

Botanic Gardens Week 2025

Guardians of the Green: Protecting our Future



The Tasmanian Arboretum invites you to join us on

Sunday 25th May, 1.30 - 3.30pm

Education Centre

The **Guardians of the Green event** will offer a panel session with questions and answers, followed by a walk to visit some of our endangered tree species.

This is the Arboretum's contribution to BGANZ / Botanic Gardens of Australia and New Zealand's 'Guardians of the Green' week, featuring botanic gardens and arboreta throughout Australia and New Zealand looking at their critical conservation work and public education. These act as 'plant zoos' - places where rare and threatened species are safeguarded for future generations and where people including children, can learn about the green natural world, its conservation and value, connect with nature and enjoy peaceful reflection.

In the **panel session** we'll consider together the work of the Tasmanian Arboretum in local, national and global tree conservation, including facing key issues and threats of the changing climate conditions and understanding adaptation needed for tree and ecosystems ongoing survival. You will have a chance to ask us about our vital work collaborating and sharing within the worldwide network of Botanic Gardens and Arboreta to fight extinctions and conserve existing species.

There will also be the opportunity to ask about how the public can play a role in tree and woody plant species conservation, what natives you might wish to grow, what conditions are needed and where to access these plants.

This is followed by a **guided walk** within our collections to visit threatened tree species to learn more about them, how they are doing within the Arboretum's conditions, and about *ex situ* conservation in practice.

Please come early for parking and a seat. We'll ask for donations for attending this event, which contribute to our conservation and education work delivered largely by volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering at the Arboretum can have the chance to discuss this at the event.