

# HOW YOU CAN HELP



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Account name: Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens  
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## MAKE A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION

Contact us to make a tax deductible donation.

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## HELP BUILD OUR EDUCATION CENTRE

The Education Centre will be the hub of the education function of the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens. It will be a modern and dynamic facility providing an opportunity for community groups to hold and attend lectures, workshops and demonstrations in any weather.

 Southern Highlands  
**Botanic Gardens**



# A MODERN DYNAMIC FACILITY



**CHARLIE ALBONE**  
PROMINENT LANDSCAPE DESIGNER

“ The development of the South Highlands Botanic Gardens is a project I fully support and it continues to grow with the exciting new education centre. This part of the gardens will play a vital role in the development of the site, as well as becoming a place the community, schools and visitors will come to love and use on a regular basis...”

Charlie assists with SHBG fundraising and fully supports the project.



## WHO WILL USE THE EDUCATION CENTRE?

The potential users of this building are endless.

School children, who already come to the Garden, can have some of their Garden classes in-doors. We will welcome local garden clubs to come more frequently to hold meetings and workshops. The community at large can participate and enjoy special sessions on gardening techniques and the like.

Residents of retirement villages and nursing homes will have a new outing destination and be provided with information sessions on the Garden and horticulture subjects if they are unable to move easily around the Garden itself.

There is a chance to welcome all sectors of the community to attend dynamic events to be held in this modern building.

## A WELCOME FACILITY FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS

Our events program is growing. We need a building to make our events weather-proof and less prone to cancellation.

Workshops for kids to make solar lanterns and kites can be held in-doors instead of erecting tents. Art classes and exhibitions of art and photography are new and exciting events for this building.

Large community events, such as the Autumn Plant Fair, will be lifted to a higher dimension with the opportunity for guest presenters to ‘hold court’ on focus gardening topics in the comfort of a building; our Earth Hour event can offer presentations for interest groups on night photography, star gazing, environmental subjects; a variety of visiting speakers can hold lectures in conjunction with major functions or as a solo event.



## WHAT IS THE COST FOR THE EDUCATION CENTRE?

The target funding amount is \$500,000, but we may need more. This cost includes the building construction, solar panels, air-conditioning, audio-visual equipment, kitchenette fitout and essentials such as tables and chairs. We also need to landscape the immediate area and, although volunteers will be asked to assist with this part of the project, there is a cost for plants, irrigation and soil.

## WHAT ARE THE FACILITIES IN THE EDUCATION CENTRE?

The building will be constructed of colorbond cladding, in keeping with the style of the current utility buildings. It will be located next to the Shed and will have big bifold doors opening to the north with a verandah on three sides. A small kitchenette will be at the rear. Solar panels are in keeping with our mission of being environmentally responsible.

The building will accommodate up to 50 individuals and the most up-to-date audio-visual equipment will form part of the fit-out, together with air conditioning.

## WHERE DOES THIS EDUCATION CENTRE FIT INTO THE SHBG VISION?

A core aim of a botanic garden is to provide education to the public. Our vision is “to be the leader in displaying and researching both the exotic and native flora of the Southern Highlands; advancing the knowledge of horticulture, conservation and sustainability to the wider community”.

In working towards this vision, our present adult education program will be expanded to include information sessions on endangered and threatened species, some of which will be planted in our native garden. Demonstrations will be held for the public on endangered flora, propagating their seeds, growing them and using low water principles in their garden.