The following are permitted under the Regulations in the Gardens:

**Dogs**
Dogs are permitted in Melbourne Gardens provided they are kept on a short lead and supervised at all times to ensure the safety of delicate plants, other dogs and visitors. Visitors with dogs must also ensure they pick up and remove from the Gardens any faeces deposited by the dog.

Dogs are not permitted in The Ian Potter Foundation Children’s Garden, Jardin Tan, The Terrace, Visitor Centre, shops or any other building unless they are required to assist a person with a disability.

**Bringing plants for the purposes of plant identification**
Plants or plant material may only be brought into Melbourne Gardens for the purpose of formal plant identification. The Plant Identification service is available Monday to Friday between 10am and 1pm. For more information regarding this service, or to leave a sample outside these hours, please contact the identifications team on 03 9252 2315.

Persons may be exempt from a number of the Regulations if they have a permit. Permits are required for:
- wedding ceremonies
- wedding or commercial photography and filming
- commercial filming
- commercial functions and activities.

Permits for all commercial functions and activities are subject to approval based on the Royal Botanic Garden Victoria’s mission and values.

**Commercial functions and events**
With its rolling hills, landscaped gardens, lake views and historic function rooms, the Melbourne Gardens is the ideal location for holding events.

There are a number of venues, including lawns and pavilions, in the Gardens, which can be hired for your function or event. Please refer to the Gardens’ website rbg.vic.gov.au for further details on booking a venue.

**Commercial activities**
All commercial activities within the Gardens require a permit.

For further details please contact the Visitor Centre 03 9252 2300.

**Wedding ceremonies**
Melbourne Gardens provides a perfect backdrop for a wedding ceremony. A permit must be obtained prior to the ceremony regardless of where it is held in Melbourne Gardens. Please contact Blakes Feast for further details 03 9821 0669.

**Photography**
Photographs and videos are a wonderful way to remember a visit to Melbourne Gardens. If your photographs or films are for commercial purposes (including wedding photography/video) a permit is required. For more information go to rbg.vic.gov.au.

Permits must be obtained at least 2 weeks prior to your visit.

Media permits can be obtained through Marketing and Communications Branch. Please contact 03 9252 2300 for further details.

**Further Information**
The Regulations apply to both Melbourne Gardens and Cranbourne Gardens, although some are specific to either site.

Infringement notices may also be issued to persons who commit offences under the Royal Botanic Gardens Act 1991 including taking, destroying or removing any plants or flowers from the Gardens or taking, destroying or injuring any animals in the Gardens.

For more information please ask at the Visitor Centre or call 03 9252 2300.

This brochure is provided as a general guide only.

Further information on the Regulations and the Royal Botanic Gardens Act, including copies, are available from the Royal Botanic Gardens website at rbg.vic.gov.au or from the Visitor Centre.

Current as per September 2016.
Feeding and disturbing the Wildlife
Feeding or disturbing the birds or any other animal (including fish or reptiles) is not allowed. Melbourne Gardens is a well-known haven for a variety of birds and other animals and provides plenty of natural foods and habitat for these wild animals. We ask visitors to respect this wildlife and help us to keep them healthy by not feeding or handling them.

Giving birds inappropriate foods, such as bread, is unnecessary and potentially harmful. These foods can cause dietary problems, leading to sickness or malnutrition.

Climbing on trees or plants
Do not climb on any of the plants or trees or walk on any of the garden beds.

Barbeques
Barbeques are not permitted within Melbourne Gardens. The closest barbeque facilities are located on the banks of the Yarra River, on the south side of the river at Alexandra Gardens and off Alexandra Avenue, and on the north side of the Yarra at Birrarung Marr.

For further details on these facilities please contact the City of Melbourne on 03 9658 9658.

Recreational activities
Melbourne Gardens is spread over a wide area with undulating sealed and unsealed pathways. In the interests of visitor safety, Melbourne Gardens does not allow bicycles, rollerblades, scooters or skateboards in the Gardens.