

# *Rose Gardens*

of Adelaide

*...a walking guide*

*“The fragrance always remains in the hand  
that gives the rose” - Heda Bejar*



# *The Rose Connection*



*City of Adelaide Rose*

Roses are special to Adelaide. Adelaide was the first Capital City in Australia to have a rose named after it and we have more public rose gardens than any other capital in the nation.

South Australia has half of Australia's 5 million roses under cultivation with roses throughout most regions of the State. Roses are grown for floral displays, perfume, petals, essential oils, vitamins, rose hip, potpourri, rosewood and aromatherapy products.

Adelaide is world renowned for its public and private rose gardens. Spring and autumn are the ideal times to discover the beauty, variety and number of roses which dot the Adelaide landscape and bring to life City median strips, gardens and Park Lands in a blush of colour. Along with the major rose gardens, smaller plantings can also be found in Light Square, Hindmarsh Square, Wellington Square, Hutt Street and Ward Street.



# *On The Rose Trail*



While rose gardens can be found across the City, a number of special places are under the spotlight in the rose world.

## *Veale Gardens & Rymill Park*

**Veale Gardens** are named after William Charles Douglas Veale who was Town Clerk of the City of Adelaide from January 1947 to November 1965. The sunken garden has more than 50 varieties of roses on display. The South Terrace entrance to the gardens features two beds of the City of Adelaide rose. Queen Adelaide rose bushes are planted east of the garden bed at the corner of South Terrace and Sir Lewis Cohen Avenue.



*Veale Gardens*

**Rymill Park** was named after Sir Arthur Campbell Rymill who served as the Lord Mayor of Adelaide from 1950 to 1954. The initial rose garden was established in 1960 by the Council and the Rose Society of SA and in 1986 school children taking part in the Create and Care Program planted 151 red and yellow roses to celebrate the State's sesquicentenary. The 75 red Tamango roses signify the red rose of England and the 75 Gold Bunny roses symbolise Greek mythology to represent hope and the future. The Adelaide City Council and the Rose Society of South Australia established a second rose garden in 1990. The Rose Society of SA holds annual pruning demonstrations in this garden during June/July.

## *International Rose Garden & National Rose Trial Garden*

The 1.5 hectare **International Rose Garden** on Hackney Road was a State Government initiative and features more than 5000 roses ranging from Hybrid Teas, Cluster Flowers, Shrubs and Miniatures, to standards, weepers and climbers on display in a range of garden styles. Just to the south of this garden is the **National Rose Trial Garden**, where you can see the roses of the future. These unnamed roses are trialed for 2 – 3 years without the use of sprays against pests and diseases. This is only the third such garden in the Southern Hemisphere and is a unique joint venture between the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide, the National Rose Society of Australia and the rose growing industry to assess the performance of both Australian and overseas roses grown under Australian conditions. Guided walks of the National Rose Trial Garden are available. For more information on these two gardens contact the Adelaide Botanic Gardens on (08) 8222 9311.



## *Heritage Rose Garden*

On the northern bank of the River Torrens between Frome Road and the university foot bridge is the **Heritage Rose Garden** where you can see the roses of yesteryear. Established between 1996 and 1999 by the Adelaide City Council and the SA Group of Heritage Roses Australia Incorporated, these terraced rose beds have 1200 Heritage and other roses displaying varieties of Tea roses, Chinas and Polyanthas. Climbing Teas and Noisettes are found on pillars and arches.



# *Brougham Gardens, Pennington Gardens & Lipman Gardens*

**Brougham Gardens** in North Adelaide was named after Henry Brougham, Lord Chancellor of England and founder of London University. The eastern section of Brougham Gardens is bordered by Brougham Place and King William Road and the garden beds - each featuring masses of 80 to 100 rose bushes - are surrounded by lawn. Large rose beds are featured along King William Road and other rose beds are scattered around the gardens.

**Pennington Gardens** was named after Colonisation Commissioner James Pennington. The garden in Pennington Gardens West arose from a bequest made to the Council by Mr Robin Laffer and features more than 1000 roses planted in circular beds arranged around a circular patio. Near Victor Richardson Drive, surrounding the Sir Donald Bradman statue, are Sir Donald Bradman roses, planted in July 2002. Across King William Street, in Pennington Gardens East, the "Cross of Sacrifice" is surrounded by a selection of white and red roses featuring Iceberg, Europeana and Kentucky Derby and the Spirit of Peace Rose.

The **Lady Ester Lipman** Gardens, south of Victoria Drive, is designed as a knot garden of box hedging surrounding weeping and standard roses. Gravel pathways lead to a central area where four seats overlook an urn on a plinth. Lady Ester Lipman Jacobs was first elected to the Council in 1956 and was the first woman Councillor, Alderman and Deputy Lord Mayor.

# Significant Roses



The **City of Adelaide** rose is a floribunda bred in France (1990) by Meilland. The plant features double blooms which are a medium pink in colour with a mild fragrance. This rose is also known under the names of Jacqueline Nebout, and Saulam-Roos.

