

# DISCOVERY WALKS - 2017

## **Cabbage and Jelly: A Garden Rich in Palms**

**Sunday February 12, 2.00 pm**

Palms capture the essence of the warm lands discovered by Europeans in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, coinciding with the establishment of the Geelong Botanic Gardens. Explore the stories of palms here in the Gardens with your Guide.

## **Treasures of the Collections**

**Sunday March 12, 2.00 pm**

Geelong Botanic Gardens hold special collections of plants. Come with your Guide to explore the Silver Border, Perennial Border and the Salvias.

## **Vital Veggies – Healthy Herbs**

**Sunday April 9, 2.00 pm**

How can we grow our own food? Join this group tour of the vegetable and herb gardens for a discussion of plant selection and sustainable gardening techniques.

## **Walk the Eastern Park**

**Sunday May 9, 2.00 pm**

Find out about the historic pathways of Eastern Park. Appreciate the magnificent trees - many of which have Heritage listing – the views and the exciting rejuvenation of our Eastern Park.

## **History and Heritage – A Stroll Through the Changing Times**

**Sunday June 25, 2.00 pm**

Geelong's Market Square was the pride of the city, a vibrant place featuring fountains, and other classical structures of the period. By the 1920's they had all been relocated to Eastern Park and Botanic Gardens Join a guided walk in the gardens and park and rediscover some of this early history.

## **How far can a Mango go?**

**Sunday July 9, 2.00 pm**

The plants we enjoy via our supermarkets have travelled far in time and geography, but where have they come from? Look into the manipulation of our environment, starting with mangoes, to find out more.

## **Useful, Beautiful, Weed or all three?**

**Sunday August 13, 2.00 pm**

As Europeans tried to replicate their homelands of the northern hemisphere, they brought and tried to acclimatise many plants to Australia. Some can be seen in the Geelong Botanic Gardens and in Eastern Park. Explore these with your guides.

## **What's new at the GBG? Seeds, Hedges and History**

**Sunday September 10, 2.00 pm**

Visit the Seed Production beds being established in the annex area. This important long-term project will support the gradual reseedling of Eastern Park following the current weed eradication program. Discover a little history and admire the plants for garden hedging in the new demonstration beds near the Conservatory.

## **Fern Fever**

**Sunday October 8, 2.00 pm**

"Pteridomania" is the term for the Victorian era craze of fern collecting and the use of fern motifs in decorative art from pottery to printed paper and sculpture. Geelong in the 1880's experienced this passion and under the direction of Raddenberry, the curator, a huge fern house was built.

Today our ferns are in the Fern Glade. Join your guide to hear fern fashion history and enjoy a walk through the 1980's Fern Glade to encounter these fascinating plants.

## **Conservatory Cuisine - Coconut + Vanilla + Chocolate = Lamingtons**

**Sunday November 12, 2.00 pm**

Join your guide for a visit to our newly refurbished conservatory at the GBG and discover how a mix of "hothouse" plants originally from faraway lands came together to inspire a classic Australian treat.

## **Remarkable Trees and Shrubs of the Australian Border**

**Sunday December 10, 2.00 pm**

We have a wealth of unusual Australian trees and shrubs thriving in our Botanic Gardens. This extraordinary collection will be explored and explained with your Guides.

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