

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS MELBOURNE

Please find following the *Winter What's On listings for the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne* covering the months of July and August 2008.

Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne

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Open every day from 7.30am and closes: **5pm (May – August)**, 8.30pm (November – March), 6pm (April, September & October). Entry is free.

Please note that all charges are inclusive of GST. EFTPOS available.

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EVENT	TIME & LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	COST	BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
Aboriginal heritage walk <i>Spirit ~ Connection ~ Land</i>	11am – 12.30pm Every Thursday in winter. Alternate Sundays: 20 July 3, 17 and 31 August Meet at the Visitor Centre, Observatory Gate.	The Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne rest on a traditional camping and meeting place for the local custodians of the area – the Boonwurrung and Woiworung people. The Aboriginal Heritage Walk is a rich and vibrant cultural experience. Share in the wealth of local plant lore and see the land through the eyes of your Aboriginal guide.	\$18 adult \$14 concession \$9 children (aged 6 -17) \$50 family (2 adults and up to 3 children)	Tel: (03) 9252 2429 Bookings required Group bookings can be made by special arrangement.
Winter discovery walk	Tuesday – Sunday, 11am and 2pm Meet at the Visitor Centre, Observatory Gate.	Warm up this winter on a fascinating walk with one of our friendly guides. Discover the history, cultural significance and stunning beauty of the Royal Botanic Gardens.	Free	Bookings not required. Group bookings can be made by special arrangement. Fees apply. Tel: (03) 9252 2429

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<p>Old Melbourne Observatory:</p> <p>Moons and storms of Jupiter</p>	<p>Every Monday evening</p> <p>7.30pm - 9pm</p> <p>Meet at the Visitor Centre, Observatory Gate.</p>	<p>Jupiter is the fourth brightest object in the sky and by far the largest planet, more than twice as large as all the other planets combined – and it's 11 times bigger than the Earth!</p> <p>Join us as we look through our historic telescopes and see the storms of Jupiter. You might be lucky enough to gaze at the Great Red Spot, a giant anti-cyclonic storm that is known to have existed since at least the seventeenth century.</p> <p>We will also look for the four large moons called the Galilean moons that were first discovered by Galileo Galilei in 1610.</p>	<p>\$18 adult \$14 concession</p> <p>\$50 family (2 adults and up to 3 children)</p>	<p>Bookings required.</p> <p>Tel: (03) 9252 2429.</p> <p>Group bookings can be made by special arrangement.</p>
<p>Old Melbourne Observatory:</p> <p>Lunar tours</p>	<p>8pm – 9pm</p> <p>Thursday 14 August</p> <p>Meet at the Visitor Centre, Observatory Gate.</p>	<p>Be enchanted by the mystical moon with our expert astronomical guides at the Old Melbourne Observatory. The 'first quarter' is an ideal time to explore the Moon's surface, studded with craters and strewn with rocks and dust. Discover lots of amazing facts about the Earth's only natural satellite and why the moon can appear to wobble!</p>	<p>\$14 adult \$10 concession</p> <p>\$40 family (2 adults and up to 3 children)</p>	<p>Bookings required.</p> <p>Tel: (03) 9252 2429.</p> <p>Group bookings can be made by special arrangement.</p>

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Tea and camellias	10am – 12noon Friday 1 August Sunday 10 August Friday 15 August Sunday 24 August Friday 29 August Meet at the Visitor Centre, Observatory Gate.	Did you know that the leaves at the bottom of your tea cup come from a Camellia? Join us as we demystify some tea leaves in this colourful winter walk through the Gardens' stunning Camellia Collection. Discover historic cultivars, hybrids and lesser-known Camellia species then warm up with a cup of tea at The Terrace.	\$10 adults \$8 concession	Bookings required. Tel: (03) 9252 2429 Group bookings can be made by special arrangement.
Self-guided Tropical Hothouse tours	Pick up a brochure from the hothouses.	Escape winter and retreat to the warm, humid tropics inside the Tropical Hothouse. Experience the feeling of walking through dense vegetation and discover the weird and wonderful plants of the tropical rainforests. Take a step back in time and be astonished by early plant life, which has evolved from before dinosaurs roamed the earth.	Free	Bookings not required. Tel: (03) 9252 2429

