



## Bookings and information

Stop by our Visitor Centre or phone (03) 5990 2245 for bookings and further details on any of our spring programs. **Bookings required for all programs.** Fees apply for programs unless stated and are additional to the Australian Garden entry fee: \$9.80 adults, \$8.35 concession, children under 16 FREE. Entry to the bush land is free.

**Children must be accompanied by an adult on all programs.**

**RBG Cranbourne:**  
**Melway map** 133, ref K10.  
**Website:** [www.rbg.vic.gov.au](http://www.rbg.vic.gov.au)

# Tours and events throughout spring

## Father's Day at the Australian Garden

Bring Dad to the Australian Garden on Father's Day (Sunday 6 September) and he'll get in for FREE! Enjoy a gourmet barbecue, wood turning demonstration, machinery and truck display, tool maintenance workshops and make native plant cuttings to take home. The CFA will also be on hand to give advice about summer preparedness and defensible space around the home. And, Dad can go into the draw to win a Fiskars garden weeder!

Sunday 6 September  
9am – 5pm

## Wildflower Festival: 19 September – 4 October

RBG Cranbourne and the Australian Garden come alive in spring with a sea of stunning wildflowers. Enjoy a range of tours and activities including:

### Guided tour:

*Wonderful wildflower walk*  
6 & 7 September  
19 – 24 September  
26 – 28 September  
30 September – 1 October  
3 – 4 October  
1 – 2.30pm  
\$10 adult, \$8.50 concession

### Guided tour: *Behind-the-scenes*

27 September, 18 October  
& 15 November  
11am – 12 noon  
\$9.50 adult, \$8.10 concession

### Workshop: *Wildflower photography*

20 September  
9.30 – 11.30am  
\$23 adult, \$19.60 concession

### Display: *Botanical Illustrators*

20 & 27 September, 4 October  
11am – 2pm  
FREE with entry to the Australian Garden

### Talk: *Celebrating Orchids in spring*

27 September  
Two sessions:  
1 – 1.30pm & 3 – 3.30pm  
FREE with entry to the Australian Garden

### Fun for kids:

*Grubby's first birthday party!*  
3 October  
11.30am – 2.30pm  
FREE with entry to the Australian Garden

### Special event:

*Australian plants into the 21st century – dinner and talk*  
16 October  
6 – 9pm  
\$75 adult

## School holiday program:

### Ranger Grubby!

21 & 30 September  
11am – 12.30pm  
\$9 child, \$7.50 Garden Grubs  
Kids' Club member

### Wildflower fairies and elves

21, 27 & 28 September  
9.30 – 10.30am  
\$6 child

### Wildflower fairy and elf craft

21 Sept, 1.30 – 2.30pm;  
27 & 28 Sept, 11am – 12 noon  
\$3.20 child, \$2.70 Garden Grubs  
Kids' Club member

### Self-guided fairy and elf hunt

Every day during spring – collect map from Visitor Centre  
FREE with entry to the Australian Garden

## Take a plant home to your garden!

21 & 30 September  
any time between 1.30 – 2.30pm  
(15-minute drop in/out activity)  
\$3.20 child, \$2.70 Garden Grubs  
Kids' Club member

## Family and Vacation Care Group Program: Seed to tree

21, 25 & 28 September  
and 2 October  
10.30am – 12.15pm OR  
1.30 – 3.15pm  
\$9.60 child, up to eight adults  
FREE, \$8.35 per additional adult

## Family tour: Night prowling and bush barbecue

23 September, 5.30 – 9pm  
\$33 adult, \$28 concession, \$25  
Garden Grubs Kids' Club member  
(includes barbecue dinner)  
\$23 adult, \$20 concession  
(BYO dinner)

## Victorian Seniors Festival

Simply present your Seniors Card to receive a FREE ticket for the popular guided tour *The Australian Garden Journey*.

7 & 8 October ONLY  
1 – 2pm

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

## Night prowling: adults only!

Experienced guides help you discover the native wildlife emerging for the evening. Relax at Trig Point with a glass of local wine as you watch the sunset over Melbourne and gaze at the stars.

7 November  
6.30 – 9pm  
\$28.75 adult, \$25 concession

## The Australian Garden Journey

Join an experienced guide on a journey through this stunning garden. Find out how it was created, discover spectacular native plants and pick up ideas for your own garden.

Every day  
1 – 2pm  
\$5.50 adult, \$4.70 concession

## Story of Gums

Discover the traditional uses, cultural significance and scientific importance of eucalypts. The tour ends with a tasting of delicious Australian damper, eucalyptus honey and a cup of traditional billy tea.

Every Tuesday  
2 – 3pm  
\$18 adult, \$15.30 concession

## Exploring the indigenous seasons

Wurundjeri Elder Vicki Nicholson-Brown begins this guided tour with a traditional Tanderrum (welcome ceremony). Explore the bush land and learn about the plants and animals that mark the change of the seasons for indigenous Australians.

9 September, 7 & 21 October,  
4 & 18 November  
11am – 12.30pm  
\$10 adult, \$8.50 concession



### Woodland Picnic Area and bicycle track

Large open grasslands, barbecue facilities, a 4km bicycle track and huge children's playground are all part of the Woodland Picnic Area. Entry is FREE!

### Podcasts

Two podcasts are available at any time free of charge. The podcasts can be downloaded from the RBG website [www.rbg.vic.gov.au](http://www.rbg.vic.gov.au) or borrow an MP3 audio player from the Visitor Centre.

*Introduction to the Australian Garden* is a 30-minute audio tour that includes interviews with the staff members who made this beautiful garden a reality.

*Behind the Scenery* was recorded by artist Roger Alsop and gives an insight into the behind-the-scenes workings of RBG Cranbourne.

### VMG Information Station

Our Volunteer Master Gardeners are experienced home gardeners keen to share their passion for growing Australian plants and offer gardening advice for visitors. Every day at the Australian Garden 11am – 3pm  
FREE with entry to the Australian Garden

### Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne

#### Growing Friends' spring plant sale

Choose from a wide range of hard-to-find native and exotic plants (many cultivated from RBG Cranbourne stock) at bargain prices. All proceeds are used to fund special projects at RBG Cranbourne.

10 & 11 October  
10am – 4pm

### The Gardens Shop

#### NEW! Gardens Shop Eco-bag

Take home an exclusive Gardens Shop eco-bag – perfect for picnics, the beach, shopping... anywhere, really! These hard-wearing, environmentally-friendly and stylish bags feature iconic images of RBG Melbourne and RBG Cranbourne.

#### Father's Day

The Gardens Shop is the perfect place to find a unique Father's Day present. Dads can rug up with our exclusive range of RBG-branded fleece vests, jackets and beanies. Spoil Dad with Tailor Made products including Bloke Soap, Clothing Protector or Aromatic Sachets for shoes.

### Food tasting: Mount Zero Olives

Taste the award-winning Mount Zero Olives and check out the extensive range of gourmet treats on sale now at The Gardens Shop.  
3 September  
1 – 3pm  
FREE!

### Artist in Residence: Janet Matthews

Janet's individual style combines colour pencil and graphite and has been described as "weaving magic with a pencil". Marvel as Janet creates works in front of your eyes in The Gardens Shop. Pick up some tips and chat with Janet while she works.  
27 September  
11am – 3pm  
FREE!

# Spring *in the* Gardens

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