

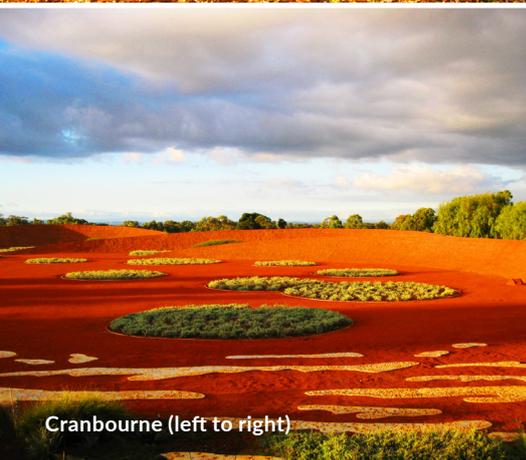
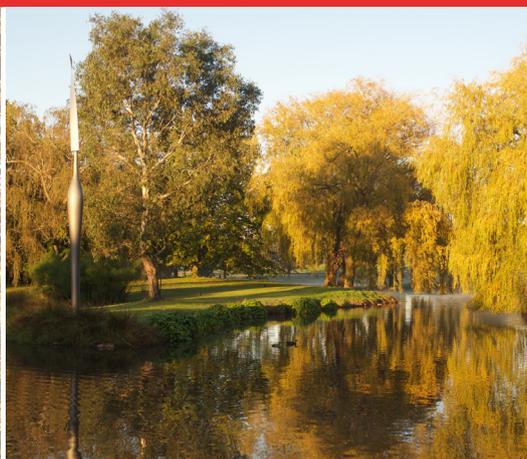
Australian Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens

Tour of Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne & Cruden Farm, Langwarrin

Thursday 4th May 2023



Cruden Farm (left to right)



Cranbourne (left to right)



This wonderful one-day tour is a precursor to the 2023 AGM at Mueller Hall, National Herbarium, Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne on Friday, 5th May.

Together with Jon Baines Tours, the AAFBG has arranged a coach trip to visit Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne, where we will be hosted by the Friends of RBG Cranbourne. This will be followed by a visit to Cruden Farm in Langwarrin, the home and garden of the late Dame Elizabeth Murdoch. We are very grateful for the generous support provided by both RBG Cranbourne Friends and Cruden Farm in creating this tour.

There is a limit of 30 participants – preference will be given to delegates who have registered to attend the 2023 AGM.

To book your place, pay [here](#) (ref: AAFBG SURNAME)
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Itinerary: Thursday 4th May 2023

Am: Melbourne / Cranbourne

Coach departs from rear of Ian Potter Centre, NGV Australia, Federation Square, Melbourne (at the corner of Flinders & Russell Streets) for the trip to Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne (approx. 60 mins). Please ensure that you have registered with organisers and are on board by 8.50am for a prompt departure.

On arrival we will be greeted by Friends of RBG Cranbourne who share a love of Australian plants and nature and support RBG Cranbourne. Morning tea to be hosted by the Cranbourne Friends and we will be welcomed by their President, Erin Cosgriff, and Chris Russell, Executive Director at RBG Victoria, Cranborne Gardens.

Take a tour of the Australian Garden, an award-winning contemporary botanic garden surrounded by 300 hectares of remnant native bushland, with an experienced guide organised by the Cranbourne Friends. This walk will reflect on how our continent's landscape inspired the design of the garden, which celebrates the diversity and contrasting elements of our environment and shows the distinctive adaptations of our flora to climate changes over aeons. Be inspired by the wonderful landscape sculpture and unique Australian flora, with time at leisure after the tour to purchase lunch at the Boon Wurrung Café and visit the Gardens Shop.

For a map of the RBG Cranbourne see the [website](#).

Pm: Cranbourne / Cruden Farm

Board the coach for the short drive to Cruden Farm, Langwarrin.

Created over more than 80 years by renowned philanthropist Dame Elisabeth Murdoch, Cruden Farm is an oasis of flowers, trees, formal gardens, lakes, and a working urban farm. The farm is a true labour of love, left as a place of public recreation and nestled inside the surrounding suburban sprawl.

Take an expert guided walking tour to learn more about the history of the garden and hear tales about Dame Elisabeth and her family's life at Cruden Farm. The tour takes an hour and meanders through the lawns and gravel paths of the formal and informal gardens.

Time at leisure after tour to purchase coffee and bottled water. Board the coach and return to Melbourne, arriving back at NGV Australia at around 5pm.

See the Cruden Farm website [here](#).

The cost per person is \$94 and includes transport to and from Melbourne CBD, all admission fees and all guided tours.

You can book and pay directly by card [here](#) – please use reference AAFBG SURNAME.

In case the weather is inclement tour participants are advised to bring warm, wet weather clothing as the sites are quite exposed.

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