

Guilfoyle and his Botanic Gardens

Lynsey Poore, guest speaker at our joint **Australian Plants Society/Friends of Warrnambool Botanic Gardens** meeting at Mozart Hall, 8pm Friday 26 August.

Lynsey Poore, a voluntary guide with the Royal Botanic Garden Melbourne, will explore the landscape created by Guilfoyle during his 36 years as Director of the Garden (1873-1909). The RBG Melbourne is of special interest because Guilfoyle created a garden in the gardenesque style (one full of plants) but also in the picturesque style (to look like an English landscape). He mastered the art of design, creating intimacy as well as space and the element of surprise. The Gardens today are a testament to his vision. Guilfoyle believed that 'all nature is a garden' and that the landscaper's task is to 'create scenery that might be mistaken for that of nature'. This illustrated talk will include both past and present landscapes, historical images and quotations from his writings.

Lynsey Poore

Lynsey Poore a volunteer guide at the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Melbourne Gardens, where she enjoys 'botanising' and showing visitors our heritage. Gardening and botany are her passions. She was born in New Zealand and trained to be a secondary teacher after graduating with a science degree from the University of Canterbury. Her career has involved science teaching, demonstrating biology at Monash University and in latter years had a career as the laboratory manager. In her retirement, being the President of the South Melbourne Garden Club and a guide at the Royal Botanic Gardens occupy much of her time. She also volunteers at the Growing Friends in the RBGV and in the Herbarium. As of 2016 she has been elected to the Council of the Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens She has



travelled to many exciting places throughout the world taking a special interest in botanic gardens and the native flora. Lynsey is a frequent speaker on gardens and travel to a wide range of audiences in Melbourne.

