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## School holiday fun at the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne

What better time to explore the award-winning Australian Garden than during the school summer holidays?

Children and their parents are in for a real treat this summer when they have the chance to make their own rock guardian, create a rain dance or meet a water fairy.

Opened 18 months ago, the Australian Garden was designed to help the public learn more about the continent's spectacular and unique plant life. It features spectacular landscapes, like the Red Sand Garden, Rockpool Waterway, Escarpment Wall sculpture and Eucalypt Walk.

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During January children will have the chance to make their own Nargun – an Indigenous rock guardian from the Waterways of East Gippsland. A fun activity for children aged between four and ten, the sessions are on regularly through the holiday.

**Details: Make a Nargun**

Tuesday 15 and 22 January  
Wednesday 16 and 23 January  
Thursday 17 and 24 January

**Time:** 10am–11am

**Cost:** Children \$3  
Adult entry to Australian Garden - \$9.25

Bookings: Tel: (03) 5990 2245

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Bring along an empty plastic bottle and create your own rain-shaker – that's what the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne is encouraging children and their parents to do. Join in the Rain dance activities, make some botanic music and dance to the sounds of the Rockpool Waterway.

**Details: Rain Dance**

Tuesday 15 and 22 January  
Thursday 17 and 24 January

**Time:** 11.30am–12.30pm

**Cost:** Children \$4.50  
Adult entry to Australian Garden - \$9.25

**Bookings essential** Tel: (03) 5990 2245

Are there water fairies in the bushland? Come along and discover their magic during January. Fairies, Bunyips, and elves are invited to wear their own fairy folk costumes as they meet in the Australian Garden for a spot of story telling.

**Details: Water fairies**

Wednesday 16 and 23 January

Saturday 19 and 26 January

**Time:** 11.30am–12.30am

**Cost:** Children \$4.50

Adult entry to Australian Garden - \$9.25

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