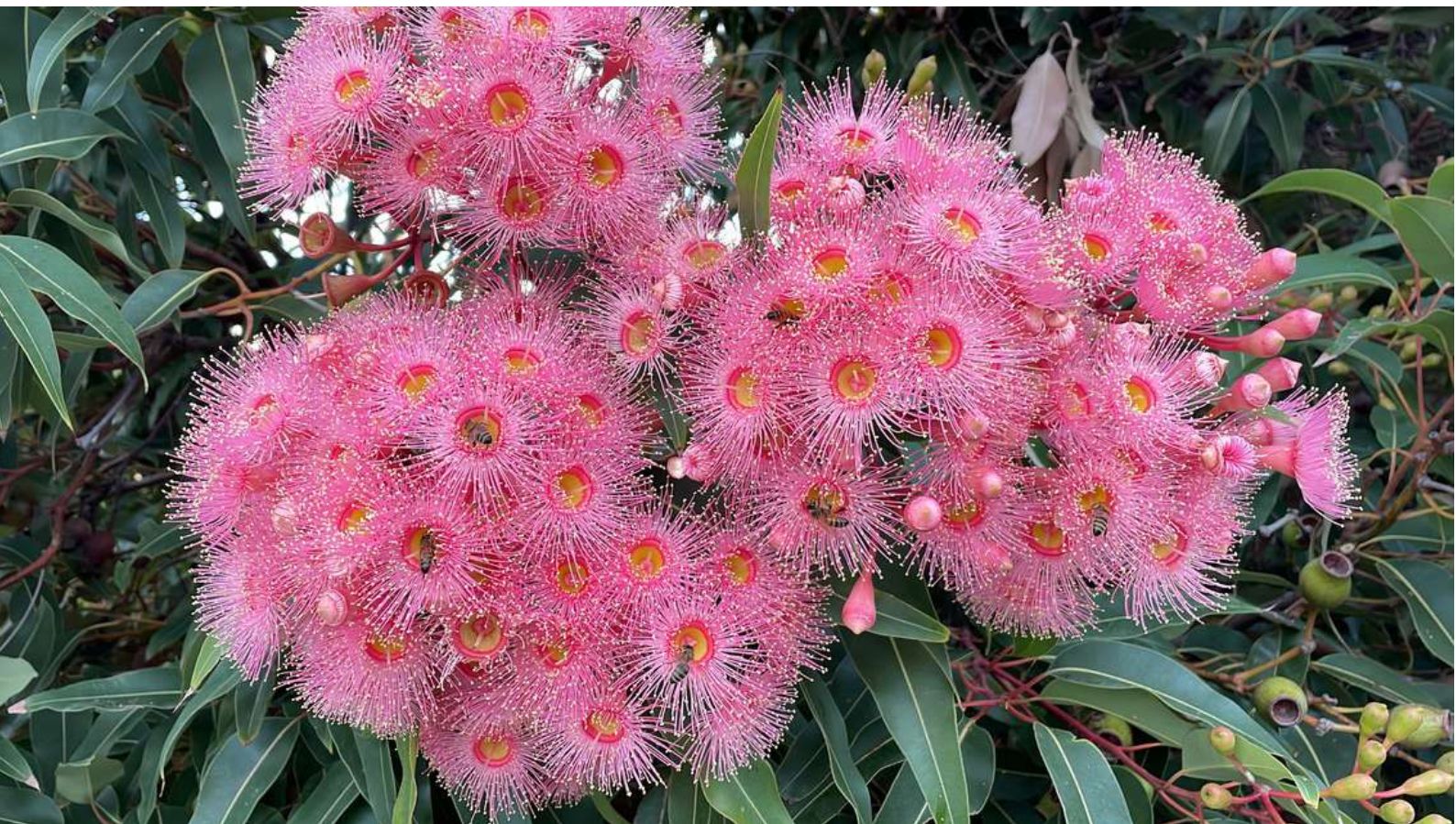




Guide for Prospective Event Hosts

**National Eucalypt Day
March 23rd 2024**



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The National Eucalypt Day (NED) program aims to meet the promotion, education and conservation objectives of Eucalypt Australia.

Held annually on 23 March, the birth date of our benefactor, Bjarne Klaus Dahl, National Eucalypt Day recognises the importance of eucalypts and celebrates the place they hold in our lives and hearts.

Both free and ticketed events are held across Australia in all States and Territories with organisations large and small and in groups of varying sizes including independently guided options.

Central themes are:

- community connection with eucalypts;
- indigenous relationships with eucalypts;
- eucalypt featured art of all forms;
- conservation of eucalypts and the role they play in habitat preservation and regenerative agriculture;
- climate change effects on eucalypts;
- eucalypt identification; and
- eucalypt cultivation for urban and rural settings

Eucalypt Australia welcomes all submissions for events and is open to new interpretations and delivery. Events can be held anytime from early March to mid April. March 23rd falls on a Saturday in 2024 and Easter the week after so the best times will be on the weekend before and the weekend of National Eucalypt Day.



