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Australian National Botanic Gardens announces new cafe proprietor

A new dining experience featuring fresh produce and Australian bush foods will soon be on offer at the Australian National Botanic Gardens with the opening of its new cafe — Floresco in the Gardens.

Following a competitive selection process, the Australian National Botanic Gardens are pleased to announce the new proprietor of its new cafe — Hellenic Premium Catering — part of the Hellenic Club of Canberra.

Floresco in the Gardens promises to add to the Gardens' visitor experience with its new look and exciting new menu providing high quality, affordable meals. "With over 40 years experience in the catering and hospitality industry, we are very excited about welcoming Hellenic Premium Catering to the Gardens," the Gardens' General Manager, Peter Byron said.

"Hellenic Premium Catering will work with us to make Floresco in the Gardens one of Canberra's most unique and popular dining experiences."

"Floresco in the Gardens is a step forward in the growth of Hellenic Premium Catering and we're very pleased to be involved with this iconic venue — the Australian National Botanic Gardens," Hellenic Club of Canberra CEO, Ian Cameron said.

After operating from the Australian National Botanic Gardens for 14 years, Hudsons in the Gardens have relocated to the Australian War Memorial.

"On behalf of the Australian National Botanic Gardens, we would like to thank Hudson's for their hard work and dedication over the last 14 years," Mr Byron said.

People with current function bookings with Hudsons at the Gardens can be assured that their bookings will not be affected by the change in cafe operators at the Gardens.

The cafe will undergo extensive renovations from 1 May to 11 May 2012 with coffee and snacks available during this period.

Following the renovations, Floresco in the Gardens will open on 12 May just in time for Mother's Day. The cafe will retain its current phone number of (02) 6248 9680 and in the interim, enquiries to the new operator can be made on (02) 6162 6683.

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