

Community Greening

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MDSI Community Garden Botanic Garden Tour

The excursion was held on Monday 8 Nov 2010 in partnership with Botanic Gardens' Program as the Green Street Coordinator arranged activities for the day.

We visited the Tropical Centre first where we saw the Australian tropical pyramid and the tropical lowland (hot) and then the tropical montane (cool) and learnt a little about the plants in each of the eco systems.

Then we went behind the scenes and visited Australia's oldest works depot and nursery – which supports the whole botanic garden and display glasshouses. Here we learnt about plant hygiene, potting mixes and the propagating facility with climate controlled mist and heated benches, then to the cool fernery

and to a shared lunch, followed by a discounted coffee courtesy of MDSI.

We also went (after coffee) through the Cadi Jam Ora Garden (The First Encounters site and site of the first farm) where we saw plants originally cultivated by Captain Cook's first settle, such as coffee, strawberries, prickly pear, figs and chamomile.

We returned on the trackless train (trackless) back to the Opera House gate.

It was a great day we all enjoyed, we learned a lot and visited areas of the Garden we hadn't seen before. Thank you and much appreciated.

- Above: Exploring the Sydney
- Tropical Centre with Phil.

News Naming Competition

It is time to give the Community Greening Newsletter a more interesting and creative name. And we would like your help to name it. We would like a name that captures the spirit of the Community Greening program and the people involved. Please send your ideas for a fun and catchy new name for the newsletter to yolande.presland@rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au or write to Yolande Presland, the Royal Botanic Garden, Mrs Macquaries Rd, Sydney NSW 2000, and you could win a copy of the book 'From the Ground Up-a complete garden guide for NSW gardeners' by Linda, Sandra and Graham Ross. Please have your entries in by 5 pm on Tuesday 31 May 2011.

Last Chance for a FREE anniversary fruit tree

Now is your last chance to receive a free fruit tree of your choice for your community garden. Please contact Yolande, Phil, Elizabeth or Felicity if you would like a tree for your community garden and you haven't received one yet. Email Yolande on yolande.presland@rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au or ring her on 0408 614 733. Office number is 9231 8363.

