

2. Garden of Enchantment - City Renewal- Survey results program and flyer

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Recently we conducted a survey to evaluate the use and enjoyment of our spring installation, the Garden of Enchantment, which was installed in Garema Place during September and October 2019.

The Garden was installed as part of our seasonal presentation and programming of the city, celebrating spring and providing a space for people to stop, relax and enjoy Garema Place.

We received 40 responses from the community and 14 responses from businesses located in or near Garema Place. 100% of the businesses surveyed liked having the Garden of Enchantment in Garema Place and believed it increased the amount of time people spent in the area. 75% believed it improved footfall to their business and 91% believed it improved their perception of Garema Place.

Community sentiment for the garden was also positive. 78% of respondents believed it improved their perception of Garema Place and most were satisfied with the Garden of Enchantment as an overall experience. Suggestions for improvement included having a more permanent installation in the area or keeping it for longer, having more events targeted at adults, more advertising of the installation and making it bigger/more enchanting.

We'll use this feedback to plan for future events in the area in 2020. Keep following our social channels @CityRenewalCBR to be the first in the know about events and activities we're hosting in the city precinct.



When: 6 September – 20 October 2019

Where: Garema Place, Canberra City 2601

Celebrate spring in Garema Place at the Garden of Enchantment.

From 6 September to 20 October 2019, see Garema Place as you've never seen it before. Delight in the tulip blooms, relax on the field of clover and let your little ones play in the secret fairy garden. Activities throughout the six weeks will keep both the young and old entertained.

Visitors can stroll across the Billy Goat Bridge over the pond, skip down Pebble Path, crawl through Bilbies Burrow, play in the Fairy Garden, wander over to the Wishing Well and roll down Humpty's Hill.

Planter boxes will be filled with tulip blooms and seasonal planting, bringing lots of bright colours and different textures to the garden, while a large magpie and cockatoo sculptural lighting installation in the trees above will glow and flash with brilliant vibrant light. These sculptures have been created by local artist Tom Buckland.

In addition to the physical elements, which will be available day and night to relax or play on, the Garden of Enchantment will host a program of events throughout the six weeks.

The Soul Defender truck will make appearances at the garden to brighten your Friday afternoons. Lunchbox acoustic sessions will also be held each Wednesday, providing the perfect spot to relax on the lawn and take in the tunes. You will even be able to listen to an enthralling story or two.

There will be other types of fun for the kids too, with free Lucy Sparkles music workshops and face painting held throughout the school holiday period. Lawn games like Jenga, Finska and Connect 4 will also be out each day for you to make your own fun.

If you're in Commonwealth Park for Floriade, make the short walk over to the city centre, or hop on the free Floriade bus and be charmed by this unexpected delight in the heart of Civic.

Download the [program of activities](#)

(https://www.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0011/1410689/garden-of-enchancement-program.pdf) happening in the garden or view the dates and times for the activities below.

Soul Defender Sessions



Most Fridays, 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Friday, 6 September

Friday, 20 September

Friday, 27 September

Friday, 11 October

Feel good with soul music pumping, bubbles popping, ecofetti flying, and unifying events for 2 to 200 year-olds.

Lunchbox acoustic



Image credit: Martin Ollman

Every Wednesday, 12pm – 1.30pm

Wednesday, 11 September

Wednesday, 18 September

Wednesday, 25 September

Wednesday, 2 October

Wednesday, 9 October

Wednesday, 16 October

Kick back and relax over lunch to the soothing tunes of Canberra's local music talent. See who's playing below.

Toby Morwitch

Wed 11 September

Toby is a local musician with a fun and playful attitude to life. Playing in numerous bands at ANU including the well-loved Capital Breakfast Club, Toby will put a smile on your face in the Enchanted Garden this Spring.

Sophie Edwards

Wed 18 September and Wed 16 October

THE GIRL WHO KNOWS HOW TO USE A LOOPER BETTER THAN ED SHEERAN HAS ONE OF THE BEST

VOICES I'VE EVER HEARD" GABBY MARSHALL, BMA MAGAZINE. Sophie is a twenty-year-old singer-songwriter from Canberra, Australia, who prides herself in her experiences and explorations of multiple music genres throughout her life. <https://www.facebook.com/sophieedwardsmusic/>

Kate Lyons

Wed 25th Sept & Wed 9th Oct

Kate Lyons first started out writing songs with a cheap ukulele her dad bought her, eventually shifting camps to guitar. She writes raw and emotional songs that question some of the truths of life. Her main stage is the street, where she regularly busks.

