

Speakers Luncheon

INFORMATION & BOOKINGS

FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2016 | 10:00AM - 3:30PM

VENUE:

The Robert Clark Horticultural Centre,
Ballarat Botanical Gardens

TICKETS: \$70 | 'Friends' \$65

Includes delicious Peter Ford prepared lunch with wine

BOOKINGS ONLINE:

www.trybooking.com/210897

ENQUIRIES: 0407 324 466

Simon Rickard is a passionate gardener and plantsman. He was head gardener at the Diggers Club until 2009, before collaborating with restaurateur Annie Smithers to establish her kitchen garden. He currently runs his own garden design and consultancy business, and works as a garden communicator, writing books, giving workshops and leading garden tours for Botanica World Discoveries.

www.simonrickard.com

Karen Sutherland from country Victoria, was born into a family of farmers and gardeners. Growing her own food from a young age, she has a lifetime of experience in horticulture, with the last 8 years focusing on edible and useful plants. Trained at Melbourne Zoological Gardens and Burnley Horticultural College and a Permaculture Design Certificate with Bill Mollison, she continues to learn from her own 'garden laboratory' in inner Melbourne.

www.edibleenddesign.com

Claire Takacs is an international award winning Australian freelance photographer who has specialised in photographing gardens and landscapes throughout the world for over the past ten years. She divides her time between Australia, Europe and the US. Beauty and nature are a great inspiration, as she attempts to capture the essence and beauty of the gardens she photographs, particularly while working with light.

www.takacsphoto.com

Images courtesy Simon Griffiths & Darren James

Welcome

...to our 9th Annual Ballarat Gardens in Spring event.

We are again delighted to present an outstanding program offering an exciting array of activities for garden lovers providing an opportunity to experience the practical and aesthetic principles of gardening and horticulture.

Our very popular Speakers Luncheon will be held on Friday 11th November in our beautiful Botanical Gardens, again we have secured three exciting and knowledgeable Guest Speakers. Bookings are essential and for your convenience, registration this year is online. Book early as numbers are limited. The Open Gardens on offer will not disappoint and all certainly 'show off' Ballarat's heritage, history and beauty. Take your time to visit all the gardens which are in easy reach from one another. Meet the owners and volunteers, experience the unique ambiance of each garden and glean some local knowledge to take home a few ideas for your garden.

Indulge your senses by taking advantage of the program and associated events and appreciate beautiful Ballarat this Spring - the true garden city.

Enjoy!

**Wendy Taylor, Helen Todd, Cherry Schultz
& Elizabeth Gillfillan**

Ballarat Gardens in Spring 2016 Committee

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The city of Ballarat through the Community Impact Grant Program has supported this event.



Other Information...

Ballarat Visitor Information 1800 446 633

Program enquiries

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Maps available at all open gardens or website -

www.ballaratopengardens.com.au



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MELBOURNE VISITORS

Special Guided Coach Tour Sunday 13th November

Visit four open gardens with a local guide. Tour starts at the Ballarat Railway Station for passengers arriving on the 11.02am train from Melbourne and will return for the 4.19pm departure.

\$25 per person includes garden entry and bus tour. The coach will stop in Ballarat's city centre for guests to purchase lunch

