



Australian Government
Australian National Botanic Gardens

MEDIA ALERT

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The Australian National Botanic Gardens pays tribute to its long-serving volunteers

The Australian National Botanic Gardens along with special guest, Senator the Hon. Kate Lundy will pay tribute to its many long-serving volunteers with a special volunteer recognition ceremony to be held on *International Volunteer Day*.

When: Wednesday 5 December
Time: 10.30 am
Where: Australian National Botanic Gardens
Crosbie Morrison Amphitheatre
Clunies Ross Street, Acton

Background:

International Volunteer Day is celebrated each year on 5 December. It's a day on which Australians and people in other countries around the world highlight and celebrate the role of volunteers in our communities.

Volunteers are an integral part of the Australian National Botanic Gardens with the first official volunteer task commencing in 1985 - the production of the weekly information sheet *In Flower This Week* – still going strong today.

Opportunities for community involvement in a wider variety of volunteer roles came with the establishment of the Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens in 1990.

In 1992 the Gardens formed the Volunteer Guide service and every year, some 2,000 visitors enjoy the free guided walks provided by volunteers.

In 2012, there are over 150 volunteers at the Australian National Botanic Gardens whose extraordinary contribution makes the Gardens the place it is today.

This year the Gardens will be celebrating and recognising 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of dedication to the Australian National Botanic Gardens by individuals.

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