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### ***Where there's smoke* and other stories with paper sculpture**

David Miller will be at the Australian National Botanic Gardens this week to reveal the secret of how his stories unfold using paper sculptures. In a series of children's workshops, David will spark kids' interest while teaching them the art of paper sculpture.

The workshops are in association with a vibrant display of paper sculptures David created to illustrate Robin Lovell's book, *Where there's smoke*, which is now showing at the Gardens as a special children's exhibition.

David Miller has illustrated 11 picture books with his colourful and amazingly complex paper sculptures. His three dimensional images leap off of each page and capture the reader's interest.

"The use of paper sculpture gives me a distinct voice in children's books," David says. "I love the strong colours available in the papers I use, and can develop these colours more using paints, pencils or oil pastels." All of David's picture books are illustrated with 3D paper sculptures that are then photographed.

*Where there's smoke*, tells the story of Bodie, a child who lives on a farm in the middle of the bush. One hot day, a bulldozer cuts a new track near the creek and firefighters back-burn around their house – a bushfire is coming and smoke fills the air.

During his visit, David will talk to kids about his books, the process of creating them and answer as many questions as the children ask. Kids will use scissors, glue and paper to create their own sculptures under David's guidance.

David will be at the Gardens 23 January through 25 January.

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| <b>Where:</b> | <b>Crosbie Morrison Building, Australian National Botanic Gardens</b>  |
| <b>What:</b>  | <b>Paper Sculpture Workshops with David Miller in association with <i>Where there's Smoke</i></b>                                  |
| <b>When:</b>  | <b>Monday 23 January and Tuesday 24 January<br/>9:30 – 10:30am; 11 – 12am; 1-4pm<br/>Wednesday 25 January<br/>11 – 12am; 1-4pm</b> |
| <b>Cost:</b>  | <b>One hour workshops \$4.50; 3 hour workshops \$10.00</b>   |

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