

Garden Highlights, February 2021



Taiwan Sago Palm (sū tiě) *Cycas taiwaniana* is neither a palm nor does it originate from Taiwan. It is native to mainland China. Whereas Palms have flowers, often in large bunches, the Cycads (*Cycas*) have cones. Cycads grew millions of years before flowering plants appeared. Their closest relative is another Chinese plant, the **Maiden Hair Tree** *Ginkgo biloba*.

The left photo shows a female plant that produced seed, with the new season's leaves that all sprouted about 2 months ago. The right photo shows a male plant with its developing pollen cone.

Further along this bed, there are Cycads from Australia and South Africa.

The Conservatory is open, weekdays from 10 am to 4 pm.

The Tea House is open every day (Bookings for groups, etc. phone 0413 706 535).

What's On in February 2021

Botanical Art: 4 courses offered early February - April.

Friends website: Botanical Art.

The Friends' Plant Nursery will be open Saturday 13 February 10.00 am - 2.00 pm for the third Summer Clearance Sale.

Guided Walk "Colour and Silver", Sunday 14 February, 2:00 pm. Gold coin donation. Meet at the gardens front gate.

Discovery Table: Sunday 21 February 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

"The New Pacific Rim Garden", Speakers, Monday 22 February 5:00 - 6:00pm, Book: \$10 Friends members, \$15 non-members.

Free Guided Walks: Wednesdays 11:00 am, Sundays 2:00 pm.

Friends Nursery open: Wednesdays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Bookings: www.friendsgbg.org.au

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Geelong Botanic Gardens map



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Maiden Hair Tree
Ginkgo biloba