

17th Australasian Botanic Guides Conference



Day Excursion – Mornington Peninsula Tour

We will travel 90 kms from Melbourne to the Mornington Peninsula to enjoy guided tours of 3 magnificent gardens.

Heronswood, in Dromana, is classified by the National Trust and home of The Diggers Club. Here we find stunning perennial and annual borders as well as kitchen and vegetable parterres. There are views across Port Phillip Bay to the city. The current staff of Heronswood Garden and the managing Port Gamble S'Klallam Foundation, not wishing to simply recreate a monument to the past, are committed to making a new Heronswood with a greater polish and botanical wonderment than its original fore bearer. ([Heronswood - The Diggers Club](#))

The Garden Vineyard is a tranquil garden where you will pass through various rooms (walled courtyard, perennial border, formal area, and garden of exclusively Australian native plants. The long grass walk and more formal areas are connected by an avenue of lemon scented gums underplanted with lavender, helichrysum, echiums, westringia and artemisia. In his book "Around the World in Eighty Gardens", Monty Don describes the fusion of cultures in this garden as 'something genuinely new and creative and, I think, very beautiful'. (www.gardenvineyard.com.au)

Cruden Farm, Langwarrin was originally the home of Dame Elizabeth Murdoch and is currently a working farm. Cruden Farm is a special place left by Dame Elisabeth Murdoch for the people to enjoy, that is now managed by a charitable trust. A drive of spectacular Eucalyptus leads to a garden of assorted coloured plants, many different garden rooms and a walled garden originally designed by Edna Walling. ([Cruden Farm | One of Victoria's most exciting green spaces](#))

