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## Workshop – Fabulous Fungi

We are very excited to be holding a workshop that is all about the fabulous world of fungi! Without fungi, many of the plants we love could not exist, Our confirmed speakers for the day include Dr Tom May, a senior mycologist from RBGV; Dr Noushka Reiter, an orchid conservationist and botanist from RBGV; Geoff Lay from the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria; Dr Simone Louwhoff and John Thompson.

Saturday 4 June 9.30am – 4pm Australian Garden Auditorium, RBGV Cranbourne

#### Annual Luncheon

The guest speaker is Andrew Laidlaw, Landscape Architect at Melbourne Gardens RBG Victoria. Andrew's talk will be about 'Where Gardening Can Lead You'.

Put the date in your diary and the booking form is available in the Autumn edition of Naturelink.

Saturday 7 May Tarnuk Room, RBGV Cranbourne Gardens

#### Bookfest 2016

The Cranbourne Friends are currently holding a surplus of pre-loved books and magazines on plants, gardening, horticulture, botany, natural history, other sciences and related subjects.

Members & RBGV staff pre-sale: Friday 3 & Saturday 4 June from 10am to 4pm, Elliot Centre. Saturday 11 – Monday 13 June, from 10am to 4pm, Australian Garden Auditorium

# Discovery Day – Dandenong Ranges

We will start by enjoying refreshments (at your own cost) in the Piggery Café at Burnham Beeches and then walk through the Alfred Nicholas Gardens next to Burnham Beeches. We are very pleased that Shirley Carn has consented to have us visiting her latest garden project in Monbulk. Lastly, Lindy Harris from Karwarra Australian Plant Garden in Kalorama will take us on a tour through the gardens.

Wednesday 13 April, 10am – 3pm Meet at Piggery Café, Burnham Beeches, 1 Sherbrook Rd, Sherbrooke. Melway 75 F1 members \$20, non-members \$25, students \$10

## Open House Elliot Centre

 $1 \ pm-4 \ pm$ , every second Thursday of the month.

Talks start at 2 pm.

14 April – 'A Thing of Beauty'.

Basketry using native plants with Lynn
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9 May - How to discover and enjoy the birds
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The Elliot Centre Library will also be open for Friends to enjoy! Also, the Growing Friends Nursery is open every Thursday.

### **Upcoming Events**

**APRIL** 

13 Wednesday Discovery Day – Dandenong Ranges

14 Thursday

Open House Elliot Centre – A Thing Of Beauty. Basketry using native plants with Lynn Lochrie and the Basketmakers

#### MAY

7 Saturday

Annual Luncheon. Guest speaker Andrew Laidlaw

12 Thursday

Open House Elliot Centre – How to discover and enjoy the birds of the Cranbourne Gardens with Judith Cooke

#### JUNE

4 Saturday Workshop – Fabulous Fungi

9 Thursday

Open House Elliot Centre – Photographing the Cranbourne Gardens with James McKee and the Friends in Focus

3 Saturday & 4 Sunday Bookfest for Friends Members and RBGV Staff only

11 Saturday – 12 Monday Bookfest!

19 Sunday

Afternoon Lectures – Prof. Lesley Head on Nature and Culture in Suburban Backyards & Assoc. Prof. Haripriya Rangan on Colonial Urban Aestheitcs and the Global Cottage Garden Industry

20 Monday & 21 Tuesday Botanical Illustrators – 2 day Fungi workshop with Helen Burrows

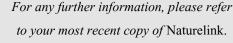
**Booking Form** 

#### **Expressions of Interest**

Western Australia Wildflowers Tour

See your Booking Form





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