

# Garden Highlights, March 2017

The Geelong Botanic Gardens and the surrounding Eastern Park have inherited a number of artefacts from elsewhere in the Geelong area. One of these is the **Ladies Kiosk in Eastern Park**. It was in Market Square until commercial development on that site. This Heritage shelter has recently been refurbished. There is to be a celebration of its restoration on Sunday 23 April. To mark this event, this month we highlight the artefacts within the Botanic Gardens. The map over the page shows the sculptures, plaques, fountains and Heritage buildings. The photos on this page highlight a selection.

The top photograph shows: **7 the two Prisk Urns**, in the middle distance **8 the Hitchcock Fountain**, and the white objects, on the right, in the background, **10 Blakiston Urn and 11 the Traill Fountain**. All these were originally in Market Square in Central Geelong. These impressive objects were moved to the gardens to make way for commercial development.

**18. The Customs House** is one of the oldest buildings in Victoria. It was erected in 1838, 3 years after European settlement on Port Phillip Bay. It has been moved quite a few times since it was prefabricated in Sydney and installed in its first waterfront site.

**14. The five bronze Japanese Cranes** were originally erected at St Alban's Homestead. The golden Ginkgo leaves frame the cranes riding on the backs of dragon tortoises. The crane symbolises a long, youthful life. The tortoise is a symbol of even longer life and the dragon brings luck. An old Japanese saying says, 'As the crane one thousand years, the tortoise ten thousand years'.

**16. The Pit Glass-house** was an idea brought from Britain. Like all glass-houses, the green-house effect uses sunlight to heat the inside, making it possible to grow plants needing warmer conditions than the weather offers. Building it into the ground makes it more effective, as the surrounding soil retains the heat provided by the sun.

## What's on in March 2017 (More details on Friends website)

Discovery Walk, **Treasures of the collections**,  
Sunday 12 March 2:00 pm.

**Discovery Table**, Sunday 19 March 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

**Autumn Plant Sale**, Friends Nursery,  
Weekend 25-26 March 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

National Playgroup Week, **Big Play Day**, Free,  
Wednesday 29 March 10:00 am - 01:00 pm.

**Wildlife Photographer of the Year**, Exhibition,  
National Wool Museum, till 14 May.

The **Friends' Nursery** is also open on Wednesdays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

**Free Guided Walks**, each Sunday 2:00 pm, Wednesday 11:00 am.

The **Curiosity Cabinet** (Pit glass-house) is displaying Arid Environments

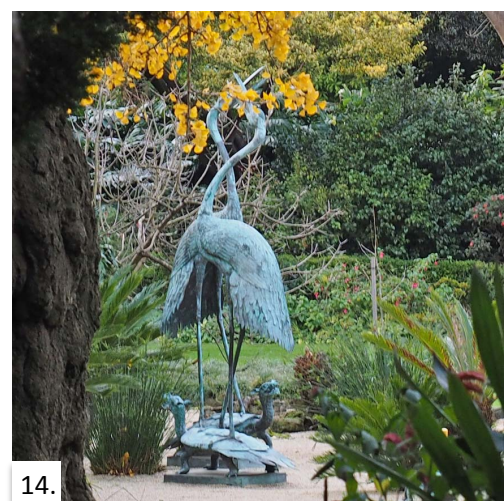
The **Tea House** is open every day.



