

# Garden Highlights, December 2019



Photo: Pelargonium House

The **Pelargonium House** has re-opened. Its recent renovation includes an irrigation system. The display in the Pelargonium House is changed as different plants come into flower.

Many species of *Pelargonium* come from southern Africa. In the 21st Century garden there is a modest collection of deciduous *Pelargonium* species with smaller flowers from dry areas of Africa. In the dry summer, some of them show no foliage above the ground.

The plants that are commonly called Geranium, have the botanical name *Pelargonium*. A *Pelargonium* is distinguished from its relative, a *Geranium*, by being only symmetrical about a single (usually vertical) line. The *Geranium* is symmetrical about the centre line of each of the five petals.

More information is available on the GBG website. Pelargoniums are available in the Friends Nursery.

## What's On in December 2019

Themed guided walk: 'Flora of the Pacific Islands', Sunday 8 December  
2:00 pm, Gold coin donation.

Discovery Table: Sunday 15  
December 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

Free Guided Walks: Wednesdays  
11:00 am, Sundays 2:00 pm, except  
for Sunday 22 December.

Friends Nursery open: Wednesdays  
9:30 am - 12:30 pm, except for  
Wednesday 25 December and  
Wednesday 1 January.

Friends office will be closed from  
Friday 20 December to  
Sunday 5 January, inclusive.

The Curiosity Cabinet has a display of  
Cactus and other plants of dry places.

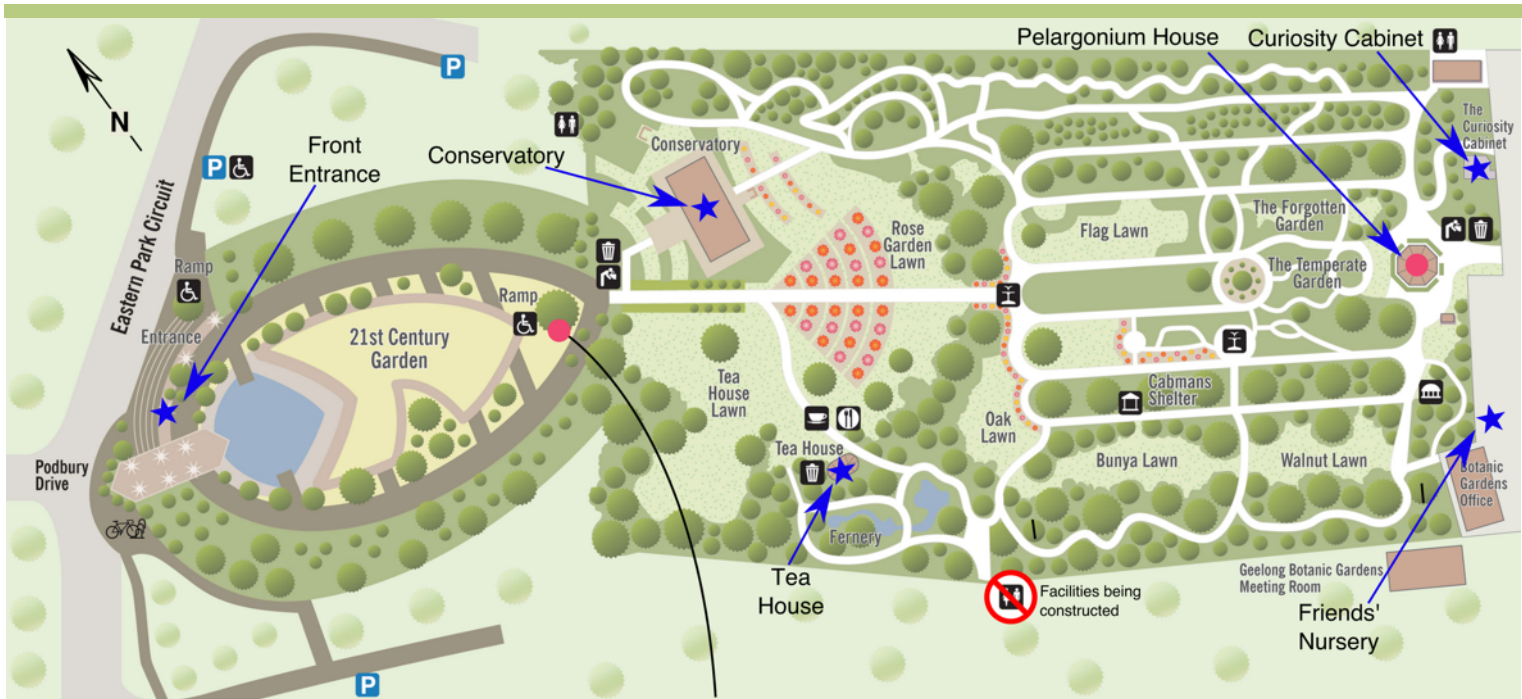
You can go into the Conservatory on  
weekdays from 10 am to 4 pm.

The Tea House is open every day.

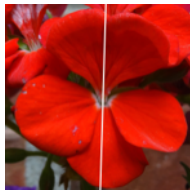
(For details: Friends website or  
phone.)



# Geelong Botanic Gardens map



Pelargonium House Statue of Ruth gleaning wheat



Deciduous Pelargoniums

Left: *Pelargonium* (Common name Geranium) is symmetrical about one axis. Right: *Geranium* (Cranes Bill) is symmetrical about 5 axes.



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