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Summer Sounds at the Gardens – kicking off this weekend

Cool off under the eucalypt trees this weekend with the start of the Gardens' *Summer Sounds Centenary Concert Series*.

Featuring a great line-up of toe tappin' blues, latin, rockabilly and jazz, the centenary concerts offer Canberrans a fantastic summer's evening with *Key Grip* on Saturday and with *As Famous as the Moon* on Sunday.

"The temperature in Canberra is rising and what a great way to cool down and relax this summer with quality live music and dance acts on our beautiful Eucalypt Lawn," Public Programs and Events Officer, Jennifer Salkeld said.

"We've got a swag of offerings to keep you cool including gourmet ice-cream, cold bar sales, water dispensers and if you're too bothered to pack your own picnic, why not enjoy the 'Dinner on the Lawn' service from *Floresco in the Gardens*.

"We've even extended the concert times so people can enjoy the music, dancing and our beautiful garden surrounds even longer. The concerts will start at 5.30 pm and conclude at 7.30 pm every Saturday and Sunday night throughout January.

"Make sure you bring the kids too and enjoy the new *Family Hub* activity area – a first for the summer concerts."

The Friends of the Australian National Botanic Gardens have been supporting the Concerts Series since its inception and will be providing cold bar sales and free guided walks. Entry to the concerts is by \$5 donation per car or group with proceeds going to the Friends to help fund Gardens' projects.

Other proud supporters of the Concert Series include Peter Blackshaw Real Estate who will be providing an assistance bus from the car park to the Eucalypt Lawn, 666 ABC Canberra, The Canberra Times and The ACT Government.

The *Summer Sounds Centenary Concert Series* will be held on the Eucalypt Lawn every Saturday and Sunday in January and concerts will be cancelled on days of total fire ban or severe weather conditions.

For further information about the concerts and a full list of musical and dance acts visit: www.anbg.gov.au/gardens/whatson/events/summer-2013/summer-sounds.html

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