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## **Spring Open Day at RBG Melbourne**

On Sunday 19 October, the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne opens its gates, doors and glasshouses and invites the public to enjoy a look behind the scenes of one of Melbourne's oldest landmarks.

This day is the chance to tour areas of the Gardens that are normally closed to the public, including the glasshouses and the National Herbarium of Victoria and its collections.

A host of free activities are planned such as tours and walks, live music, free children's activities in the Ian Potter Foundation Children's Garden, and demonstrations will be held throughout the day.

A major attraction will be the chance to buy popular and unusual plants from the Growing Friends Plant Sale. Most of the plants are propagated from the Royal Botanic Gardens own collection and are of the highest quality. A diverse range of plants will be on offer, with many unavailable at other nurseries.

The Spring Open Day celebrations begin at 10am and will end at 4pm.

All activities are free to the public, **however**, numbers for all tours are limited. To avoid disappointment, people are advised to reserve their place by contacting the Visitor Centre on 9252 2429.

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