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## MEDIA RELEASE

### SUSTAINABLE GARDENING FOR BEGINNERS

If you have always envied those born with a green thumb then look no further than a gardening advice program for beginners at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne.

The program, **Sustainable gardening for beginners**, will run from 9.30am – 11.30am three times in October on Tuesday 9, Saturday 13 and Sunday 21.

Matthew Navaretti, Education Co-ordinator at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne, said: "The program is for adults who are absolute beginner gardeners and want to know how to do low maintenance home gardening, in any space."

"It is especially useful for those who want to grow their own vegies or herbs," Mr Navaretti added.

The hands-on program will provide the basic skills of good gardening practice and explore water conservation, organic gardening methods, composting and worm farming. The program will give participants ideas for designing or developing their own gardens in times of water restrictions.

**Where:** Ian Potter Foundation's Children's Garden,  
Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne

**Booking required:** Places are limited. Tel: (03) 9252 2429

**Cost:** \$20 Adult and \$15 Concession

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