

Garden Highlights, March 2020



In the Conservatory: Left: Lobster Claws *Heliconia*, Right Pitcher Plant

The **Conservatory** is now open every day from 10 am to 4 pm. See whether you can spot plants that you eat or use frequently, but may not have seen growing.

Look for the **Coffee Bush**. Coffee is made from the seeds inside the fruit. People prefer coffee made from seed of *Coffea arabica*. It is a hybrid between two species, *Coffea canephora* and *Coffea eugenioides* and its beans are called Arabica. Another type of coffee, called Robusta, has more caffeine. It comes from *Coffea canephora*.

The **Coconut Palm** *Cocos nucifera* still has its large seed next to its trunk. **Cotton plants** have seeds surrounded by cotton. Cotton seed heads, called bolls, are harvested from several species of *Gossypium*.

Plants in the display are changed frequently.

Over page: Map of the gardens

What's On in March 2020

Guided Walks (Gold coin donation)

Meet at the gardens front gate.

"Banks, Solander and the Endeavour voyage": Sunday 8 March 2:00 pm.

"Eucalypts - Not just Gum Trees":

Sunday 22 March 2:00 pm.

"Designed for the 21st Century":

Wednesday 25 March 11:00 am, Sunday 29 March 2:00 pm.

"Clever, Creative Solution for

Stormwater": Sunday 29 March 1:00 pm

Free Guided Walks:

Wednesdays 11:00 am, Sundays 2:00 pm.

Discovery Table:

Sunday 22 March 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

Friends Nursery open: Weekend

28 and 29 March, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm,

Wednesdays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Details: Friends website or phone.

Botanic Gardens children's programs:

(details and booking on the Botanic Gardens website. Phone: 03 5272 4379):

Preschool Story Time: Dragon Hunt, Wednesday 4 March, Thursday 12 March, 10:30 - 11:15 am, **free**.

Bee Hotels: Tuesday 31 March, Thursday 9 April, 10:00 - 11:30 am, \$9.30 per child + booking fee.

Young Naturalist: Eastern Park Wildlife, Tuesday 31 March, 1:30 - 3:00 pm, \$9.30 per child + booking fee.

The Sunken Glasshouse has a display of Cactus and other plants of dry places.

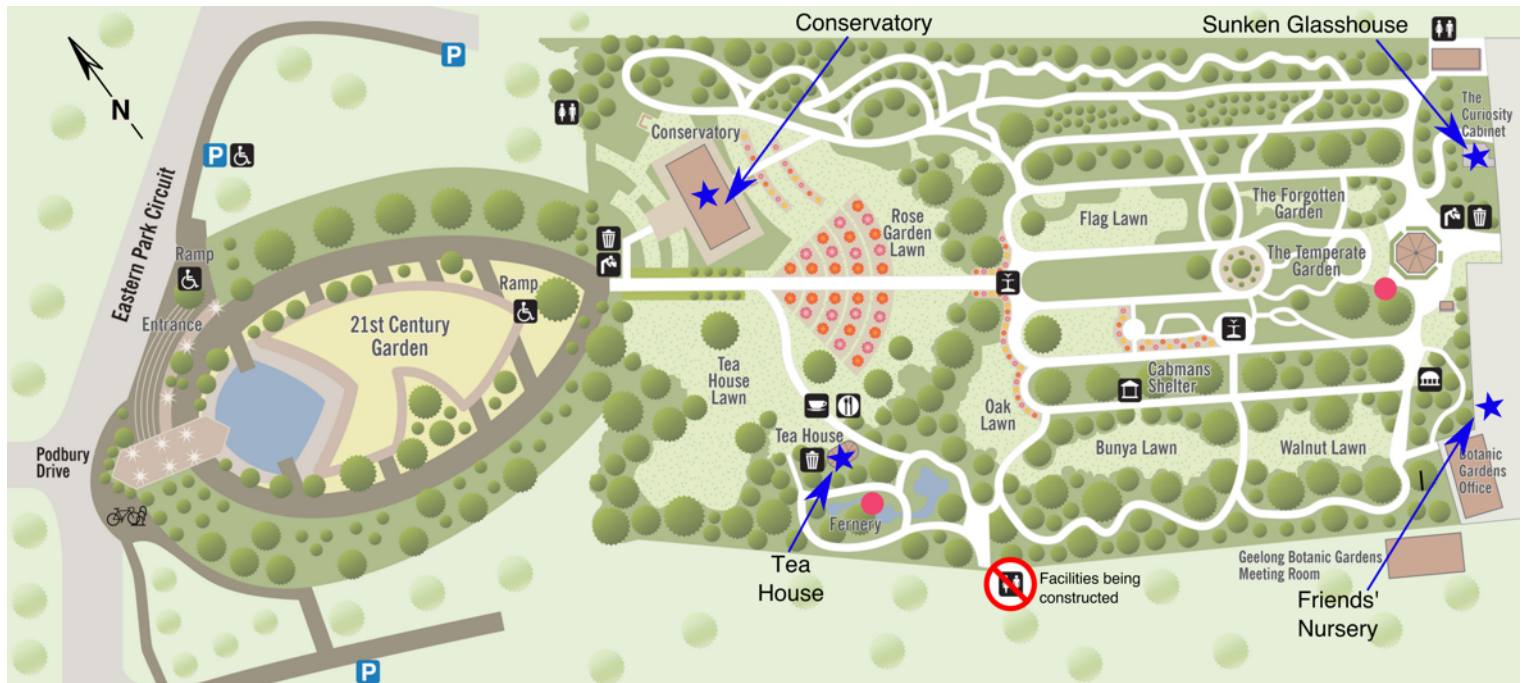
The Tea House is open every day (Bookings for groups, etc. phone 0413 706 535).

Bookings: www.friendsgbg.org.au

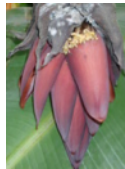
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Geelong Botanic Gardens map



You may see a tiny spider hunting insects attracted by sweet scents - even the scent of the Pitcher Plant.



Bananas flower in successive rows, each protected by a sheath. The flowers develop into individual banana fruit.