

# Garden Highlights, February 2017



The Geelong Botanic Gardens has 23 of its trees Heritage-listed. There are a further 9 Heritage trees in Eastern Park that surrounds these gardens. Trees are heritage listed for their age, grandeur, contribution to the landscape of the gardens and their uniqueness. 13 trees have state significance and the other 10 regional significance. Most of those with state significance have few or no other known examples growing in Victoria. The locations of all 23 trees are shown on the map over the page.

The **Maiden Hair Tree *Ginkgo biloba*** in the photo above is probably the first *Ginkgo* to grow in Australia for nearly 40 million years. Fossil Ginkgos have been found near Sydney. This tree was planted in the 1850s. Because of its age, this *Ginkgo* may also be the largest in Australia. It has a feature that appears as Ginkgos grow older - the beginning of roots, called Chi Chis, growing from the branches and trunk. These give the appearance that the tree is weeping.

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

Discovery Walk, **A Garden rich in palms**, Sunday 12 February 2:00 pm.

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

Film night : '**A Little Chaos**' Monday 20 February

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

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

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

The **Curiosity Cabinet** is displaying Arid Environments

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

**Photos:** Three Heritage trees with State Significance, clockwise from the top: Maiden Hair Tree *Ginkgo biloba*; \$1 coin on a large leaf of the Wigandia *Wigandia urens*; Wigandia flowers in September; Queensland Lacebark *Brachychiton discolor*.



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Over page: Map showing the Heritage Trees

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# Geelong Botanic Gardens Map

- 1 *Acer pseudoplatanus* 'Leopoldii'  
Variegated Sycamore
- 2 *Actinostrobus pyramidalis* ^  
Swan River Cypress Pine
- 3 *Agathis robusta*  
Queensland Kauri

- 4 *Araucaria bidwillii*  
Bunya Bunya Pine
- 5 *Brachychiton discolor* ^  
Queensland Lacebark
- 6 *Brachychiton x roseus* subsp. *roseus* ^  
Hybrid Pink Flame Tree

- 7 *Corymbia maculata*  
Spotted Gum
- 8 *Corynocarpus laevigatus* ^  
Karakara or New Zealand Laurel
- 9 *Cassine crocea*  
(syn. *Elaeodendron croceum*)  
African Holly

- 10 *Eucalyptus baueriana*  
Blue Box
- 11 *Fagus sylvatica* 'Atropunicea'  
(syn. *F. sylvatica* 'Purpurea')  
Purple or Copper Beech
- 12 *Ginkgo biloba* ^  
Maidenhair Tree



- 13 *Jubaea chilensis*  
Chilean Wine Palm
- 14 *Juglans nigra* ^  
Black Walnut
- 15 *Juniperus thurifera* ^  
Spanish or Incense Juniper
- 16 *Picconia excelsa* ^  
Canary Island Laurel or Wiridgil E1

- 17 *Pinus quadrifolia* Parryana  
Parry's Nut Pine or Mexican Stone Pine
- 18 *Podocarpus elatus* ^  
Plum Pine
- 19 *Prumnopitys andina* ^  
Plum Fir
- 20 *Quillaja saponaria* ^  
Soap-Bark Tree

- 21 *Scolopia braunii* ^  
Gun-stock Wood
- 22 *Sequoiadendron giganteum*  
Sierra Redwood
- 23 *Wigandia urens* ^  
(syn. *W. caracasana*)  
Wigandia

\* Additional tree  
^ State Significance

## Geelong Botanic Gardens Heritage Tree Locations

