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## The Gardens welcome reptiles – great and small

The popular summer event *Snakes Alive!* was today launched at the Australian National Botanic Gardens.

Run by the ACT Herpetological Association, *Snakes Alive!* gives visitors a great opportunity to see and even touch a fascinating display of Australian native reptiles – everything from snakes, lizards, frogs, turtles to crocs!

“*Snakes Alive!* is one of those events where you can really get up close and see some pretty spectacular creatures. We’ve got at least 50 different reptile and amphibian species,” President of the ACT Herpetological Association, Dennis Dyer said.

“This year we’ll be bringing a special guest – a green python – who will make his first appearance ever at *Snakes Alive!*”

*Snakes Alive!* is fun for everybody - both young and old. With the school holidays almost coming to an end, it’s a great activity to entertain the kids.”

Visitors can enjoy seeing and touching live reptiles and amphibians, learning about rare and threatened species and assisting with morning and afternoon feeding times. There will also be a kid’s competition and people can purchase gifts or souvenirs.

“*Snakes Alive!* has been running for over 25 years and has always been a wonderful addition to the Australian National Botanic Gardens’ summer events program,” the Gardens’ Executive Director, Dr Judy West said.

“The *Snakes Alive!* program really complements the Gardens’ role of educating and raising awareness of Australian biodiversity and conservation and we are delighted to be continuing our relationship with the ACT Herpetological Association in 2012.”

*Snakes Alive!* will be held in the Crosbie Morrison Building at the Australian National Botanic Gardens from 23 - 29 January and is open from 10am - 4pm weekdays and 10am - 6pm weekends.

Entry to the program is \$5 for adults, \$2 per child and \$4 for concession.

For further information visit: <http://www.actha.org.au>

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