

DISCOVERY WALKS - 2016

Perennial Border at its best

Sunday January 11, 2.00pm

Summer brings this wonderfully designed kaleidoscope of contrasting foliage, textures and blended colours to its peak. Friends' expert perennial gardeners will be on hand, so bring your camera and borrow some ideas to take home.

Special collections: Pelargoniums & Salvias

Sunday February 14, 2.00 pm

Geelong Botanic Gardens holds prized collections of colourful pelargoniums and dependable salvias for all occasions, including many rare species. Discover why these tough and adaptable plants are so easy to manage and perfect for the home garden, then perhaps visit the Friends Nursery for a selection.

Capturing storm water

Sunday, March 13 2.00 pm

Discover how Geelong Botanic Gardens has reduced its dependence on our scarce drinking water. You will see features in the gardens, hidden in plain sight, that conserve water and then go to see how storm-water is collected and treated. You will be introduced to the new indigenous plantings surrounding the stormwater dam.

A tapestry of trees

Sunday April 10, 2.00 pm

Geelong Botanic Gardens is noted for the splendid collection of grand and unusual C 19 trees from all over the world, with many classified by the National Trust. Join your guide for a little geography, and a few stories, while you look up and admire the varied textured trunks and fabulous foliage.

Sounds of the Gardens

Sunday May 15, 2.00 pm

In today's world we pay a lot of attention to what we see. Come to the gardens for a different experience that could open your ears. In this walk inside and near the gardens we will give listening our priority. You may be surprised what you can discover with your ears alone.

Seedy Matters – a capsule of life

Sunday June 12, 2.00 pm

Discover the wonderful ways in which plants ensure their survival. We explore how our ancient species have survived to modern times and the adaptations of seeds to wind, water, insects and animals, including us.

Fernery Fashion

Sunday July 10, 2.00 pm

Remember Grandma's shade house of potted palms and ferns? The Geelong version of this fashion was a huge Victorian Gothic style fernery built in the 1880s. Join your guide for some fernery fashion history and a walk through the newly renovated fern glade.

Spice up your day

Sunday August 14, 2.00 pm

Aromatic plants fascinate our noses and titillate our taste buds. Have fun exploring the aromas and flavours of plants in Geelong Botanic Gardens and learn how they are used in food, drinks, cosmetics and medicines.

Camellias and other Chinese Wonders

Sunday September 11, 2.00 pm

The Camellia Walk is full of vivid colour at this time of year. Take a stroll through the camellias and other stunning Chinese plants and learn about some of the plant explorers who travelled the world searching for new and exotic species.

Discover Eastern Park

Sunday October 9, 2.00 pm

A thousand new trees have been planted in Eastern Park in recent years. Venture outside the garden gates to discover old avenues restored and other new projects being undertaken by the GBG staff. You will also visit the grand avenue for VFL supporters and see a mysterious circle....

The First Australians

Sunday November 13, 2.00 pm

Aboriginal people have lived on this continent for over 40,000 years, depending on native plants and animals for all necessities and managing the limited resources well. Learn about the plants they used for food, fibre, medicine, weapons, transport, musical instruments and religious ceremonies.

