

A fungus in the Forest Garden. It could be an *Amanita* or *Cortinarius* species according to Dr Tom May. Photo: R. Elliot



Upcoming Events

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 – Open Gardens Victoria, new initiatives and plans with Helen Kennedy

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

11 Saturday – 12 Monday (long weekend)
Bookfest!

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

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

JULY

14 Thursday
Open House Elliot Centre - Alf Reina 'Sicily & Surrounds.' Proposed overseas tour

23 Saturday & 24 Sunday
Growing Friends Winter Plant Sale

Booking Form

Expressions of Interest

Western Australia



For any further information, please refer to your most recent copy of Naturelink.

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, and nutrients from plant materials would not be efficiently recycled to be taken up again by other plants and organisms.

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.

Topics will include an overview of fungi, orchid–fungi relationships, fungi of Victoria and a cultural history of fungi. And we'll look at the amazing world of lichens. These talks will be followed by a question-and-answer session with our panel of experts, before taking a walk around the Cranbourne bushland to forage for some fascinating fungi!

Saturday 4 June
9.30am – 4pm

Australian Garden Auditorium, RBGV Cranbourne
members \$60 • non-member \$75 • students \$30

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 10am – 4pm, Elliot Centre.

Queens Birthday long weekend

Saturday 11 – Monday 13 June, from 10am – 4pm,
Australian Garden Auditorium

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'.

Saturday 7 May
Tarnuk Room, RBGV Cranbourne Gardens

Open House Elliot Centre

Bring your lunch and join the Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Cranbourne for a calendar of interesting and inspiring presentations with plenty of time for discussion afterwards.

1pm – 4pm, every second Thursday of the month.

Talks start at 2pm.

9 May - How to discover and enjoy the birds of the Cranbourne Gardens with Judith Cooke

9 June - Open Gardens Victoria, new initiatives and plans with Helen Kennedy

The Elliot Centre Library will also be open for Friends to enjoy! Also, the Growing Friends Nursery is open every Thursday 10am – 3.30pm