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RBG Cranbourne takes you Behind the Scenery

The Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne and WHITE STREET PROJECT is proud to present a major new sound work by the Melbourne artist Roger Alsop – a work which has been made specifically for the Australian Garden at the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne, together with indispensable and generous contributions from the staff at the RBGC.

Commissioned by WHITE STREET PROJECT and co-funded by Frankston City Council and Arts Victoria, *Behind the Scenery* is a site-specific work that opens up the vast activities that occur behind the scenes in the RBG to its visitors. The voices heard are of the people who work behind the scenes, discussing their interests and passions relating to the gardens.

Visitors will also be able to replay interviews in order if they wish, or select interviews as they make their own way through the gardens. Hearing these interviews will give any visitor an understanding of the wide variety of activities occurring behind the scenes as they navigate the gardens.

These interviews may be downloaded from the internet from Friday 25 July on: www.rbg.vic.gov.au and follow the podcast links.

In the words of Roger Alsop: *"This project has given me a wonderful awareness of the interesting and exciting activities that go into creating and maintaining a botanic garden such as this one in Cranbourne. Hearing the voices of the people who work behind the scenes conveys such a strong sense of the inspiration, passion and commitment each one has for the site, both now and well into the future. Hopefully when you listen to this recording some of that passion will rub off, and you will have a greater sense of the contribution these workers make to the gardens and the local, national and international community"*

This project has been commissioned by WHITE STREET PROJECT www.whitestreetproject.org with generous support from Arts Victoria and Frankston City Council.

Roger Alsop and a staff member from the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne will be available for photos and to answer questions from 11am to 12.30pm on Friday 25 July 2008 at the Visitor Centre Gallery at the Australian Garden, Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne.

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