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Celebrating Canberra's Centenary

Australia's newest commemorative plant especially cultivated to celebrate Canberra's 100th birthday will officially be added to the Australian National Botanic Gardens collection this week.

Twenty eight Correa C100's – a cultivar featuring a red and yellow bell like flower – will be planted this week in the lead up to the centenary celebrations in 2013.

The Australian National Botanic Gardens Curator, Craig Cosgrove said while the plants were an exciting new addition to the Garden, their name tags would only be temporary before the Correa C100 is given a new name.

"We look forward to renaming the Correa C100 when the announcement of its common name is declared early next year," said Craig Cosgrove.

Entries for the 'Name the Native Plant' competition came from all over Australia and will now be judged by an expert panel to determine the Correa C100's common name.

"As with so many of our native species we are really looking forward to seeing the C100 in flower with its new name in Autumn next year." Craig Cosgrove said.

Visitors to the Gardens can enjoy Australia's newest commemorative plant which will be available for commercial purchase in 2012.

What: First planting of the Canberra's Centenary Correa C100

Where: Meet at Visitor Centre, Australian National Botanic Gardens

When: Thursday 15 October, 11.00 am

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