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Wattle celebrations at the Australian National Botanic Gardens

Tuesday 1 September is the first day of spring – and it is National Wattle Day.

Over the next month, visit the Australian National Botanic Gardens to see hundreds of more than 1000 species of Australian wattles. Celebrations include a new exhibition and a range of public programs, guided walks and public talks from 1 September until 11 October 2009.

***Celebrate Our Wattle* exhibition**

Discover chapters of Australia's history through our use of wattle
1 September – 11 October, 9.30 am to 4.30 pm, Visitor Centre Gallery, Free

Curator 'wattle' floor talks in the Visitor Centre Gallery

Thursdays 11 am, 3 September – 8 October, Free

An Evolutionary *Tree of Trees*

Outdoor, interactive, live acacia exhibit highlighting the incredible variety in wattles leaf form and size.

1 – 14 September, 8.30 am – 5.00 pm, Rock Garden lawn, Free

Wattle walks - discover amazing wattles with our volunteer guides

31 August – 6 September, 11 am daily

Public Talks - Theatrette

The History and Relevance of Wattle Day, Edwin Ride, 1 September, 12.30 pm

The Wonderful Wattle, Suzette Searle, 3 September, 12.30 pm

A Tree of Trees, Joe Miller, 10 September, 12.30 pm

Meet the Maker: Lynne Stone

Sculptural botanical embroidery demonstrations, 5 and 10 September

Bookings essential, \$10, \$5 (Friends of Gardens)

Garden Guru Demonstrations

What to do with your wattles? 15 September

A "how to" Guide to Wattles 2 October

Bookings essential, \$5, \$4 (Friends of Gardens)

Wattle you do on your school holidays?

Become a scientist! Join us to explore and discover your amazing Gardens

28 September – 9 October, 10 – 11 am (ages 2 – 5), 11.30 am – 12.30 pm (ages 6 – 10)

Bookings essential, \$8, \$6 (Friends of Gardens)

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