

For June 2009



MEDIA RELEASE

Winter is activity time in the Gardens

The hyperactive winter garden - Saturday 20 June

Time: 10am – 12 noon

Price: \$23 adults; \$19.60 concession

Bookings required. Tel: (03) 5990 2245

Winter is one of the best times for getting active in the garden, according to horticulturists at the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne.

John Arnott, Manager, Horticulture said: "It may be a slow time for plant growth but it is a wonderful time to get busy with plants in the garden. If you garden hyperactively in winter, then you will reap the rewards in spring."

"We will be exploring simple gardening techniques and discovering lovely winter - flowering plants along the way," said John Arnott.

The Hyperactive Winter Garden is a fantastic workshop for all gardeners to come along and learn some new tips and tricks while exploring the beautiful Australian Garden.

Two winter tours

Two winter tours are also being offered at the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne.

The first, **Hedges to hide your Neighbours** highlights the many different plants that are perfect for hedging – and for hiding your neighbours. Join a Volunteer Master Gardener on an amble through the Australian Garden, learning which plants will make a beautiful, thick hedge for your garden!

Conducted every Sunday from June through to August, between 12noon and 12.30pm, the tour is FREE with entry fee into the Australian Garden.

Jill Burness, Landscape Planner at the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne will lead the second tour, **Garden Design for your Home**. She will discuss different design techniques used in the Australian Garden and how these can be applied in a home garden. The tour is on Friday 17 July from 11am to 12noon.

Price is \$9.50 an adult; \$8.10 concession. Bookings are required on (03) 5990