

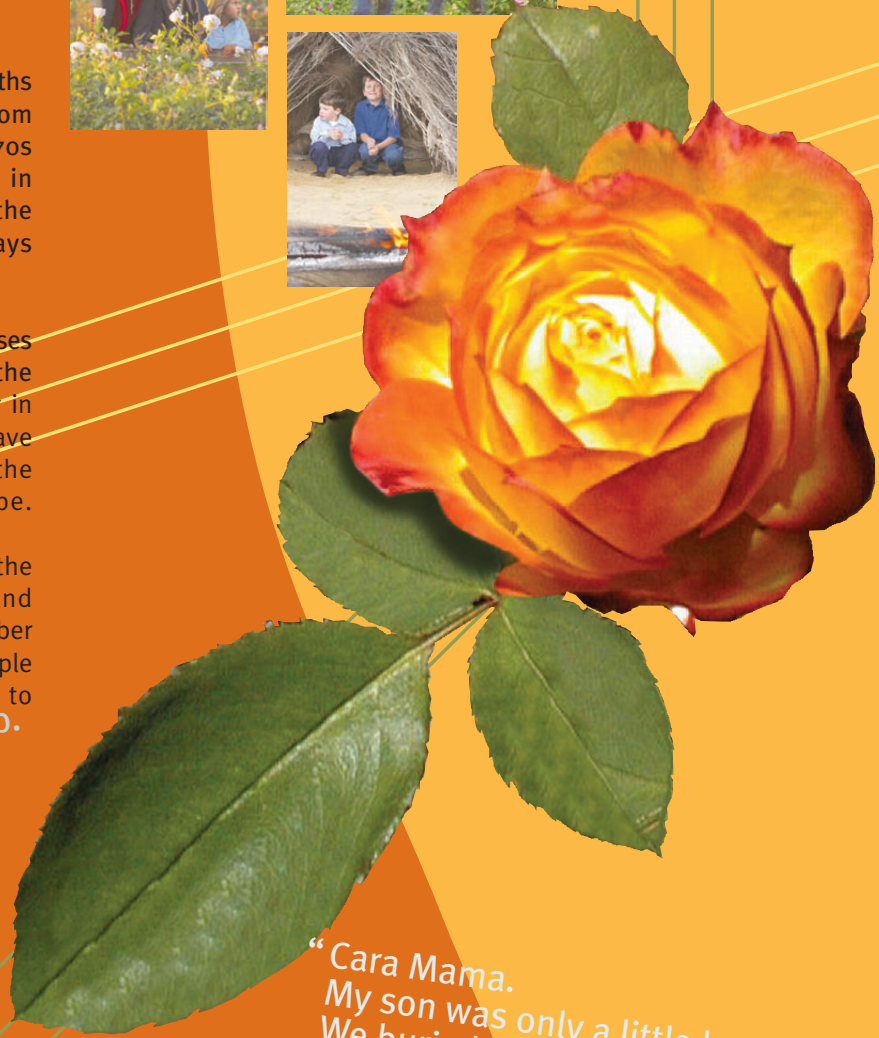
The Rose Maze

Intended to be a 'story about life', the Rose Maze weaves together the stories of three women: Yoondi, the Noongar woman, Elizabeth, an Englishwoman, and the Italian woman Maria. Through letters, a journal and personal dialogues these women impart a powerful personal message of the trials and hardships of rural life in the early 20th century, stories of hardship, loneliness and isolation. Their stories are expressed throughout the maze in plaques, and mosaics.

Abundant roses frame a maze of complex paths that lead us to striking pergolas ranging from old sheep yards to the mission brown 1970s pergola, the Woodhenge to the 'deaths in custody' pergola. The maze is linked to the building itself and the interpretive displays inside..

More than a hundred species of heat-loving roses bred for Australian conditions feature in the maze, many rare heritage species. Growing in hedges up to 2 metres high, the colours have been chosen to sit naturally amongst the remnant native trees of the townscape.

Complex, multi-layered and entertaining, the Rose Maze provides a contemplative and illuminating diversion, accessible at a number of levels, by all ages and designed for people with a range of interests, from historians to gardeners.



“When Show time came we all dressed up.
Wore our best clothes to go into town.
We got fairy floss and licorice and
peppermint walking sticks.”

- Yoondi's Story, 1900-1920

“Dear Journal,
I must be strong enough to travel
into town next week. For the first time
women can vote and I want to be a
part of making Australia one country”

- Elizabeth's Story, 1900

“Cara Mama.
My son was only a little boy.
We buried him in the cemetery.
His grave is all alone.
There are no Catholics buried there.

The other children are well.

La tua cara figlia Maria”

- Maria's Story, 1919




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- Noongar Woman's Mosaic 
- English Woman's Story 
- Italian Woman's Story 

- 1 Entrance
- 2 Emergency Exit Gates
- 3 Silhouette Pergola
- 4 Sheeppark Pergola
- 5 Italian Berser
- 6 Sheep Fence
- 7 Cattle Enclose
- 8 Hayshed Pergola
- 9 Stone Epitaph
- 10 Woodhenge
- 11 Party Line
- 12 1920s Pergola
- 13 Italian Wedding Pergolas & Cartwheel Table
- 14 Depression Fences
- 15 Stone Seats
- 16 Cattle Yard
- 17 Stolen Generation Enclosure
- 18 Tunnel
- 19 Agriculture Gates
- 20 1940s Pergola
- 21 1945 Pergola
- 22 Sheeppark Maze
- 23 1960s Pergola
- 24 Amazing 70s Pergola
- 25 Pope's Seat
- 26 Deaths in Custody Pergola
- 27 Twenty First Century Pergolas



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