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**Australian National Botanic Gardens**

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **CHILL OUT TO THE COOL SOUNDS OF SUMMER**

Canberra's most popular outdoor music series commences this weekend at the Australian National Botanic Gardens.

This year's Gardens' Summer Concert Series features four weekends of excellent local bands performing in the setting of the world's finest collection of Australian native plants.

The series is the major annual fundraising activity for the Friends of the Gardens, and donations collected are used to fund new projects and events each year. Projects funded in recent years include the establishment of the Botanical Resource Centre, the Shelter adjacent to the Rock Garden, the Cascades water feature beside the Visitor Centre, the fogging system and palms and tree ferns in the Rainforest Gully, and classroom microscopes for the Education Section.

The Friends are also partners in an important three year research program with the Botanic Gardens and the Australian National University into long term seed conservation and research into Australian alpine plants.

Wine, beer and soft drinks are available for sale from the Friends of the Gardens.

Additional free parking for all concerts is available in the ANU car park on Clunies Ross Street.

<b>Saturdays, 6pm to 7.30pm, Eucalypt Lawn</b>		
9 Jan	As Famous As The Moon and Jumptown Swing Dancers	Smooth jazz and swing dancing
16 Jan	The Wedded Bliss	Blues, country and jazz
23 Jan	Backbeat Drivers	Blues
30 Jan	Annie & the Armadillos and Jumptown Swing Dancers	Jazz, rhythm & blues & funk

<b>Sundays, 6pm to 7.30pm, Eucalypt Lawn</b>		
10 Jan	Queen Juanita & the Zydeco Cowboys	Zydeco and western swing
17 Jan	Dr Stovepipe	Blues, bluegrass & western swing
24 Jan	Blue In Red	Smooth blues and jazz standards and originals
31 Jan	Karismakatz	Blues and jazz

Summer Sounds is sponsored by the Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens, and supported by 666 ABC Canberra and The Canberra Times.

Full details of all activities at the Australian National Botanic Gardens are available at [www.anbg.gov.au/anbg](http://www.anbg.gov.au/anbg)

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