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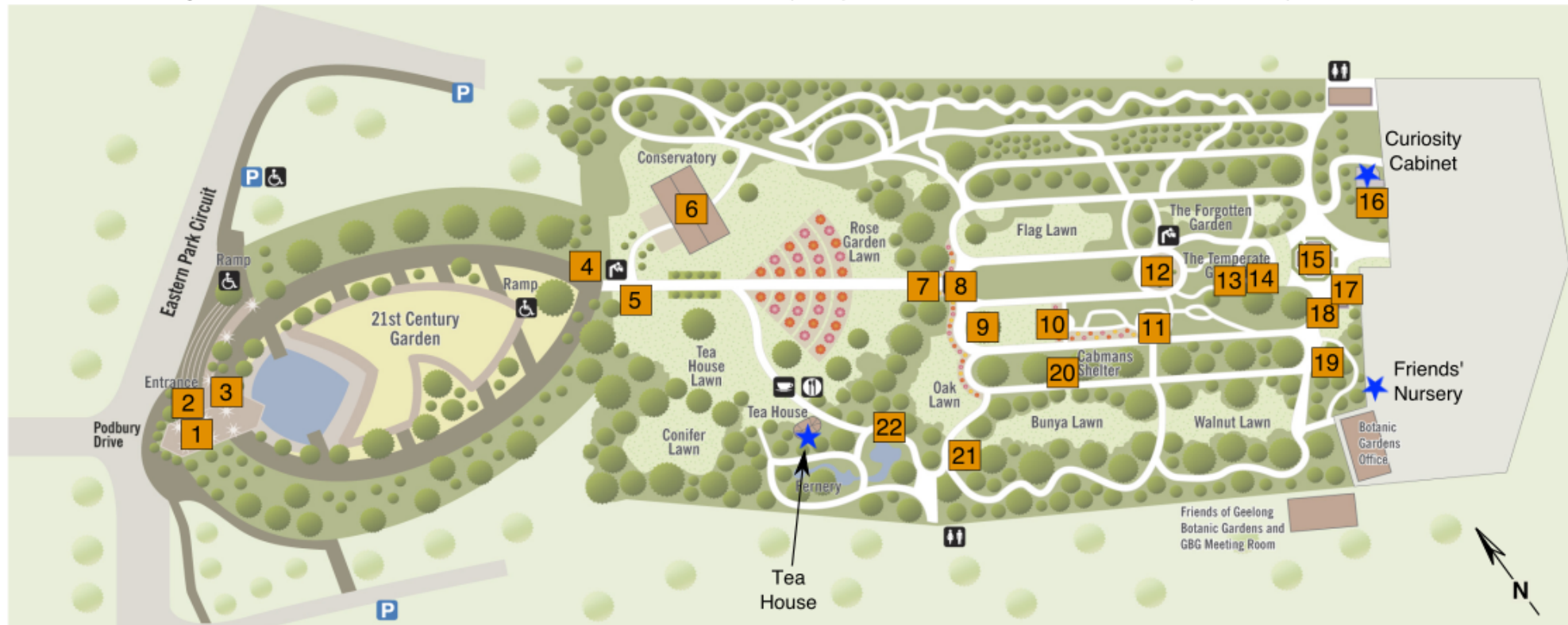
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# Geelong Botanic Gardens Map

1. Boat Deck, 2002
2. Sculpture: Masts & Trees, 2002
3. Nathan Kleidon plaque, 2006
4. Hansen Gates with arch, 20th Century Garden, 1964

5. Bollards: First Curator, Daniel Bunce & Visitor, 1999
6. A.L. Walter Conservatory (renovation nearly complete), 1964
7. Two Prisk Urns, 1904 (1912)

8. Hitchcock Fountain, 1904 (1912)
9. Plaque: Flora for Victoria 1996
10. Blakiston Urn, 1904 (1912)
11. Traill Fountain, 1902 (1912)
12. Pluvial (ie. rainfall) Fountain, 1880s



13. Small ponds, 1880s
14. Five Japanese Cranes, 1870s (1968)
15. Pelargonium House, 1972
16. Pit Glass-house, 1860s

17. Plaque commemorating CJ La Trobe, 1954
18. Customs House, 1839 (1975)
19. Raddenberry Shelter, 1988 replica of 1888 building

20. Cabmen's Shelter, 1905 (1988)
21. Wire sculptures by Thomas J McVicar, including: Crane, 2003
22. Three sculptures by Viktor Cebergs: Ferns, (2003)

(Date) When moved to Botanic Garden

## Geelong Botanic Gardens Sculpture, Fountains, Heritage Buildings



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