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MEDIA RELEASE



## PRAISE FOR THE POTATO PEOPLE

Did you know that the Ancient Peruvian people had more than a thousand different words to describe the taste and versatility of the potato? It was also said to have magical powers.

Today the potato has spread to every corner of the globe – including the vegetable garden in The Ian Potter Foundation Children's Garden.

This school holiday, children can come and celebrate all things potato with story, craft and gardening at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne.

Children will help uncover some of the mysteries of the humble spud and make their own potato person to take home.

Also during the school holidays, the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne is offering the popular *Draw and Explore*, for older children and adults who love to draw and enjoy being around plants and gardens.

This drawing journey starts at The Ian Potter Foundation Children's Garden. Children and adults will explore a range of plants and landscapes within the Botanic Gardens and have fun experimenting with different drawing materials along the way. It is a great opportunity to experience seeing with the eyes of an artist and best of all, you don't have to be an expert!

### ***Potato people***

When: 25 September and 1 October  
Time: 10 – 11am  
Age: Suitable for children aged 5 – 8 years  
Venue: Meet at the Visitor Centre, Observatory Gate.  
Cost: \$10 per child. Adult participation is required.

**Bookings required.** Tel: (03) 9252 2429

### ***Draw and explore***

When: 24 September and 2 October:  
Time: 10am – 12pm  
Age: Suitable for children aged 7 – 10 with adults who like to draw  
Venue: Meet at the Visitor Centre, Observatory Gate.  
Cost: \$10 per child; \$10 per adult. Adult participation is required.

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