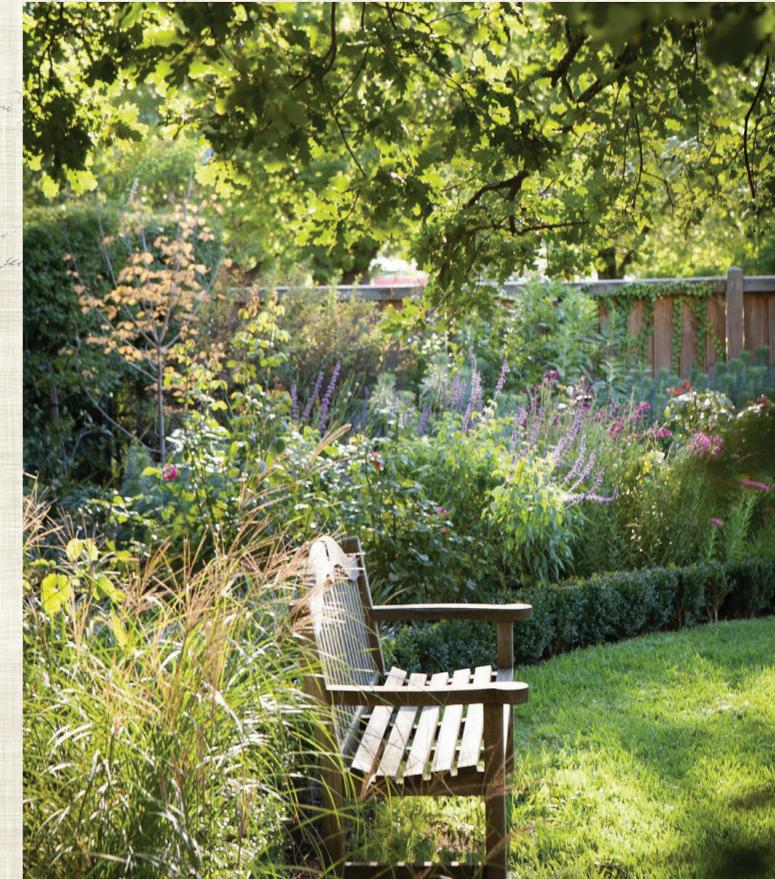
Bus tour subject to sufficient numbers. Kindly sponsored by Ballarat Regional Tourism. Bookings and pre-payment essential **Book Online www.trybooking.com/214692** Further details p 0407 554306

Why not visit for the weekend and also see the Archibald Prize, now on exhibition at the Art Gallery. Wander our majestic streetscapes and indulge in our many and varied cafes & restaurants.

For accommodation venues www.visitballarat.com.au

BALLARAT Gardens in Spring 2016

Fri 11, Sat 12 & Sun 13 November



Friends of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens



Open Gardens 2016

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th November

10am-4pm | \$5 Per Adult

Selkirk's Garden

1712 Sturt Street, Ballarat

Christine and Rob Selkirk's garden is comprised of two blocks of land, one being the old grass tennis court and the other the house block. As featured in House and Garden magazine in 2015 the garden is a harmonious composition between the house and its garden. A climbing rose frames the view of the magnificent 20 metre long pergola which serves as a partition between the oval and square lawn 'rooms'. Draped with wisteria and hedged with Escallonia 'Iveyi' the pergola is a stunning sight when the wisteria is in flower. Around the lawns are garden beds containing plants that complement those in the original sections of the garden such as hellebores, anemones, Solomon's seal, hydrangea and angelica which surrounds a charming old Quince tree. The original garden dates back to the 1920's and with additional plants introduced to provide year round interest. Euphorbia, silver lamb's ears and the ever changing flowers of Sedum 'Autumn Joy' are favourites together with Foxgloves, Nandina domestica 'Moonbay', Agastache 'Sweet Lili' and Clivia miniata creating structure, movement and colour. Stately trees including Oak, Birch and Magnolia are focal points with Camellias and David Austin roses displaying beautiful seasonal blooms.

