

## MEDIA RELEASE

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## The Gardens come alive this spring

As winter comes to an end, the Australian National Botanic Gardens are gearing up for a spring full of colour, entertainment and special visitor experiences.

On Saturday 1 September, the Sing Australia Choir will mark National Wattle Day – and the first day of spring - with two free choral concerts.

"The Sing Australia Choir will be performing *Seasonal Colours* at 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm - join us on the cafe lawn to celebrate the wattle blooms and the start of spring," Public Programs and Events Officer, Jennifer Salkeld said.

"Make time to drop into the Visitor Centre and take in the new *Drawn Together* exhibition, opening this Saturday. It's a free display of stunning artwork by artists from Bundanoon, on the NSW south coast, all inspired by the natural landscape and runs to Sunday 14 October.

"Later this spring, join the Friends of the Gardens for *Breakfast with the Birds* – a tour followed by a delicious breakfast in *Floresco in the Gardens Cafe.*"

Breakfast with the Birds runs from 7.45 am each Saturday and Sunday from 22 September - 14 October.

"Throughout spring we'll also be continuing our very popular *afterDARK* tours on the first Saturday evening of the month – check out our website for all the details," Jennifer said.

"The new season's theme is 'Dreamtime' – learn how rainforests are important story places for Aboriginal people as they symbolise features that came to be during the ancestral creation period known as Dreamtime."

For full details of the Gardens' springtime events, including the annual spring flower guided walks, visit our website: www.anbg.gov.au/gardens/whatson/index.html

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