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Mushrooms, Stinkhorns, Cannonball Fungi and more...

Have you ever seen a mushroom one metre wide? Whether they're growing in the bottom of the garden or sitting in the vegetable crisper, there is more to mushrooms than meets the eye. A ten week lecture series commencing Thursday 30th April will uncover the mysterious nature of fungi.

Participants will discover fungal lifestyles and learn how fungi interact with the world around them and how they interact with people, often in ways many don't even realise.

Did you know, that a mushroom is just the tip of the iceberg, with most of the fungus underground. The record underground spread is more than 8 square kilometres.

Heino Lepp, Honorary Scientific Associate at the Australian National Botanic Gardens Cryptogam Herbarium, will guide his audience through the world of the puffballs, mushrooms and stinkhorns and the myriad uses of fungi in our daily life.

No previous fungal or botanical knowledge necessary!

For information and course outline visit
http://www.anbg.gov.au/anbg/activitiespics/fungi_series_2009.html
or contact the Visitors Centre on 02 6250 9540

Participation by gold coin donation to the Friends of the Gardens, to support projects in the Gardens.

What:	Lecture Series
Where:	Theatrette, Australian National Botanic Gardens
When:	Every Thursday 30 April – 2 July 2.30 pm Repeated every Sunday 3 May – 5 July 11.00 am

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