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Eucalypt Festival at the Australian Garden

The diversity and beauty of eucalypts, Australia's most iconic tree, will be celebrated this autumn during the Eucalypt Festival at the Australian Garden, Royal Botanic Garden Cranbourne. A range of fun walks, workshops, family programs and kids activities will be on offer.

Wine, cheese and trees – Launch of the Eucalypt Festival

Have you ever wondered which gum tree is which and how botanists identify and catalogue plants? Frank Udovicic from the National Herbarium of Victoria and Greg Moore from The University of Melbourne will lead a lively discussion about the quest to classify Australia's iconic trees. Local wine and cheese will complement the amazing stories of obsession, passion and discovery. This special event takes place on Friday 3 April from 6 – 7.30pm. The cost is \$30 per person.

The story of gum trees is the perfect way to learn more about this iconic Australia tree. Visitors will take part in a fascinating journey investigating the traditional uses, cultural significance and scientific importance of Eucalypts. The tour will finish with some delicious Australian damper, Eucalyptus honey and a cup of traditional Billy-tea. Great value at \$18 per adult and \$15.30 per child/concession (AG entry not included).

The tour runs on Sunday 5, 12 and 19 April and Monday 13 April from 2 – 3pm in the Australian Garden. Groups bookings are also welcome.

Small eucalypts for your backyard

Discover which eucalypts are perfect for your garden. Run every Sunday from March to May between 12 and 12.30pm, this FREE tour is great way to learn how to create a home among the gum trees.

Walk and talk

Join author Leon Costermans for a unique tour of the Eucalypt Walk in the Australian Garden on Sunday 19 April from 11am to 1pm. Leon is the author of *Native Trees and Shrubs of South-east Australia* and *Trees of Victoria*, and *illustrator of Eucalypts of the Bendigo District: a guide to identification and distribution*. The walking talking tour costs \$15.50 per adult and \$13.20 per child/concession.

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