



World Daffodil Convention  
17 and 21 September 2020  
Gold Creek Canberra  
AUSTRALIA



# World Daffodil Convention 2020

The Horticultural Society of Canberra Inc and the Daffodil Association of NSW and ACT Inc invite you to join us for the 2020 world convention.

The convention will be held in Canberra, the capital city of Australia, from Thursday 17 September to Monday 21 September.

The program as currently proposed and some accommodation options are outlined below. All prices quoted are in Australian dollars.

Registration cost covering 2 lunches, 3 dinners, high tea on Friday afternoon, morning and afternoon teas, the educational program and bus trips Saturday and Sunday will be approximately \$450.

## **Location**

The convention will be held in the Gold Creek precinct in Canberra, Australia.

## **Accommodation options**

Please contact the hotels to make your accommodation reservations

Many options are available but three are local and have rooms reserved for us. It is recommended to make reservations as early as possible as this is a very busy time of the year and while other accommodation may be available it may not be as convenient.

## **Gold Creek Tourist Resort**

Rooms are \$165

Email [info@gctr.net.au](mailto:info@gctr.net.au)

Located at Gold Creek, walking distance from the show venue and the dinner Friday dinner.

<https://www.gctr.com.au/index.php>

## **Abobe Gungahlin**

Studio	\$188
king studio	\$208
Exec	\$228
Family	\$308

Located in Gungahlin town centre, 5 min drive from Gold Creek.

Bus transfers will be available

Contact Abode Gungahlin to book – code for special rates is 2009 daffodil

<https://abodehotels.com.au/hotels/gungahlin/>

## **Leumeah lodge**

Located in the Gold Creek precinct

<http://www.leumeahlodge.com.au/#home>

## **Getting there**

For those driving the Gold Creek precinct is located just off the Barton Highway - the road into Canberra from Yass.

For those arriving by plane the airport is around half an hour drive from the airport with the taxi fare being around \$65.

Uber and similar services can be used from the airport and will often be cheaper.

There are no viable public transport options.

## Program

### Thursday 17 September

Set up show venue (The Abbey)

Open for staging from 3pm

- Tea and coffee available to exhibitors

A number of local dinner options available near the accommodation options and the show venue at own cost

Popular dining spots include [Cafe Injoy](#) and [Versatile restaurant](#)

Alternatively why not grab a drink at the old English pub, the [George Harcourt Inn](#)? Their large covered beer garden is popular all year round and the open fireplace is a fantastic spot to cosy up with a beverage in hand.



### Friday 18 September

Show staging continues

Judging commences at 10 am

#### Optional trip

For those not involved in the show staging/ judging etc an optional transfer to the city centre and selected national institutions including National

Museum of Australia, Australian National Gallery, the Australian War Memorial (which is also a comprehensive museum), and the iconic Australian Parliament House. Those who wish to can select a destination or two of particular interest.

Bus departs accommodation at 9am and returns around 12:30

Lunch options available at Gold Creek at own cost

Show open to delegates from 1pm

A chance for people to start to photograph

3:00 High Tea at Adore Tea (short walk from show venue)

- A range of specialist teas to sample while discussing the daffodils
- Some special food options to try with the teas
- Coffee will also be available

5pm Return to accommodation (Abode)

6pm Travel to dinner venue from Abode

6:30 for 7:00 Dinner at Gold Creek Tourist Resort (short walk from show venue)

- cash bar
- presentation of awards from the show

10 pm return to accommodation (Abode)

Show venue remains open till 10pm for staging of remainder of HSOC show and for those who wish to take photos

### **Saturday 19 September**

Show venue open for staging of the rest of the HSOC show from 7am

Opportunity the photograph daffodils

9:30 transfer from Abode to Gold Creek

You can choose to visit a number of attractions at gold creek.

Since opening in 1979, [Cockington Green Gardens](#) has delighted visitors with its focus on all things small – particularly its meticulously crafted miniature buildings and beautifully landscaped gardens.

