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CEO of Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand to step down

After 11 years of dedicated service to Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand, CEO Eamonn Flanagan has announced the end of his term with the organisation.

Please see the [press release](#) for details.

Botanic Gardens Webinar Series hosted by Costa: two down, two to go!

Our second webinar aired last night - huge thanks to Costa, Helen McHugh and Heather Sweet - and the audience.

Looking at the comments in the live chat, the Ian Potter National Conservatory will be a very popular destination when it opens later this year - for both the public and horticulturists!

We'll post the recording on our [YouTube](#) channel soon.

Congratulations to Alexis Bardebes from QLD who answered the prize-winning question: what is the name of the 50-year-old plant in the ANBG nursery? (the answer was the King Fern).

Alexis wins a mini prize pack from Seasol!



 BOTANIC GARDENS WEBINAR SERIES
A botanical banquet - exploring our plant palate 


hosted by **COSTA GEORGIADIS**
Botanic Gardens Day
Ambassador

- 18 May
- 7pm AEST
- Join via Costa's Facebook or YouTube pages

Karen Sutherland
Horticulturist & edible garden specialist,
Edible Eden Design, VIC

Jenni Bell
Curator, The Ian Potter Foundation Children's Garden & The Southern African Collection, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria

Next week on **Thursday 18 May**, we have another ripper of a topic: **A botanical banquet – exploring our plant palate**.

Karen Sutherland and **Jenni Bell** will join Costa to tell us about their passion for edible plants, and urban food gardens.

To watch the webinar live, head to Costa's [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) pages at 7pm AEST on 18 May.

There will also be another Seasol mini prize pack to be won!

Webinar recordings now available

April BCARM forum: *Managing biosecurity threats to plant collections*

To view the recording, click [here](#).

Botanic Gardens Webinar 1: *Bushfire recovery: through community, conservation and collaborations*

Click [here](#) to watch the recording.

Botanic Gardens Webinar Series BCARM webinar: *It's all about the plants! Botanic gardens and their plant collections*

Click [here](#) to watch the recording.

What's your #plantchallenge?

Share your #plantchallenge on this year's theme, Inspirational Plants and People, by posting a 30-60 second video to your favourite social media platform, with a short message about your inspirational plant/plant person, using the hashtags #PlantChallenge, #BotanicGardensDay and #LoveSeasol.

If you're at a garden or arboretum, have a look at our [video guidelines and checklist for garden staff](#).

If you're a plant-loving member of the public, have a look at our [video guidelines for the public](#).

Have a look at the videos from previous years to get ideas for yours! Head to our [YouTube](#) channel and be inspired.

There will be **prizes** awarded for the best entries, including:

- a **year's supply of Seasol** for the best entries from regional member gardens (including Friends groups)
- a **Seasol hamper worth \$50** for each of the best three individual (public) entries.

#PlantChallenge started on 1 May and will end in celebration on Botanic Gardens Day 28 May.



Local community creates stunning new botanic garden

The community of the tiny northern Victorian town of Gargarre was bursting with pride on Wednesday 10 May with the official opening of Stage 2 of the Gargarro Botanic Garden project, and the Gargarro Café - declared open by BGANZ Board member and Executive Director of Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne, Chris Russell.

Gargarro's stunning TCL designed Master Plan features an open parkland area, separated from five sensory gardens by an ephemeral stream.

Stages 1 and 2 have seen the completion of the parkland area, entrance structure and main avenue, amphitheatre and soundshell, the ephemeral stream, the Café and the first of the sensory gardens – the SEE Garden.

This \$3M investment has been supported by both State and Federal governments, with matching funding provided by the local community.

See <https://www.gargarrobotanicgarden.com.au/> for all the details.



BGCI

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Call for Applications: BGCI's Global Botanic Garden Fund

We are pleased to announce that BGCI's Global Botanic Garden Fund (GBGF) is now open for applications.

The GBGF is made up of a number of grants which aim to drive plant conservation, sustainability efforts, and global partnerships with a focus on smaller botanic gardens and arboreta in developing countries and biodiversity hotspots.

In 2022, BGCI received 90 applications for the Global Botanic Garden Fund.

Through the GBGF, BGCI and partner organisations distributed 33 grants worth \$72,400 to 20 different institutions, across 24 different countries. Take a look at the results of some of these projects [here](#).

