

## Statues Tour 8<sup>th</sup> February

Statuary pavilion closes 6.00 p.m. (as do the gardens according to the website)

Loud speaker. Practice. Transport.

Meet at Conservatory.?

Numbers – uncertain. One group or several? More than one group difficult for this particular tour.

? Plan B if raining – Statuary pavilion if small numbers. Conservatory if more. Or Clark centre with PP.

Introduction. **Traditional Acknowledgement.**

Stoddart. Who he was.

Trip to Italy. 12 statues. Failed to get...

Enhancement of Gardens.

Start of Benefactors. Such as Thomson.

Others introduced on tour.

**Clark** Responsible for Clark centre, 1995. (? Sculptor - check)

1. **Conservatory temporary home for statues in mid 1990s**

2. **Walk (1)**

→ **Flora/Pomona.**

Carrara marble. Statue.

Sicilian marble. Plinth

Victorian granite (Grampians) Base.

**Stoddart arranged for Italian Artisan and wife to travel to set up ( 12 months)**

→ **Statuary Pavilion-**

Point out **Bacchante/ Claxton.**

**Claxton fountain set up by public subscription!**

or Walk 2.

-> Through Fernery past **Gordon, Claxton,** and **Bacchante.** v.s. re setting up of Stoddart statues.

**Gordon bust by Anderson ( as in PMs avenue)**



Point out **Flora** and **Pomona**.

Describe statue, plinth and base as in walk (1)

→ **Statuary Pavilion** as in (!)

Or Walk 3.

→ Through Clark Centre past **Perseus** to garden "**Half way Hercules**" then join walk 2

Indignity of Perseus.

Sculptors tools.

### Statuary Pavilion

? inside or on steps depending on numbers.

**The Flight**

Who was Summers?

Benzoni first Flight smaller in Chicago.

Started this bigger, died. + Summers did the rest.

Sydney wanted it, Ballarat had the cash.

Volcano visible through window.

Restored( saved) by National Trust in ...

**Susannah Ruth Modesty. Rebecca.**

Walk -> **.Wallace** left over from Thomson's will. **Ball sculptor**, – Dimmie model.

**Lions.**

Who was Ham?

Teeth. Smooth back from Ballarat children

**Hercules**

Latin names of Greek mythology – e.g. Heracles

Evidence of past damage.

**Mercury.**

(Hermes)

**Hebe** Point down to **Flora Farnese** and **Leda**.

→ PM avenue. Point to **Winter**, "Stoddart"

→ Pass **Autumn Summer Spring**

→ Conservatory. Conservation. Marble porosity.

Possible Questions. Vandalism. Value