With its tiny people and equally tiny structures, the international display area perfectly complements the original English Village setting and its beautifully established gardens.

From the very small to the very big, the [National Dinosaur Museum](#) is well worth a visit for every dino-fanatic and future archaeologist. Marvel at the robotic dinosaurs, life-like models and skeletons, and enjoy the hundreds of fossils and minerals on display.

Roar with the dinosaurs at the National Dinosaur Museum in Gold Creek Village.

The nearby [Canberra Walk in Aviary](#) is home to almost 400 free-flying birds representing nearly 50 different species from Australia and around the world.



Get up close and personal with these friendly birds as they fly in the large leafy aviary.

Art enthusiasts will enjoy a visit the [Aarwun Gallery](#). With a rich and eclectic display of paintings, the gallery boasts heritage treasures from

some of Australia's leading artists such as Norman Lindsay and Pro Hart, as well as exquisite dot works from the Warlukurlangu Indigenous community. The gallery also features glassworks, ceramics and sculptures.

With over 50 different species of reptiles and frogs on display, the **Canberra Reptile Zoo** is large enough to be impressive but still small enough to have a very strong hands on approach.

Come to the Zoo and touch a python, or dragons and talk face to face with the keepers!

There are lots of sweet and quirky shops to explore in Gold Creek, selling everything from old fashioned lollies and toys, to furniture and fashion.

Another Gold Creek Village hotspot is the Lolly Shop. Destined to bring out the Willy Wonka in you, the Lolly Shop sells a sweet selection of all your childhood favourites including freckles, Dutch salted liquorice, Reece's Pieces and the entire range of Jelly Belly jelly beans.

11:00 Depart Gold Creek for Tulip Top Gardens

- A stunning garden that attracts many visitors every spring
  - Hundreds of blossom trees nestle between the flowers and provide a magic pathway to the cascading waterfall and watercourse with classical music wafting through the air in the hidden valley. Take the popular pathway past the rosemary field framed by unique blossom trees to the 70 metre high viewing platform for the perfect photo.
- We will be enjoying a boxed lunch in the garden

<https://tuliptopgardens.com.au/>





1:30 depart for Floriade – travel via the arboretum

Developed in 1988 as a grand, one off floral tribute to mark Australia's Bicentenary and Canberra's 75th anniversary, Floriade has become Canberra's most iconic annual tourism event and Australia's premier spring festival.

The floral display of more than a million bulbs and annuals planted across 8,000 square metres of inner city parkland is more than just a flower show. Floriade is a diverse, ever expanding program of music, cultural celebrations, food and wine, horticultural workshops, market traders, artistic displays, entertainment and recreational activities.

4:30 depart for accommodation

6:30 depart for dinner at Gold Creek Station

- Includes some sheep handling demonstrations
- Australian bbq meal
- Cash bar
- Live band

10:00 return to accommodation



## **Sunday 20 September**

8:30 Depart Accommodation for Australian National Botanical Gardens

The Australian National Botanic Gardens maintains a scientific collection of native plants from all parts of Australia. The plants are displayed for the enjoyment and education of visitors and are used for research into plant classification and biology. A herbarium of preserved plant specimens is closely associated with the living collection.

The Gardens also cultivates plants threatened in the wild. This helps protect them against extinction and provides information which might assist reintroduction to their natural habitat.

9:00 Session 1 – educational / discussion program 1

- “poets – what are we really trying to do?”
- “what is new in the zoo – new exhibition flowers emerging in different countries”

10:30 Morning tea

11:00 – 12:30 – educational program 2

- “fertile miniatures– progress on form and colour”
- “the path to orange/red and pink petals – how are people thinking about it”

12:30 – 1pm – lunch

1:30pm Depart for Yass

2:30pm arrive at Lawrence Trevanion plot at Yass

4:30 depart for accommodation

6:30 depart for cocktail party

7:00 cocktail party at Brindabella Hills Winery including wine tasting and copious canapes

The Brindabella Hills vineyard was established in 1986 in an area not previously planted to vines. Initially planted as an experimental plot to assess the quality of premium varieties in this new area. Eight acres of premium grape varieties were planted on a granite ridge above the Murrumbidgee River 25 km north west of Canberra on the escarpment of the Murrumbidgee River.