Water warning – ponds/pool

The Bishop's Palace

1444 Sturt Street, Lake Wendouree

This unique gothic bluestone building was constructed in 1877 for the first Bishop of Ballarat as the Roman Catholic Church headquarters and is listed on the Victorian Heritage Register. With many magnificent architectural features, including the elaborate entrance gates, bluestone arch in the rear garden and stately cast iron-work, the 4 acres has numerous mature trees and shrubs and expansive lawn areas. The current owners moved in to the Bishop's Palace in 2015, and have been busy maintaining the grounds whilst putting their personal touch on the garden with floral beds and additional plantings. Feature trees include the many species of Quercus, Cedrus atlantica, Magnolia grandiflora and Ulmus glabra just to name a few. Bring a picnic lunch or take time to stroll the generous grounds and appreciate the ambience of former times. *Water warning – ponds/pool*

Yoothamurra

209 Hurleys Lane, Camrham

The garden at Yoothamurra was first established by John and Bobbie Hurley in 1956. Stands of cypress and pine were planted to protect the home paddock and young deciduous and native trees from the ravages of the Western District winds. Their daughter, Susan and her husband Edward Coleridge moved to Yoothamurra in 1996 and since then, the front garden has moved beyond the cypress windbreak into the adjoining paddock. Stone walls, boulders, sculpture and a garden dam extend views into the surrounding landscape toward Lake Burrumbeet and the wind farm decorated Great Dividing Range. These views are captured in many of Edward Coleridge's paintings which will be on display in an Open Studio exhibition. *Water warning – dam*

Elsinore

13 Hotham Street, Lake Wendouree

An intriguing, stately and historical residence which once extended through to Lake Wendouree providing a rich resource for the growing of produce for the dining table of the main house. Originally owned by JJ Fitzgerald in the mid 1850s and then occupied by Major General Pompey Elliott, Ballarat's war hero and later by Sir Henry Winneke QC, Governor of Victoria. The current owners, Samantha and Greg McIntosh are passionate about history, heritage, restoration and gardening as can be seen in the painstaking works undertaken over the last 2 years. Many unique features of both the residence and garden still exist including the original oval aquarium with the rhododendron as seen in photographs with Pompey Elliot standing proudly beside the lovely cast and timber verandah. The meandering garden paths still follow much of their original form framed by mature Willows, Cedars and Pines. The old cast iron fence originally from the creek near the Ballarat railway yards surrounds the north and east aspects of the house and quirky old brick pavers follow an unpredictable form in the kitchen garden which is laden with a mixture of fruit trees, herbs and vegetables. Many family generations have enjoyed the grounds of this significant property and with such energetic and passionate caretakers, many more will in future years. *Water warning – ponds/pool*

Friends of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens. Become A Member!

The Friends have a number of interest groups which meet monthly. Groups include; growing, botanical art, history, educating and guiding. As well as periodic seminars and workshops there are also excursions and special functions arranged for members and their friends. Further detail p 53 429354 or visit www.fbbg.org.au

Related Events

Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute > 'Gardens In Print'

Ballaarat Mechanics' Institute presents treasures from their heritage collection with a display of Ferdinand Von Mueller, (past director of the Royal Melbourne Botanic Gardens) rare plant specimens and related material.

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th November 2016, 10am - 4pm
117 Sturt Street, Ballarat, Heritage Reading Room
Gold Coin Donation. Enquiries 53 313 042

Archibald Prize

The Archibald Prize is an extraordinary art event, which brings together portraits of some of the country's leading celebrities as seen by our leading artists.

14th October to 27th November 2016
Art Gallery of Ballarat, 40 Lydiard St North, Ballarat.
www.artgalleryofballarat.com.au or enquiries 53205858

'Friends' Ballarat Botanical Gardens > Plant Sales

Find that rare plant or pick up some local plant knowledge, experts on hand to assist!

Saturday 12th November, 1pm - 4pm, Growing Friends Nursery, South of Conservatory, Ballarat Botanical Gardens (open every Tuesday & every 2nd Sunday throughout the year 1pm - 4pm)

'Friends' Ballarat Botanical Gardens > Guided Tours

Highlighting the garden's history, development, heritage trees, statues and plantings.

Saturday 12th November & Sunday 13th November
Tour times 11am & 2pm (approx 1hr duration)
Meet at The Conservatory (if wet weather an indoor presentation will take place). Gold coin donation.
No Bookings required. Enquiries 53 429354



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