

## MEDIA RELEASE

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## Christmas carols in the Gardens

The Australian National Botanic Gardens will host an exciting new community event this Christmas.

On Saturday 5 December the Choral Society of the Australian National University (SCUNA) will host an evening of community carols on the Eucalypt Lawn.

The evening will commence with Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* conducted by Jonathan Powles and featuring ANU School of Music voice student Petra Lindsay, harpist Lani Smales and the SCUNA choir.

A barbeque will follow, with organic sausages and locally grown salads, with proceeds to the Rotary Club of Gungahlin. Local producer The Chameleon Ice-creamery will sell their award-winning home-made ice-creams, and the Friends of the Gardens will be selling wine, beer and soft drinks.

After the refreshments SCUNA will lead a fun session of community carol singing for all the family.

Bring along a picnic rug and your best singing voice to the Eucalypt Lawn.

When: Saturday 5 December

Ceremony of carols 4.30pm for 5pm

Community carol singing 6.30pm – 7.15pm

Where: Eucalypt Lawn

Australian National Botanic Gardens

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Admission is free

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