The **Queen Adelaide** rose is a large flowered hybrid-tea bred in France (1985) by Meilland. The plant features a double bloom deep pink in colour with a strong fragrance. This rose is also known as Royal Brompton Rose and Yves Piaget.

**Spirit of Peace** rose is a large flowered hybrid-tea bred in France by Meilland (1991). The yellow blend blooms have a licorice, strong, sweet fragrance. This rose was released to celebrate 50 years of peace since World War 2.

**Sir Donald Bradman** rose is a large doubled flowered hybrid-tea bred by Meilland International (2002). The blooms are a dusky garnet red with an apple and rose fragrance. This rose commemorates the famous S.A. cricketer.

The **Howard Florey** rose is a floribunda bred in South Australia by George Thompson. The plant features a rich apricot bloom with a delicate sweet fragrance. This rose can be viewed at the International Rose Garden, and was released to commemorate the famous S.A. scientist Howard Florey.

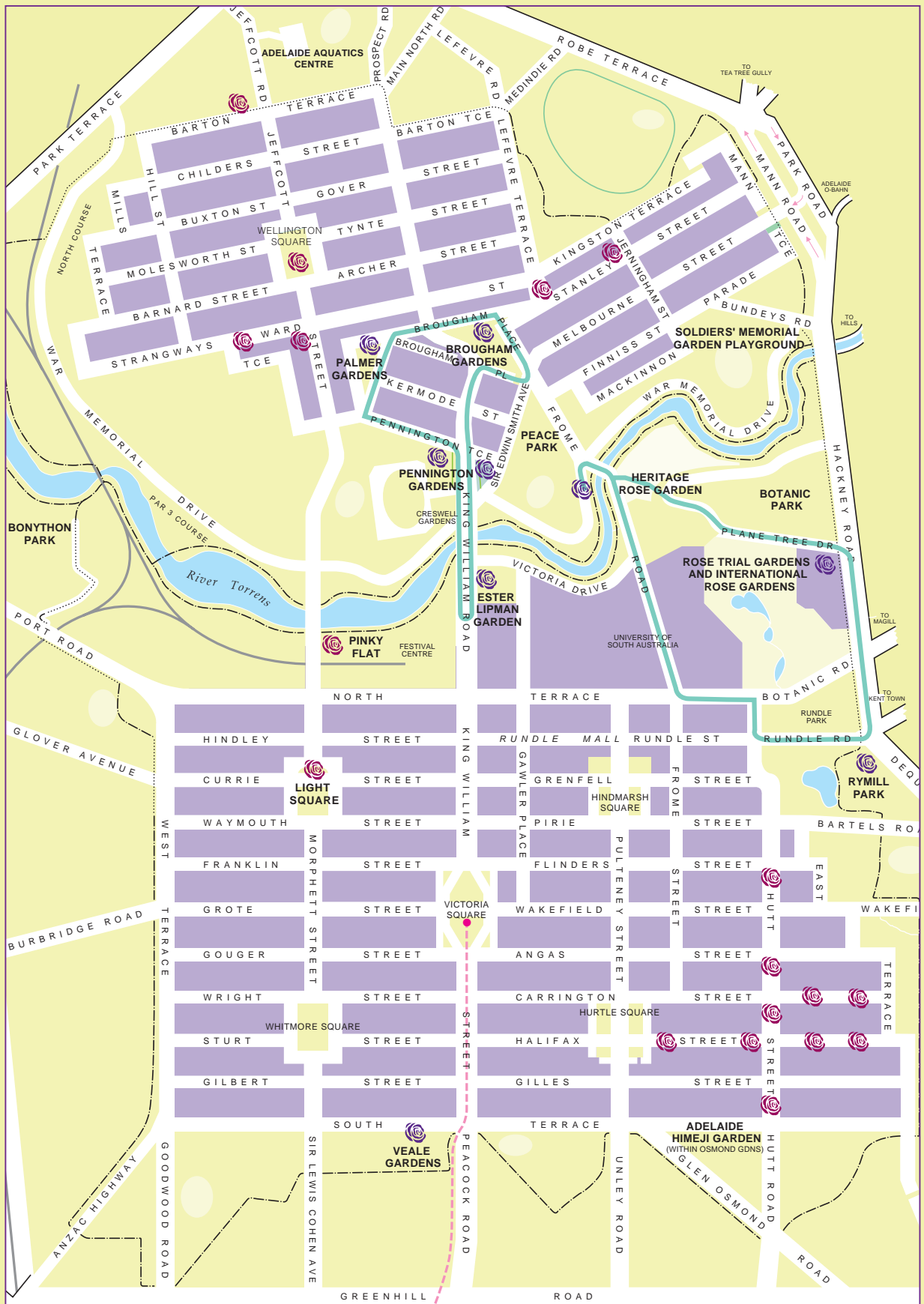
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\* Round Park Land

Bicycle Route

Off-road      - - - - -

On-road        - - - - -

● Tram            - - - - -

Walking Trails      - - - - -

Rose Gardens  
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Rose Street Plantings