

# Olive Pink Botanic Gardens

**Register Number:**

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**Location of Gardens:**

Olive Pink Botanic Gardens, Lot 1286 & 1325 Tuncks Road, Alice Springs NT

**GPS:**

-23.7062, 133.88438

**Categories of Significance:**

- Historical
- Cultural
- Rare
- Horticultural Value
- Group

**Number of Trees:**

Many — Entire gardens

**Date Gardens Gazetted:**

23 September 1956

**Size:**

16 Hectare

**Year Listed:**

2001



The Olive Pink Botanic Garden is a not-for-profit community organisation described by Peter Latz as a “globally unique treasure”. It contains a documented collection of over 600 species of arid zone plants endemic to the southern bioregions of the Northern Territory, including many that are rare and threatened. The garden is a place of special ambience and of safety, a quiet reflective place for recreation and relaxation. Gazetted on the 23 September 1956 as the Australian Arid Regions Flora Reserve after lobbying by Miss Olive Pink, the Garden has a wonderful location beside the Todd River.

An unconventional anthropologist, an outspoken advocate for Aboriginal rights, a botanical artist and a woman ahead of her time in the promotion and cultivation of native plants, Miss Pink was the Honorary Curator from 1956 until her death in 1975, aged 91. The Garden was opened to the public in 1985 as the Olive Pink Flora Reserve, and then



renamed Olive Pink Botanic Garden in 1996. Listed on the Register of National Estate (1995) and included on the Northern Territory Heritage Register (2009), the Garden is managed by a voluntary Board of Trustees and is a place that can inspire people to appreciate the natural world and to enjoy its atmosphere and peace. It holds significance for local residents as a place of enjoyment for the whole community, and also attracts national and international visitors.

*Tharrarletneme*, the northern ridge of the garden, known as Annie Meyers Hill, is of great significance to the *Arrernte* people.

