



AUSTRALIAN ARID LANDS  
BOTANIC GARDEN



**PortAugusta**  
CITY COUNCIL

**Here at the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden we are committed to practicing 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.
- Timers & drippers used to water efficiently in the garden.
- Mulch is used in garden beds.
- Chemical-free cleaning products are used.
- We hold SA Tourism Accreditation as well as Eco-Tourism Certification.

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 groups .....and much more – it's what we are all about