



**PortAugusta**

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **PORT AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL'S AUSTRALIAN ARID LANDS BOTANIC GARDEN INCLUDED IN TOP TEN BY AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE**

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Port Augusta City Council's (Council) Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden was recently included in the Australian Geographic magazine's list of Australia's top ten regional botanic gardens.

Australia hosts about 100 regional botanic gardens which are usually administered collaboratively by local councils, community groups and volunteers with a passion for plants. The Australian Geographic magazine article describes botanic gardens as containing 'living scientific collections ... defined by technical guidelines that distinguish them from public parklands. Specimens must be labelled and documented and collections made on a scientific basis'.

The article also describes how 'the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden makes good use of its Upper Spencer Gulf location, where the arid zone and marine environments meet. The only garden worldwide that specialises in the southern arid zone of Australia, its collection promotes conservation of arid zone plant communities (which have) adapted to extreme weather'.

Council congratulates Arid Lands staff and volunteers on this significant recognition which reflects their exceptional contribution and commitment to all aspects of the garden.

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