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HERITAGE PERTH HERITAGE DAY

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2009

what's on at...

STIRLING GARDENS

It's time to celebrate the valuable inheritance our forefathers left us when Heritage Perth Heritage Day showcases our City's history going back many thousands of years before colonisation. It is a unique opportunity for residents and visitors of all ages and cultures to explore the fascinating history and heritage that is - the City of Perth.

On the day you will have the chance to discover the wonder of two of Perth's most historic gardens with the "**Meet the Gardener: Guided Garden Walks**". The host will be Paul Jones – City of Perth Parks & Gardens Team Leader. Paul has worked for the City of Perth Parks and Gardens Department for approximately 25 years.

Stirling Gardens are the oldest public gardens in WA. Proclaimed in 1845, the gardens had a number of names before the Council officially adopted the name Stirling Gardens in 1979. These beautiful tranquil gardens in the heart of the city were named after Captain Stirling who founded Perth and established the Swan River Colony.

From its modest beginnings in 1830, one of the gardens earliest roles was to trial and acclimatize exotic plants brought by Settlers from Europe and the Cape of Africa. The State's first vines, olives and roses were grown in Stirling Gardens. From 1840 the site acted as Perth's botanic garden until the Kings Park Botanic Garden was established in 1960. Low key development then commenced in the Victorian era style and was embellished by a uniquely Australian garden philosophy called 'Paradise Garden'.

Join the walk/talk and let the garden reveal its extensive range of plants and trees that include an English Oak planted from acorns brought from England in 1846, Canary Island Palms planted in the 1920's and a Stone Pine native of Southern Europe and Turkey planted in the 1850's.

This is a **FREE** family event. Tours will commence at **12noon, 1.30pm and 3.00pm**. To join the walk, simply be at the Memorial in Stirling Gardens close to the St Georges Terrace/ Barrack Street gate, at least five minutes prior to the start time.

Heritage Perth Heritage Day is a truly inclusive event with no political agenda, crossing all faiths, nationalities and cultures. Come celebrate Sunday 15 November – Heritage Perth Heritage Day.

For event information telephone 08 9461 3244 for general information go to: www.heritageperth.com

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