The call for applications will remain open until 30 June 2023.

2023 Marsh Awards nomination deadline extended!

We have extended the deadline for nominations to the 2023 Marsh Awards in International Plant Conservation and Education in Botanic Gardens.

If you know someone who you think deserves one of these awards, please take a moment to nominate them via our [website](#).

Nominations will close: 15 May 2023 (5pm BST).

Global Footprints Scholarships 2023: applications open TODAY!

Calling all tradies, farmers and gardeners aged 18-25!

Ready for the adventure of a lifetime?

Global Footprints are all about travelling overseas for work experience and creating a better future for our planet as you go.

- \$8,000 to travel anywhere in the world
- Global industry experience
- For young people with VET backgrounds only
- For agriculture, horticulture and trades only
- For young people with a serious interest in the sustainability space.

If you are a farmer, tradie or gardener, 18-25 years old, AND passionate about sustainability then this is for you!

Applying is easy!

Just dream up what you would do with this opportunity, and answer 5 simple questions about why you love what you do, where you'd like to go and why you care about sustainability.

APPLICATIONS OPEN at www.globalfootprints.org.au.

Vacancy: Supervisor Horticulture (Natural Areas & Open Spaces) – The Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan

- Ongoing Full Time Opportunity, located at Mount Annan
- Salary relative to experience, and ranges from \$86,473 to \$95,136 + super

The iconic Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan is currently seeking to appoint an experienced Supervisor to lead the Natural Areas and Open Spaces teams and manage the day to day operations of arboriculture, greenkeeping and conservation of critically endangered remnant bushlands along with event preparation on BGoS land.

Horticulturists at the Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan channel their passion into the incredible expansive Garden in Sydney's West. Get a snapshot of a day in the life of a horticulturist by watching this short video [here](#).

For more information on the position, please click [here](#).

Applications close Wednesday, 31st May at 11:55pm.

Should you require further information about the role please contact Michael Elgey via michael.elgey@botanicgardens.nsw.gov.au

Vacancy: Gardener - Pukeiti, Aotearoa, New Zealand

- Permanent Full Time
- Location: Stratford, Pukeiti

As a Gardener at Pukeiti, you will be part of a team presenting a world class botanical garden specialising in rhododendrons.

You will be based at Pukeiti, and also work with the wider Taranaki Regional Council's gardening team at Hollard Gardens, Tūpare and the Taranaki Regional Council Head Office Gardens at Stratford as required.

For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

There is no closing date for this vacancy. Applications will remain open until a successful candidate is appointed and we reserve the right to close this vacancy when we have received sufficient, suitable applications. Please submit your application as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

To apply for this job, you must have the legal right to be able to work in New Zealand as we are currently not accredited to support applicants via the Accredited Employer Work Visa (AEWV).

Any questions please contact Erin Cvitanovich, Recruitment Advisor on (06) 765 7127.

Vacancy: Qualified Gardener, National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

- Full time position
- Great career opportunity
- Make a difference!

The National Trust is seeking an experienced and passionate qualified gardener.

You will be a key member of our garden team, maintaining some of the most significant gardens in the state.

Based at both Rippon Lea and Como House, you will also have the opportunity to work in other historic gardens throughout Victoria.

This is an excellent opportunity for a dedicated gardener to work in a diverse and rewarding environment.

Applications will close once a suitable candidate is found.

To submit your application (cover letter and CV) in PDF format, in strict confidence, please email hradmin@nattrust.com.au.

For further information regarding this position, please contact Justin Buckley, Justin.Buckley@nattrust.com.au.

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Join BGANZ as a member

Membership benefits include — joining a network of national and international botanic gardens, arboreta and parks and a wide range of institutions and associate professional bodies, including groups such as Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI). **PLUS:**

- Training and development opportunities
- Professional development supported through BGANZ Prizes, Awards and Secondments programs
- Partnership and shared knowledge opportunities
- Professional network working groups (e.g. engagement, collections and record management network)
- Use of the BGANZ website, social media and email to promote events, news and jobs
- Botanic garden council advisory service
- Online forums, panel discussions and webinars
- BGANZ-developed resources
- Access to member network
- Subscription to The BOTANIC GARDENER online magazine, published half yearly
- Early bird invitations and discounts to our biennial congress, regional conferences and other events.

[And much more!](#)

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