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**Wildflower Festival, Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne
Saturday 20 September to Sunday 5 October**

*Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne, Ballarato Road and Botanic Drive
(off South Gippsland Highway), Cranbourne (Melway Map 133, K10)*

Wildflower season is a great time to visit the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne and what better day than during the Wildflower Festival?

The bushland and the Australian Garden are carpeted with beautiful flowers, adding to the pleasure of strolling along walking tracks.

Among the wildflowers on show in spring are the Bronze Caladenia (*Caladenia iridescens*), a native orchid with a striking iridescent bronze colour, as well as the rare and delicate naked sun orchid (*Thelymitra circumsepta*) that grows in wetlands and the Wedding Bush (*Ricinocarpus pinifolius*), a small shrub that produces masses of delicately scented flowers from September to mid November.

The Wildflower Festival will include walks through the bushland, sustainable gardening workshops, hands-on kids activities, artists-in-residence activities and special wildflower fairy days for the kids.

The Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne will be selling a range of beautiful Australian plants on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st September. Come along and buy a plant that you've seen in the Australian Garden.

Please note: The following entry fees apply for the Australian Garden: \$9.50 adults, \$7.10 concession, and children under 16 free.

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