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## Summer Concerts to celebrate Australia Day

This Saturday and Sunday evening the Australian National Botanic Gardens Summer Sounds Series continues – with a special Australia Day concert on Sunday.

Over 3,000 visitors are expected to enjoy live music amongst the beautiful surrounds of the Eucalypt Lawn.

**This Saturday from 6 pm: Key Grip**, a local band featuring some of Canberra's finest and busiest blues musicians such as Leo Joseph on the keyboard, Dave Blanken on guitar, Mitch Preston on drums and Greg Moss on bass. Angela Lount on vocals complements this fine mix of blues musicians.

**Sunday from 6 pm: Annie and the Armadillos**, a much loved contemporary band set to play a swag of Australian music - guaranteed to get the toes tapping and visitors up and dancing.

As a special treat to celebrate Australia Day, the first 200 families to arrive at the Eucalypt Lawn for the concert will receive an Australian plant seedling from Greening Australia and a Gardening Australia Magazine.

Executive director of the Gardens Dr Judy West said celebrating Australia Day amongst the gum trees was very fitting.

"It is wonderful to see so many people enjoy the beauty of our Australian native gardens while relaxing and listening to talented local bands," she said.

The Friends of the Gardens have been supporting the Summer Sounds concert series since its inception. This year the Friends are providing children's activities and are raising funds through gold coin donation and sale of refreshments.

An addition to this year's concert series is a sausage sizzle, provided by Kaleen Tennis Club and Waste Busters, a local non-profit organisation dedicated to recycling event waste.

**Entry:** Gold coin donation

**Time:** 6 pm to 7.30 pm

**Venue:** The Australian National Botanic Gardens, Clunies Ross Street, Acton.

**Parking:** Additional parking available at the CSIRO and temporary car park on western side of Clunies Ross Street. Full details of all activities available at [www.anbg.gov.au/gardens/](http://www.anbg.gov.au/gardens/)

Weather cancellation information available from the visitors centre 6250 9540 or Australian National Botanic Gardens twitter.

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