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Digging up fun with Grubby at the Australian Garden



There are few things children enjoy more than digging in the soil, looking for worms and insects or planting seeds and watching them grow.

On 23 November 2008, the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne is launching **THE GARDEN GRUBS KIDS' CLUB** for 5 to 10 year olds.

And what a lot of fun they will have discovering the plants and animals in the award-winning Australian Garden and Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne bushland.

Sharon Willoughby, Manager Public Programs said the kids' club is important in supporting an appreciation of Australian plants.

"The Australian Garden is a special place for children to explore and discover the natural world the Garden Grubs Kid's club will support children to uncover the fabulous mysteries within the Australian Environment."

There will also be plenty of fun activities during school holidays, and the chance to sign onto the 'Grubby' website where children can play games and put their nature knowledge to the test.

All Garden Grubs receive a backpack full of goodies, including a Grubby passport, a water bottle, gardening tools, stickers, regular newsletters, invitations to members-only events and a birthday e-card.

There will be a wide variety of **FREE** activities for both kids and the whole family on the day including didgeridoo workshops, football, cricket, soccer and parachute games, face painting, music performances and a free sausage sizzle.

Kids will also have the chance to meet Grubby, the Garden Grubs Kids' Club cheeky mascot for the first time.

Membership costs \$20 a year per child.

More information is available now from (03) 5990 2245.

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