

COLAC OTWAYS BUS TOUR



Thursday 18 October 2018

\$80 members or \$90 non-members

Bookings with payment by Wednesday 10 October 2018

This **all-inclusive** tour takes us to two gardens, lunch and walk among the forest at Kawarren and a visit to the colourful home, workshop and gallery of Margo and Max of IshShoes hand-made shoes.

Itinerary:

- 8.45 am** For a 9.00am Departure by coach from GBG Gate 3 carpark (Eastern Park Circuit).
- 10.30 am** Visit to 'Wanawong Retreat and Garden', Barongarook including morning tea. 'Wanawong' has been a participant in the Australian Open Garden Scheme for many years. The one hectare garden is set high in the Otway Ranges with spectacular views. Spring time brings the garden alive.
- 11.45 am** Visit to 'IshShoes' gallery and workshop, Barongarook. Margot has run 'IshShoes' from her 20ha farm for more than two decades with her husband Max, making up to 20 pairs a week by hand in about 45 designs. The gallery also houses local goods, as well as her own home-grown fruit and homemade preserves.
- 12.30 pm** Lunch at 'Echidna House' at Kawarren in the Otway Ranges. 'Echidna House' is run by the local community. Here we will enjoy lunch and those interested can take in the signed nature walk which surrounds the property. The walk highlights the various species of Eucalypt and the animals which use them for habitat and food. Some of the Eucalypts exceed 80 years of age.
- 2.00 pm** Depart for Colac and a visit to 'Hanami Garden' a beautiful cottage style garden run by Melanie and Troy Rodgers. Plants will be available for sale and afternoon tea will be included.
- 3.30 pm** Depart 'Hanami Garden' for return trip to Geelong
- 5.00 pm** Scheduled arrival at Geelong Botanic Garden Gate 3 carpark.