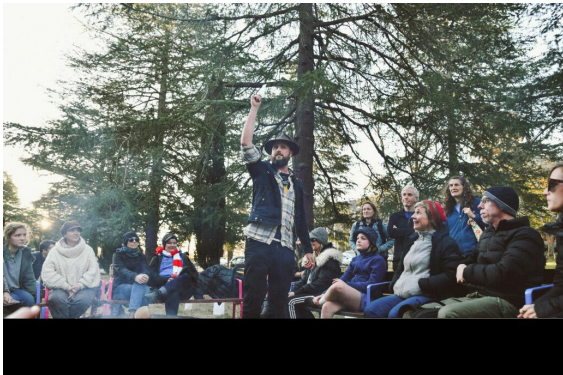
<https://www.facebook.com/KateLyonsMusic/>

Andre Saleh

Wed 2nd Oct

Andre is a local fingerstyle acoustic guitarist who started playing in college with an old acoustic guitar that a family friend had donated. After hours staring at this unfamiliar instrument and pondering whether or not to pick it up, he decided to learn 'Tribute' by Tenacious D. Andre gravitated towards fingerstyle guitar and it has become his signature.

Storytelling in the Square



Most Thursdays, 12- 2pm

Thursday, 12 September

Thursday, 19 September

Thursday, 26 September

Thursday, 17 October

Spend a lunchtime escaping into the rich and exciting worlds of some of Canberra's best story tellers.

Flower Crown Workshop



Sunday 29 September, 10:30am - noon.

Take part in a DIY flower crown workshop with the West Row Botanica team. Expect gorgeous flowers, lots of creativity and fun as you design your very own crown made from fresh flowers! Tickets are only \$10 but are strictly limited, access them [here](#).

(<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/flower-crown-making-in-the-spring-tickets-71150893237>)

Floriade Gnome Visit

Friday 27 September, 11am – 2pm

Floriade's pink gnome is stopping by for a visit at the Garden of Enchantment! Get your picture taken with him in this unique location.

Fairy face painting and music with Lucy Sparkles & Friends



Music workshops Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout school holidays

12pm- 2pm

Tuesday, 1 October

Thursday, 3 October

Tuesday, 8 October

Thursday, 10 October

Face painting Wednesdays and Fridays throughout school holidays

11am – 2pm

Wednesday, 2 October

Friday, 4 October

Wednesday, 9 October

Friday, 11 October

Join Lucy Sparkles and Friends in the Garden of Enchantment for some fairy magic fun. Each Wednesday and Friday throughout the school holiday period, children can have their faces painted as the most marvellous or mischievous fairy they can conjure. On Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the school holidays they can make magical music with a variety of percussion instruments.

Lawn games



Make your own fun at the Garden of Enchantment and challenge your friends or passers-by to a game of chess, skittles, Finska, connect 4 or quoits. Hula Hoops can also be found at the garden.

Events happening near the Garden, hosted by others

The Australian Unicycle championships (uninats)



Hosted by: ACT Unicycling

4– 7 October

Over 100 top unicyclists from Australia and overseas will be taking part in the Australian Unicycle championships across the October long weekend. Catch some spectacular unicycling in Garema Place near the Garden of Enchantment on Friday 4 October from 5pm. See the expert flatland completion (<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3Du2fdlGdlkfo&data=02%7C01%7C%7C89662583722341ea899d08d735ae107f%7Cb46c190803344236b978585ee88e4199%7C0%7C0%7C637036894038293366&sdata=28pQKeQJsa0bFN5Wyweiwp2TkYh4t5z17I8MQ8u26hc%3D&reserved=0>)

which involves riders performing tricks such as jumping and spinning. The current World champion Waylon Batt will also be there. Image courtesy of ACT Unicycling.

Project Beats Street Dance Performance

Saturday, 12.30pm - 2pm 28 September

Look out for the black and white mat, Project Beats will be coming in hot, showing off what they got. Visit their event page. (https://www.facebook.com/events/369705037282769/?acontext=%7B%22source%22%3A%2C%22action_history%22%3A%5B%7B%22surface%22%3A%22page%22%2C%22mechanism%22%3A%22main_list%22%2C%22extra_data%22%3A%22%5C%22%5B%5D%5C%22%22%7D%5D%2C%22has_source%22%3Atrue%7D)

Impact Comics Festival



Hosted by: Impact Comics

Saturday, 5 October, 10am - 4pm

A marketplace featuring over 30 comic-book writers, artists, zine-makers, clubs, costumers, crafters and more.



Acknowledgement of Country (<https://www.act.gov.au/ngunnawal-country>)

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the ACT, the Ngunnawal people. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.

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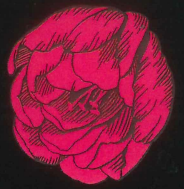
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Adventure map

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