

# Garden Highlights, April 2019



Photos: Left: Ivory Curl  
*Buckinghamia celsissima*.

Right: Winter Sweet *Chimonanthus praecox*.

**Ivory Curl *Buckinghamia celsissima*** is clothed in sprays of minute creamy-white flowers. It is native to the hills of north-east Queensland, often growing with **Queensland Kauri *Agathis robusta***. While it doesn't grow as tall, it still flowers prolifically here in southern Victoria. The fragrant flowers attract pollinating birds and bees.

As the days become colder the **Winter Sweet *Chimonanthus praecox*** begins to flower on bare branches. Valued for its fragrant winter flowers in its native China, it has been cultivated for more than 1,000 years. Unfortunately wild plants are now vulnerable as a result of forest clearance.



## What's On in April 2019

Themed walk: **The First Australians**, Sunday 14 April  
2:00 pm, Gold coin donation.

**Discovery Table:** Sunday  
21 April 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

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

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

(For booking and more details see the Friends website or phone the Friends office.)

See the **Bromeliad Display** in the Curiosity Cabinet.

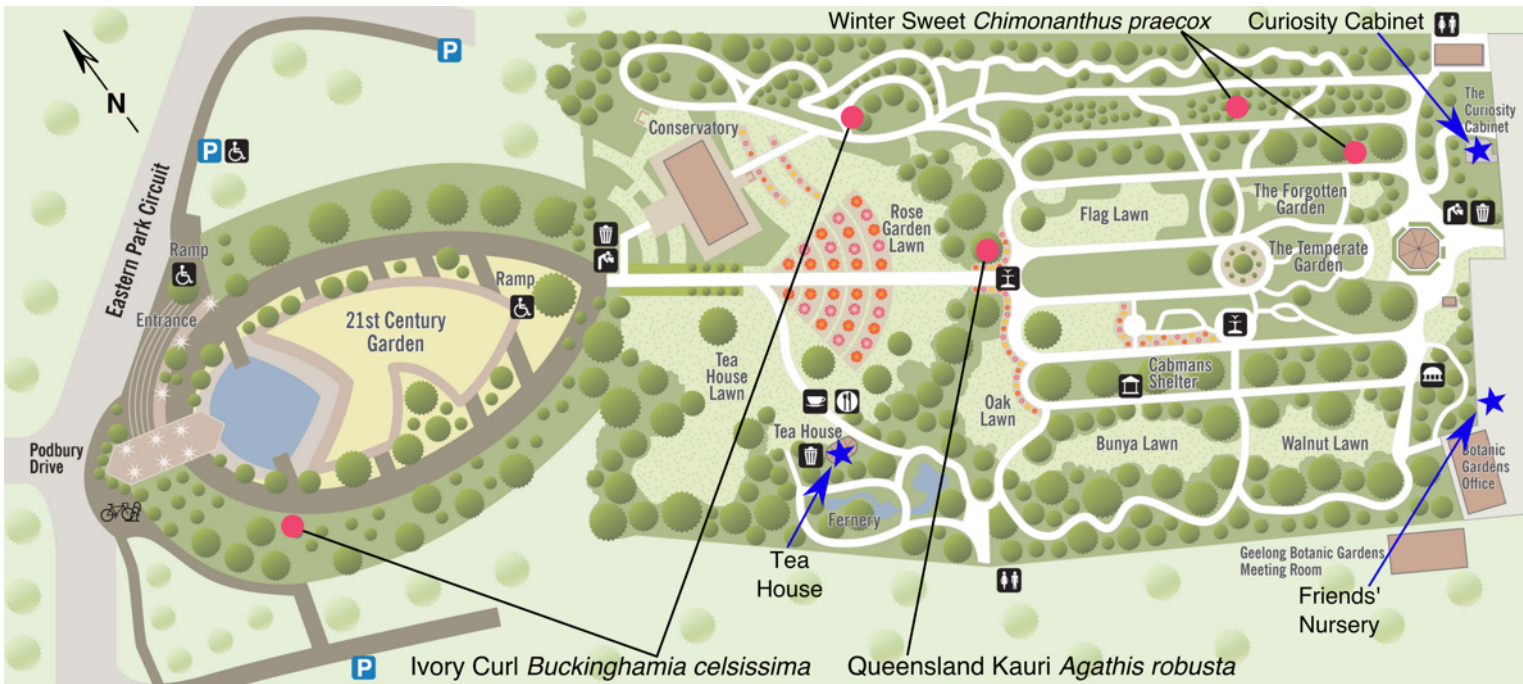
The **Tea House** is open every day.

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Over page: Map showing plant locations

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Left: Ivory Curl *Buckinghamia celsissima* is in the same family (Proteaceae) as *Grevillea*. The individual flowers have a 'hair-pin' shape similar to those of *Grevillea*.

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