



AUSTRALIAN ARID LANDS BOTANIC GARDEN

Here at the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden we are committed to practising and promoting environmental sustainability. We do this by leading by example and by educating visitors.

Some of the measures we have adopted are:

- Waste Water Treatment Plant – waste water from the visitor centre building is treated & used to irrigate our new section of Eremophila garden.
- Solar Panels have been installed on the visitor centre & nursery compound building to off-set power usage & reduce our carbon footprint.
- Rainwater collection – rainwater is collected from the visitor centre roof, stored underground & then re-used in the visitor centre i.e. toilets, kitchen etc.
- Evaporative air-conditioning ducts run underground to assist in keeping cool.
- The visitor centre won a design award for its energy efficient design, including rammed earth walls.
- LED lighting is used in the visitor centre.
- Where possible the gift shop stocks products that are locally/Australian made & also products with an eco-friendly theme.
- Where possible the Café sources local produce.
- Solar powered lights in the garden that turn on/off automatically
- We recycle paper, cardboard, bottles & cans etc.
- Timers & drippers used to water efficiently in the garden.

- Mulch is used in garden beds.
- Chemical-free cleaning products are used.
- We are currently in the process of gaining SA Tourism Accreditation as well as Eco-Tourism Certification.
- We have nominated for the 2014 SA Tourism Awards in the “Eco-Tourism Category”
- We, as an organisation promote the use of water-wise (or AridSmart) plant choices for peoples home & business gardens and promote the message via the garden itself, display gardens, literature, guided tours, self-guided tour information/maps, AridSmart native plant sales, garden related events, educating school groupsand much more – it’s what we are all about.