The mountains of the Brindabella range to the west and hills to the south form a natural amphitheatre and the vineyard maximises the climatic advantages of a warm site in a cool district. A steep drop to the Murrumbidgee river 100 metres below the vineyard gives good air drainage, ensuring frost protection in all but extreme conditions.

The vineyard site was selected on the basis of climatic similarities to other premium wine growing areas of Australia and Europe – the Adelaide hills in South Australia, the Rioja in Spain and the hills of Tuscany south of Florence. All these areas have brilliant sunshine in abundance, and cool nights in the ripening season which contributes to the development of intense berry flavours in the resulting wines.

Over the past few years this has led to many award winning wines and national “boutique winery” trophies for Chardonnay and Shiraz as well as local trophies for Riesling, Cabernets, and Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon.

10:00 return to accommodation

## **Monday 21 September**

Optional trip to Bowral

8:00 depart Accommodation

10:00 arrive Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens – morning Tea

11:00 Visit Tony Davis Garden – The Garden House

A combination of new seedling daffodils and an extensive garden with a range of rare and unusual plants – there should be something for everyone to look at.



12:30 Bowral – Lunch and/ or visit to Tulip Time festival (tentative depending on timing of Tulip time opening in 2020) at own expense.

<https://www.southern-highlands.com.au/events/tulip-time>

2:30 Bus to either Sydney airport or return to Canberra.

## **Information for those bringing flowers**

### **Access to the show venue by car**

Drop off at the front door will be available.

Flowers can be delivered and then cars parked.

Plenty of free parking is available.

### **Bringing flowers into Australia**

To help those intending to bring flowers the following information has been collated. The process from, say, New Zealand looks relatively easy. Interestingly imports from the USA are much more difficult.

It is recommended that those intending to bring flowers into Australia check on the relevant biosecurity Australia Website

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/goods/plant-products/cut-flowers-foliage>

Key extracts include:

#### **Importing cut flowers and foliage**

To import cut flowers and foliage to Australia, you will not usually need an import permit however you must comply with [conditions](#) set by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources before you arrive. These conditions are designed to prevent the entry of exotic insects, plant diseases, and other biosecurity risk material into Australia.

Your goods will be inspected on arrival in Australia and may require further treatment, export or destruction if they do not meet the [conditions](#).

#### **Personal use**

Passengers arriving in Australia on aircraft or cruise ships can bring fresh cut flowers into Australia, but they are limited to the equivalent of six (6):

- small (shoe-box sized) boxes
- florist packages
- bouquets.

You must declare all flowers and foliage on your incoming passenger card so that they can be inspected on arrival.

**Case: Fresh cut flowers and foliage Effective: 28 Jan 2019**

6 or less small boxes, bouquets or equivalent of cut flowers and foliage — Non-propagatable species excluding *Lilium* spp. — Country of origin is other than Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Mexico or United States of America

**Import Conditions**

Import conditions define the biosecurity requirements which must be met for your import. Where import conditions have been developed, they will be listed below.

- A Department of Agriculture and Water Resources import permit is not required, providing that the following conditions are met.
- Passengers may import up to 6 small boxes, bouquets or equivalent of permitted non-propagatable species with country restrictions .
- Cut flowers and foliage must be identified by their scientific or common name. Unidentified flowers and foliage may be held pending identification at the importers expense.
- These import conditions apply to species and plant parts listed on the non propagatable cut flowers and foliage species list.
- Cut flowers and foliage must be packed in clean, new packages. Vials of water on the stems are permitted.
- On arrival in Australian territory, the goods must be inspected to verify that they are free of live insects, seeds or fruit/berries (unless specifically permitted), plant or animal debris, soil and other biosecurity risk material.