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Chocolate & spice	10am – 12noon Friday 18 July	Chocolate & spice is back – and this year it is spicier than ever! Warm up this winter on a delectable walk discovering the essence of all things chocolate. Spice up your senses with stories and recipes of cinnamon, cardamom and the delicious vanilla bean. This aromatic adventure ends with a delicious hot chocolate at The Terrace.	\$10 adult \$8 concession \$30 family (2 adults and up to 3 children)	Bookings required. Tel: (03) 9252 2429 Group bookings can be made by special arrangement.
Offsite Presentation Beyond the garden gate	By arrangement	Invite an expert Voluntary Guide from the Royal Botanic Gardens to visit your venue and take you on a virtual journey down the Gardens' paths! This engaging presentation will inspire both home gardeners and anyone interested in the past and present of one of Melbourne's favourite gardens.	Minimum donation \$50 Aged Care Facilities minimum donation \$20	Tel: (03) 9252 2429 Bookings essential

The Ian Potter Foundation Children's Garden

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Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne Inc. present Stephanie Alexander	Thursday 7 August 2008 6pm refreshments for 6.30pm Mueller Hall, National Herbarium of Victoria	Stephanie Alexander has been a driving force in the Melbourne restaurant scene for more than 30 years. Her best-selling Cook's Companion has become an Australian classic. Stephanie will talk about the not-for-profit Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation, enabling thousands of young children to learn about growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing delicious and healthy food.	\$15 Members Friends of RBG \$20 Others	Tel: (03) 9650 6398 Bookings essential
Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne Inc. present Inspirations from overseas 'Cutting Edge Gardens'	Wednesday 20 August 2008 10am refreshments for 10.30am Mueller Hall, National Herbarium of Victoria	Illustrated talk by Merryle Johnson from Country Farm Perennials. Embark on a visual journey through some of the most interesting private gardens from around the world with Merryle – a globetrotting gardener. Merryle will show us inspirations for the modern Australian gardener, with beautiful pictures from some of the most imaginative gardens that she has visited on three continents in the last year.	\$15 Members Friends of RBG \$20 Others	Tel: (03) 9650 6398 Bookings essential

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More information about Plant Craft Cottage is available on the Royal Botanic Gardens' website at: http://www.rbq.vic.gov.au/support_us/RBG_support_groups/plant_craft_cottage OR follow the drop down menu from the home page to RBG Support Groups and select Plant Craft Cottage.				

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Plant Craft Cottage Plant card workshop	Plant Craft Cottage near H-gate Saturday 16 August 10am – 2.30pm	Learn to make your own 'special' cards. Explore the art of using pressed flowers and foliage to decorate unique greeting cards and bookmarks.	\$40 All materials provided.	Tel: Nancy McHaffie on (03) 9818 2189 or Margaret Sutherland on (03) 9836 7871
Plant Craft Cottage Craft demonstration days	Plant Craft Cottage near H-gate 10.30am-2pm Tuesday 22 July – Basketry Tuesday 5 August – Plant Card Tuesday 12 August – Fibre Tuesday 26 August – Pot Pourri	Members of the Craft Groups demonstrate their work. Visitors are invited to watch and ask questions.	FREE	Tel: (03) 9650 3235 Bookings not required.
Plant Craft Cottage Sunday open days	Plant Craft Cottage, near H-gate Sunday 20 July Sunday 17 August 10am–3pm	The Cottage is open on the third Sunday of the month for visitors to enjoy the Heritage Building, craft displays and craft goods for sale.	FREE	Tel: (03) 9650 3235 Bookings not required.

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<p>The Gardens Shop</p> <p>Now at RBG Melbourne</p>	<p>9.30am–5pm, Monday to Sunday</p> <p>Observatory Gate Precinct, RBG Melbourne (Birdwood Ave, South Yarra).</p> <p><i>The Gardens Shop at Observatory Gate is a member of the Hall of Fame after winning the Tourism Retailing category over three consecutive years in the Melbourne Airport Victorian Tourism Awards</i></p> <p>Lakeside, opposite the Ornamental Lake, RBG Melbourne (enter via A or B gates, Anderson Street)</p>	<p>Our outlets at Melbourne and Cranbourne offer a botanic shopping experience with a range of Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne branded merchandise. These include greeting cards, chutneys, jams and sauces, Maxwell and William's tableware and clothing.</p> <p>Warm up this winter at the Gardens Shop with our beautiful hats, scarves and shawls. Keep the kids warm with our cute range of knitted beanies from Toshi.</p> <p>Our Artists-In-Residence program will be running and July at Observatory Gate will feature a demonstration on the art of traditional handmade clay orchids from Thailand.</p> <p>The Gardens Shop also has a variety of events in-store including food tastings, skincare demonstrations and book signings. For details visit www.thegardensshop.com.au</p>	Various	<p>The Gardens Shop, RBG Melbourne</p> <p>Tel: (03) 9252 2341</p>

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