

Geelong Botanic Gardens – a local treasure

U3A Course 2018

Do you know your Gardens? The Geelong Botanic Gardens is one of the oldest botanic gardens in Australia. Learn about its history, special collections, remarkable trees and the people who have made it all happen. Each session includes a guided walk designed to focus on the study topic.

The Course commences on Monday, 5 February and the final session is on Monday, 26 March.

Date	Topic	Tutor
Monday Feb 5	Overview of course. Role of Botanic Gardens and Friends of GBG, explanation of GBG Administration. History of the GBG. Orientation Walk	Jenny Dean Cherry Collins
Monday Feb 12	Introduction to 21 st Century Garden, walk. Presentation of botanical art, trees in the GBG	Liz Bennetto, Dolores Skowronski-Malloni
Monday Feb 19	Plants and Climate. Drought, conditions for growing, fernery.	Anthea Williams
Monday Feb 26	Simple botany. Plant names Flowers and seeds. Evolution walk	David Johnson
Monday March 5	Special collections: Salvia and Pelargoniums. Stormwater harvest and irrigation	Jenny Dean Sarah King
Monday March 12	Labour Day public holiday – no class.	
Monday March 19	Trees – groups, structure, timber. Heritage Tree Walk	Jayne Salmon
Monday March 26	Eastern Park – history, plantings and carriageways. Eastern Park Walk	Jayne Salmon Annie McGeachey