- If during inspection, biosecurity risk material (BRM) is found, consignments will be treated according to the Contamination Treatment Guide.
- The department will release the goods once all of the import requirements have been met.
- Under the Biosecurity Charges Imposition (General) Regulation 2016 and Chapter 9, Part 2 of the Biosecurity Regulation 2016, fees are payable to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources for all services. Detail on how the department applies fees and levies may be found in the charging guidelines

When asked what a small box might be it was confirmed that a fresh flower transport box of 105x27x14cm would qualify.

If you have further questions I find they respond promptly to email queries.

## **Preconvention tours of Tasmania and Victoria**

### **Tasmania**

#### **Organised and run by the Tasmanian Daffodil Council**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September** - Guests fly in – Registration and Welcome Dinner \$50.00

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – Bus trip - \$80.00**

to Acton to see Mike Temple-Smith Memorial Garden – cup of tea/coffee

Visit Richmond Historic Village then lunch at Coal Valley winery

Afternoon visit to Maree Johnston's garden at Otago Bay with afternoon tea.

Evening reception 6.00pm – Government House if possible or Lord Mayor at Town Hall

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>** – Hobart Horticultural Daffodil and Camellia Show, Hobart Town Hall

Judges invited in the morning 10.30 am.

Red Decker Bus to Royal Tasmanian Botanical gardens for those not judging.

Lunch at the Gardens or the Town Hall

Afternoon visit to the Daffodil Show

Dinner – Asian Gourmet on the Pier

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>**- Free Day if guests have plans to visit elsewhere, or suggested

Morning visit to Salamanca Market, Battery Point Historic village.  
Own lunch

Afternoon ferry trip to MONA (Museum of Old and New Art) – a truly unique experience. Return to city by ferry. \$50.00

Show closes 4.30pm - Dinner of your own choice.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>** – Bus trip to Southern gardens, including ‘Woodbank’ (rare trees, camellias, bulbs etc.) \$90.00 (includes dinner and lunch and entry to gardens).

Lunch at Margate Historical Museum

Visit native gardens at Avi –Fauna and Flora Gardens, Margate.

Farewell dinner – Grand Chancellor

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>** – Guest fly out to Melbourne.

**Accommodation:** Suggested The Grand Chancellor, Hobart. Deal to be arranged. Nearby hotels similar room rates. Airport Skybus will transfer guests to and from their hotel.

## **Victoria**

**Organised and run by the Victorian Daffodil Society**

**Tuesday 15th Sept 2020**

Depart Melbourne 8.30am for Kyneton township. Visitors will have the chance to look around this interesting country town, to visit the botanic gardens, the museum or just have a coffee at the bakery. We make our way



to Graeme and Anna Brumley's home for lunch followed by a look at Graeme's daffodils. At 2pm we head East to Redesdale to Fermi DeSousa and Will Arthur's garden. Will and Fermi have an interesting garden with the beds built up with large rocks where they grow daffodils from the higher divisions. This is a much dryer and hotter area than Kyneton.

Afternoon tea included. Return to Melbourne approx 5pm

### **Wednesday 16th Sept 2020**

Depart Melbourne 8.30am for Warrook Farm, Monomeith. Morning tea on arrival. The farm gives an insight to the past history of farming in the area with demonstrations of farming techniques. There is a fauna park of Australian animals as well as farm animals. We continue to Leongatha North where the VDS is looking after Ian Dyson's daffodil seedlings. After lunch and a look at the flowers we drive to San Remo via Inverloch with wonderful coastal scenery. Afternoon tea at the jetty and then on to see the famous Penguin Parade. Return to Melbourne 9.30pm.

### **Thursday 17th Sept 2020**

Depart Melbourne 9.30am for Hancocks Daffodils. Morning tea on arrival. Will and Christine run a successful daffodil business but also have some of the Dyson bulbs as well as some seedlings they have bred themselves. Return to Melbourne 1pm. Afternoon free to enjoy Melbourne.

Travel to Canberra for Convention – this is a 1 hour flight

We think the Mantra on Russell will be suitable accommodation. A code for visitors will be provided to use when they book so that they can get an automatic discount.