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Tour the Gardens in relaxing style on the Flora Explorer

Visitors can now tour the Australian National Botanic Gardens in a relaxed style aboard the new *Flora Explorer* – a 12-seater electric passenger vehicle.

Funded and operated by the Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens, the *Flora Explorer* will take visitors on a one-hour guided journey, helping them discover some of the Gardens' highlights including the Western Mallee, the Sydney Region Garden, the Eucalypt Lawn, the Rock Garden and rainforest.

The Gardens' General Manager Peter Byron said he was excited to provide visitors another way of exploring these beautiful Gardens than just by foot.

"Not only can visitors to the Gardens walk along the many different walking tracks, but they can now experience the beauty and diversity of the Gardens by simply sitting back, relaxing and enjoying an interpreted tour of the Gardens," he said.

"People of all ages – young and old – can easily experience more remote areas of the Gardens that they may never have seen before."

"We are delighted to be supporting this fantastic new product at the Gardens," Vice President of the Australian National Botanic Gardens, Barbara Podger said. "Our experienced volunteer drivers are sure to treat visitors to a fun, engaging and informative tour of the Gardens."

The *Flora Explorer* departs the Gardens' Visitor Centre at 1.00 pm Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children and concessions and can be purchased from the Botanical Bookshop – located in the Gardens' Visitor Centre.

The Australian National Botanic Gardens is the world's most comprehensive display of Australian native plants. With over 6,000 species representing one-third of known Australian plants, the Gardens is the only place in the world you can see this diversity of Australian native plants in one location – and visitors can now tour the Gardens aboard the *Flora Explorer*.

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