



## **STEPHEN FORBES BIOGRAPHY**

Stephen began his career working on botanical surveys in south eastern Australia and later in the Kimberley region of Western Australia. He completed a Masters Degree exploring ecological approaches to landscape management at Bath, and returned to Australia where he worked as Superintendent for the Royal Botanic Gardens in Melbourne. After a stint as Business Manager for the Forests Service nurseries in Victoria he moved to Western Australia as Director Living Collections and Natural Heritage at Kings Park and Botanic Gardens.

In 1998 Stephen took the position as Director Botanic Gardens and Public Programs at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney and was responsible for significant upgrading of programs and infrastructure in the lead-up to the Sydney Olympics. Following the Olympics he left to join Rebecca (his partner) in Tanzania where he worked on a floristic inventory, forest management planning and post-mining restoration of the Geita Forest Reserve near Lake Victoria.

In 2001 Stephen was appointed as Director, Botanic Gardens of Adelaide.

Stephen has published widely in plant systematics, floristic survey, landscape management and urban nature conservation.

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