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WELCOME TO botanica 2026

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Immerse yourself in the sounds of Rippon Lea Estate ...

 Sound Healing Soundscape by Romy Paltoglou	 Fernery Immersion Soundscape	 Grotto Immersion Soundscape	 Rippon Lea Bird Song by Gio Fitzpatrick	 Bats of Rippon Lea Estate Soundscape by Robert Schiller
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PROTECT WHAT MATTERS

ANNUAL APPEAL 2026
nattrust.org.au/annualappeal

WHAT'S ON	TIME	LOCATION
Gates open (Hotham Street)	10.00am	
Southern Suburbs Orchid Society: Display & Sales	10.00am – 3.00pm	Lower Ballroom & Pool Terrace
Cactus & Succulent Society: Display & Sales	10.00am – 3.00pm	Western Lawn
Holy Grail Plants: Display & Sale	10.00am - 3.00pm	Archery Hut
“Futures” art installation: imagining the future of our shared heritage	10.00am – 3.00pm	Ken’s Flat (Stables complex)
Country Women’s Association scones, jam & cream	10.00am until sold out	Mansion – Western Veranda
National Trust Membership <i>Free tastings of Darling Dahlia Estate-made cordial (12.30pm to 1.30pm or while stocks last).</i>	10.00am - 3.00pm	Ballroom bar
Mini Putt Putt Golf	10.00am – 3.00pm	Nursery Lawn
Rippon Lea Estate Plant Sale	10.00am – 3.00pm	Western Lawn
Fabulous Fuchsia stilt artist & EscarGlow giant puppet	10.30am onwards	Roaming appearances throughout the day
Presenting Seaweeds, flora of the sea – with scientific illustrator Chris Rockley	10.30am – 12noon	Upper Ballroom
Bird Spotter Tour (Bird Spotter booklet for sale \$12)	10.30am – 11.15am	Meet at the Rippon Lea plant sale, Western Lawn
Heritage Garden Tour	10.30pm – 11.15pm	Meet at the Rippon Lea plant sale, Western Lawn
Nature Journaling - with Kathleen from Nothing Like Nature (Maximum 20 people)	10.30am - 11.30am	Meet at Tennis Court
Glee Club Performance	10.30am – 10.45am	Bamboo Island Lawn
Flower arranging workshop (pre-booking required)	11.00am - 12noon	Coach House (Stables complex)
Free Bunya Nut pesto tastings	11.00am while stocks last	Rippon Lea plant sale, Western Lawn
Face painting	11.00am - 2.00pm	Tennis Pavilion
Still Life Drawing	11.00am – 3.00pm	Canary Palm Lawn
Red Raven Morris dancers	11.00am onwards	Appearances throughout the day, until 2.00pm
Mansion Open House • Floral displays throughout the Mansion, presented by Melbourne Flower School. • Chinese brush painting exhibition and demonstration in the Conservatory, presented by Echo Wu.	11.00am – 3.15pm	Mansion (closed 1.00pm–1.30pm, last entry 2.45pm)
Demonstration: Dividing & re-potting native dendrobium	11.00am - 11.30am	Pool Terrace (Ballroom)
Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony	11.30am	Lakeside Lawn

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Bird Spotter Tour (Bird Spotter booklet for sale \$12)	12noon – 12.45pm	Meet at the Rippon Lea plant sale, Western Lawn
Demonstration: Dividing & re-potting cymbidium	12noon – 12.30pm	Pool Terrace (Ballroom)
Heritage Garden Tour	12noon – 12.45pm	Meet at the Rippon Lea plant sale, Western Lawn
Glee Club Performance	12noon – 12.15pm	In front of the Mansion
Nature based Mindfulness – with Kathleen from Nothing Like Nature (Maximum 20 people)	12noon – 1.00pm	Meet at Tennis Court
Heritage Garden Tour	12.30pm – 1.15pm	Meet at the Rippon Lea plant sale, Western Lawn
Presenting Seaweeds, flora of the sea – with scientific illustrator Chris Rockley	12.45pm - 3.00pm	Upper Ballroom
Demonstration: Dividing & re-potting oncidium	1.00pm - 1.30pm	Pool Terrace (Ballroom)
Sound Bath by the Lake – with Romy from Sound Healing Melbourne	1.00pm – 1.30pm	Bamboo Island Lawn
Poetry Open Mic	1.00pm – 1.30pm	Cedar Lawn
Significant Tree Tour	1.00pm - 1.45pm	Meet at the Rippon Lea plant sale, Western Lawn
Sound Bath by the Lake – with Romy from Sound Healing Melbourne	1.30pm – 2.00pm	Bamboo Island Lawn
Heritage Garden Tour	1.30pm – 2.15pm	Meet at the Rippon Lea plant sale, Western Lawn
Bird Spotter Tour (Bird Spotter booklet for sale \$12)	1.30pm – 2.15pm	Meet at the Rippon Lea plant sale, Western Lawn
Flower arranging workshop (pre-booking required)	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Coach House (Stables complex)
Poetry Open Mic	2.00pm – 2.30pm	Cedar Lawn
Demonstration: Dividing & re-potting native dendrobium	2.00pm - 2.30pm	Pool Terrace (Ballroom)
End of Festival activities	3.00pm	

Thank you for attending. We hope to see you again next year!



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land we are meeting on today, the Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation, and recognise their continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. We pay respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, and to Elders past and present.