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MEDIA RELEASE



Bushland and Wildflower tours at RBG Cranbourne

The Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne contains one of Victoria's most precious areas of native bushland and is home to an amazing range of plant and animal life, including several rare and endangered species.

Untouched heathy woodland and wetland covers two-thirds of the 363-hectare site, providing visitors the surprising opportunity to explore pristine environments within 45 minutes drive of Melbourne.

This Spring take the chance to explore and learn more about the wildflowers and traditional bushfoods that are found in these precious bushlands.

Four very different tours are on offer from September to October, allowing the visitor the chance to enjoy the bush from a range of perspectives.

Wurundjeri elder Vicki Nicholson-Brown leads two guided walks through the bushland this season.

Her first walk, **Discover the bush – Bunjil's view**, focuses on helping the visitor discover the customs and rich heritage of the traditional custodians. The tour will start with a traditional Tanderrum (welcome ceremony), followed by a discovery of traditional bushfoods from across Australia.

Her second tour takes visitors into the bushland to learn about the plants that mark the change of the seasons for the Indigenous people of Australia.

Discover the bush – Bunjil's view

When: Wednesdays in September, October and November:

Time: 11am – 12.30pm

Cost: \$6.50 adults; \$5.50 children/concession

Bookings: Tel: (03) 5990 2245

The Indigenous seasons

When: Sunday 28 September and Sunday 5 October:

Time: 11am – 12pm

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Celebrate wildflower season, when the RBG Cranbourne showcases the amazing wildflowers blooming in the Australian Garden and through the bushland.

Join a guided walk through the Australian Garden and bushland to discover the spectacular spring wildflowers. Alternatively, take a self-guided map and follow the signs directing visitors through a number of easy walks while learning more about the spectacular flowers.

Wildflower walk – from the bush to your backyard

When: Thursday 25 September and 2 October
Saturday 4 October
Sunday 5 and 12 October

Time: 1pm – 3.30pm

Cost: \$7.50 adults \$6.50 child/concession

Bookings: Tel: (03) 5990 2245

Self-guided walk: Australian wildflowers

Every day: September to November

Free.

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