ☐ Wattle Garden
☐ Terrace/Connections Garden  ☐ Playground  ☐ Banksia Garden
Other: __________________________________________  Why? __________________________
________________________________________________________________________________

7. Have you or your children attended any classes/courses at Mount Annan Botanic Garden?
☐ Yes  ☐ No  If yes, what activities?
________________________________________________________________________________
What educational activities would you like to see offered in the Garden?
________________________________________________________________________________

8. There are a few artistic installations at Mount Annan Botanic Garden. Please tick what you have seen:
☐ The Room with a View sculpture  ☐ The snail family wooden sculptures
☐ The Blue Ruin tree  ☐ The Sundial  ☐ The Wallabies
☐ Federation Maze
Would you like to see more artistic installations? ☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ No opinion
9. Is the signage about Mount Annan Botanic Garden:

- [ ] interesting
- [ ] easy to read
- [ ] sufficient
- [ ] in good condition
- [ ] poor
- [ ] No opinion?

Comment: ________________________________________________________________

10. At Mount Annan Botanic Garden we conduct research and trials on Australian plants for conservation and sometimes for commercial release e.g. the Wollemi Pine and Flannel Flower. Do you consider this work important?  

- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] No opinion

Why? ________________________________________________________________

11. Mount Annan Botanic Garden’s Millennium Seed Bank collects and saves seed from NSW including rare and endangered plant species. Do you think conservation should be an important function of the Garden?  

- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] No opinion

12. A goal of Mount Annan Botanic Garden is to manage fire and maintain a green corridor link to the Nepean River to safeguard growing numbers of native animals e.g. wallabies, birds and reptiles. Do you consider this work important?  

- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] No opinion

13. How do you rate the importance of the Garden’s work to protect, extend and improve natural remnant Cumberland Plain Woodland on site?  

- [ ] High  
- [ ] Moderate  
- [ ] Low  
- [ ] No opinion

14. Following the recent road reversal, do you believe access and views have been improved?  

- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] No change  
- [ ] No Opinion

15. What would improve access to the Garden for you? ________________________________________________________________

16. How important do you believe Mount Annan Botanic Garden is to the local and regional community?  

- [ ] Extremely  
- [ ] Very  
- [ ] Moderately  
- [ ] Not very

Why?  

- [ ] Green lungs of the region  
- [ ] Open recreation space  
- [ ] Cultural activities  
- [ ] Scientific hub  
- [ ] Events  
- [ ] Natural areas  
- [ ] Fauna haven  
- [ ] Tourist gateway to the Macarthur  
- [ ] Australian plants showcase  
- [ ] Other ________________________________________________________________

17. Do you believe Mount Annan Botanic Garden should develop more partnerships e.g. with Local Government, RTA and Landcom so that the plantings and promotion outside the Garden can announce its presence?  

- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] No opinion

18. The Garden is a full partner in the developing Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living. Do you believe partnerships like this are important to the Garden’s future?  

- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  

Why? ________________________________________________________________

19. Entry fees to the Garden assist with its running costs. Are you happy to continue paying fees which contribute to the Garden’s facilities?  

- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] No Opinion

Comment: ________________________________________________________________
20. Are you a member of the Friends of the Gardens?  □ Yes  □ No
If not, are you aware that for an annual fee of $64, a family of 1 or 2 adults with children under 18 who live in the same household, can come to the Garden for ‘free’ as often as they please?  □ Yes  □ No
Comment: __________________________________________________________

21. Are you from □ the local area  □ metropolitan Sydney  □ country NSW  □ Interstate  □ Overseas?

22. What is your age group?  □ under 18  □ 18-30  □ 31-40  □ 41 – 50
□ 51 -60  □ over 61
When you visit the Garden, do you usually come
□ alone  □ with one or more adults
□ as a large group of family and/or friends
□ as a small family (two adults, two children)
□ other? __________________________________________________________

23. Are you aware that the Garden has researched and developed plants which are commercially available?  □ Yes  □ No

24. Do you know that the Garden can be hired for a range of functions including weddings, conferences, seminars, photography?  □ Yes  □ No

25. Did you know that Mount Annan Botanic Garden encourages individual sponsorship – such as for trees and bench seats in the Garden?  □ Yes  □ No
Comment: __________________________________________________________

26. Have you found staff in the Garden to be:
□ Helpful  □ Informative  □ Friendly
□ Visible  □ Other? __________________________________________________

27. What could the Garden improve?
□ Signage  □ Walking tracks  □ Garden presentation
□ BBQ and outdoor settings  □ Education/conference facilities
□ Food outlet  □ Children’s attractions  □ Parking
□ Customer focus  □ Other: __________________________________________
Comment: __________________________________________________________

28. What do you want Mount Annan Botanic Garden to be like in 10 years time e.g. developments, facilities, attractions, events etc.
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___________________________________________________________________

Name: __________________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________
Phone: ________________________