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## What's On

### Green thumbs & coffee - Saturday chats at The Gardens Shop

Gardeners wanting to get tips on landscaping and succulents should make their way to the Gardens Shop at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne over the next two Saturdays in December.

The first 'green thumb' morning will be with Andrew Laidlaw, the Gardens' landscape architect, on Saturday 8 December.

Andrew was the main designer behind some of the most recent outstanding projects in the Melbourne gardens including the Water Conservation Garden, Long Island (Indigenous collection), the Perennial Border and The Ian Potter Foundation Children's Garden.

He will talk about designing with plants from 11am to 12.30pm.

On Saturday 15 December, join Attila Kapitany, President of the Cactus and Succulent Society of Australia.

Attila has over 20 years' experience in managing nurseries specialising in succulents and is the perfect person to learn more about these drought resistant and trendy plants.

*The Boabs, Bottle trees and other Australian succulents* talk will also be held at the Gardens Shop from 11am to 12.30pm.

After each session, take the time to explore the award-winning Gardens Shop and pick up some Christmas shopping goodies and afterwards enjoy a leisurely cup of coffee in the Observatory Café.

Both Green Thumbs mornings are free to the public, however bookings are essential.

**Public inquiries and bookings, call The Gardens Shop on:  
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