

# Garden Highlights, March 2021



**Ivory Curl *Buckinghamia celsissima*** is a member of the *Protea* family, along with *Grevillea*, *Banksia*, *Macadamia* and *Hakea*. It is one of many Australian plants whose flowers produce nectar prolifically. The nectar attracts insects and birds that pollinate the flowers. The 'hair pin' on each tiny flower puts pollen on the visitor and the hair pin of another flower picks it up.



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## What's On in March 2021

"The Pacific Rim - Ancient Plants for a New Garden" Guided Walk, Sunday 14 March, 2:00 pm.

Two Guided Walks for Geelong Design Week. Meet at front gate:

"A Clever and Creative use of Storm-water in Geelong" Sunday 21 March, 1:00 pm.

"Adaptation to Climate Change: Geelong's 21st Century Garden", Sunday 21 March, 2:00 pm **and** Wednesday 24 March, 11:00 am

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

Self Drive Tour and Picnic: Country Dahlias, Drol Kar Buddhist Temple and Gardens, Cottage Farm Nursery, Monday 29 March, Book: \$35 Friends members, \$45 non-members.

(For bookings and details: Friends website or phone.)

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

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

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

The Curiosity Cabinet displays plants from arid areas. Look for the Elephant's Foot *Dioscorea elephantipes* on the right hand side of the display.

The Tea House is open every day (Phone 0413 706 535).

Bookings: [www.friendsgbg.org.au](http://www.friendsgbg.org.au)

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# Geelong Botanic Gardens map