Eucalypt Australia acknowledges and pays respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of the Kulin nation.

We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded and we pay tribute to the stewardship of Elders past, present, and emerging in caring for our precious home.

Example events

The actual program will depend on creative event hosts like you, but here are some events from past years that we're excited about.



Open Days, Currency Creek Arboretum, S.A.

The Arboretum boasts the world's largest collection of eucalypt species with over 800 species and 8000 individual trees covering 30 hectares. At 10 am and 2 pm each day, Arboretum Curator and Eucalypt expert Dean Nicolle will lead free 1 hour and 2 hour extended tours.



Eucalypt Dyeing Workshop, Australian National Botanic Gardens, ACT.

In this workshop you will learn how to make eucalyptus leaf and bark dyes to make imprints on fabric. Each participant will dye a scarf to take home as well as samples of wool, silk and linen dyed in local ACT eucalypts.



Nature Journaling, Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha, Qld

The practice of drawing or writing in response to nature sharpens observation skills while also allowing a relaxing experience immersed in nature. This workshop led by ecologist, artist and writer Dr Paula Peeters, will take you through beginner exercises that show you that anyone can write and draw.



Toddlers and Tadpoles: Who lives among the Gum Trees? Kur-in-gai Wildflower Garden, NSW.

Australia's iconic trees are important homes for more than just koalas! Toddlers are invited to join experienced rangers for play-based investigation and discovery. There will be storytelling, craft, and creature encounters.



Video, What's causing our eucalypts to die? Tas.

Prepared for National Eucalypt Day by [The Tree Projects](#), watch this short video to find out what has caused the death of an important stand of *Eucalyptus viminalis* in Tasmania, and what this means for other eucalypt species.
https://youtu.be/G9HRoDTkd_k



Walk, Lake Mountain Dahl Boardwalk, Vic.

If you're in the Lake Mountain area in Victoria, be sure to take a walk along the Bjarne K Dahl Boardwalk. The eucalypt regrowth since the 2009 wildfires is quite spectacular and gives some hope for regeneration following the recent fires. Situated at Snowy Hill, approximately 1 km before the Lake Mountain Resort, this is an easy 20 minute walk suitable for the mobility impaired.



Guided Walk, Kings Park Perth, W.A.

Discover all things wonderful about one of Australia's most recognisable trees. Learn about the many varieties of eucalypt in WA and Australia and discover some fewer known facts and secrets. This walk will be led by the knowledgeable Kings Park Volunteer Guides.

Your event here



Why host an event?

Create and be a part of something positive

Greater knowledge and understanding leads to greater community caring

Share your special skills, knowledge, Association or favourite places

Be a catalyst for connection both with the environment and with each other.

What are we looking for?

Eucalypt Australia is looking for all sorts of **creative, participatory, emotional, and remarkable experiences**. They might be events, workshops, or art projects. They might involve being in the bush or urban experiences. They may involve the latest technology from VR to AI or they may involve ancient artisan techniques. They may be in person or they could be delivered online through Zoom or other modalities. We are looking forward to hearing your ideas.

A special area of interest to Eucalypt Australia is the **impact of eucalypts on Australian culture** from an indigenous perspective, a historical narrative, as an icon in modern Australia and from an immigrant perspective.

We're interested in **impacting a variety of individuals**. Using an aspect of identity can help to develop interesting ideas: younger people, older people, foodies, kids, sports lovers, international students, art lovers, gardeners, community leaders, adventure lovers, users of timber products or animal lovers among them.

We're interested in events that inspire **emotion and creativity** as a means to **create connection**.

We're interested in events that help people **understand place and history** in the human and non human context.

FAQ's

When is National Eucalypt Day?

National Eucalypt Day is officially on Tuesday the 23rd of March 2024. The event schedule though is more like a festival with the majority of events running from approximately the early March until the mid April 2024.

Eucalypt Australia is aware that events often cannot fit into this time frame due to seasonal constraints and is open to other proposed time frames.

Can anyone run an event?

Pretty much, yes. As long as the event fits our criteria and we approve it (we can work with you to make sure it does). We are happy for anyone to run an event as long as you have an ABN, appropriate public liability insurance, and the resourcing to make it a success.

Can I sell tickets and charge for my event?

Absolutely. We encourage both free and ticketed events. You will have to organise your own ticketing and refund policies in the event of cancellation.

Will you provide funding for my event?

Potentially. We have a small number of micro-grants available (up to \$500).

Can you help me with promotion?

We will provide general promotion via social and some traditional media for the overall festival and we will try to highlight individual events as much as possible. However, you will also need to promote your event and drive attendance.

Thanks

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