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Australian National Botanic Gardens

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MEDIA RELEASE

School holiday fun in the Gardens

The Australian National Botanic Gardens is putting on an exciting program of activities during the ACT school holidays, with activities to suit all ages and interests.

Dressed up in their elf or fairy best, younger children will enjoy the magical experience of 'Bush Babies' as they search the Gardens for hidden creatures.

Older children can put their crafty nature to good use collecting botanical treasures, and use their findings to create mobiles or necklaces.

'Bug Brigade!' will provide hours of fun, with children able to make their very own bug sucker to collect insects to study. Learn how to search out insects, discover how they see, and take your bug sucker home with you!

Public programs manager Yvette Pratt has designed the packed program of hands-on exploration and learning. Yvette says it will be the perfect antidote to school holiday boredom.

"This will be a fun-filled time with the emphasis on exploring, collecting and making things. Children get to discover the Gardens in a really relaxed way and have lots of fun," Yvette said.

"To let our interstate visitors join in the fun, the programs are being held on a drop-in basis and no bookings are required.

"Just come along and have a good time!"

The Gardens also boast the popular Children's Discovery Walk, Hudson's café and Botanical Bookshop with lots to offer the young and young at heart.

What: School holiday fun

Where: Education Lawn, Australian National Botanic Gardens

When: **Bush babies** (suitable for children aged 2 – 6)

Monday 12 and 19 April, 10am – 11am and 11am – 12pm

Hidden treasures (suitable for children aged 4 - 10)

Tuesday 13 and 20 April, 10am – 11am and 11am – 12pm

Bug brigade! (suitable for children aged 4 - 10)

Wednesday 14 and 21 April, 10am – 11am and 11am – 12pm

Activities begin on the hour

Cost: \$5 per child per activity

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