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Wise up on gardening techniques in the Australian Garden

Summer is a great time to take a break and catch up with gardening.

And if you are interested in learning more about Australian native plants, or need to brush up on your knowledge, the best place to start is in the Australian Garden at the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne.

Join the Volunteer Master Gardeners, all experienced home gardeners who are keen to share their passion for growing Australian plants. Volunteering their time and knowledge, they're on hand to offer visitors home gardening advice every day of the week at the Australian Garden.

Details: Gardening with Australian Plants

Every day of the week at the Australian Garden

Time: 11am to 3pm

Cost: **FREE** with Adult entry to Australian Garden \$9.25.
Concession entry \$6.90.

Cool silver-grey plants are the perfect plants to grow in drought conditions. There are many different plants to choose from. Confused by choice? Let a Volunteer Master Gardener show you the cool coloured silver and grey plants of the Australian Garden.

Details: Cool silver grey plants

Every Sunday (except 23, 30 December and 6, 13 January)

Time: 12pm–12.30pm

Cost: **FREE** with Adult entry to Australian Garden \$9.25.
Concession entry \$6.90.

Silver plants are one way to make your garden more water wise, but there are many other ideas and plants to use too. This special one-hour session - *Drought proofing your home garden* – is filled with great ideas suitable for any home gardener. Join an expert member of the RBGC Horticulture team to learn simple techniques, tools and principles for every day use in the garden.

Details: Drought proofing your home garden

Thursdays: 17 and 31 January and 14 and 28 February

Time: 11.30am–12.30pm

Cost: \$6.50 adults; \$5.50 children/concession
Tour/activity costs are additional to the Australian Garden entry fee.

Bookings essential Tel: (03) 5990 2245

Join an expert member of the RBGC Horticulture team on a one-hour session in the Australian Garden. This program will use examples in the Australian Garden to illustrate some simple techniques, tools and principles you can use to drought proof your own home garden. An ideal program for anyone wanting practical and easy to follow advice.

Details: Aboriginal Dreaming Tour – bushfoods

Wednesdays: 5 and 12 December; 6, 13, 20, 27 February

Time: 11am–12.30 noon

Cost: \$6.50 adults; \$5.50 children/concession

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There's worldwide interest in Australia's traditional bushfoods. How better to learn more about the unique foods from native plants than by joining Wurundjeri Elder Vicki Nicholson- Brown on a guided walk through the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne. A great storyteller, Vicki Nicholson-Brown will unveil some of the customs and rich heritage of the traditional custodians of this land. The tour will start with a traditional Tanderrum, or welcome ceremony.

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