

COMO GARDENS – OPEN WEEKEND – Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th October, 2017
An ABCCC Assist Event



Over the years our club has assisted Pat and George Hetrel to raise funds for St. John's Ambulance, The Basin CFA and the Knox SES. There are many different tasks that we can help with, and such help is very rewarding and will also help promote our club within the local

community.

Pat and George have advised that this will be the last running of this very popular event. However, they fully intend to maintain the standard of interesting activities of previous Como Gardens Open Weekends. At this stage, there will be a group E-mail to our club's membership closer to the event, to keep you up to date. For this final running, we hope that the ABCCC will be able to put on a stunning display of British classic motor cars for the visitors (who are donators to the various worthy recipient organisations) to view and enjoy.

The gardens open at 10:00 am and close at 4:30 pm and they are located at 79 Basin – Olinda Road, The Basin (Melway Map 65; Ref: H7). Fine, sunny weather has been booked for both the lead-up and for the two Open Days.

Attractions in addition to the splendid gardens will be the Working Display in the Vintage Car Museum * Rainy Day Bookstall * Toshi Sakamoto and his team of Japanese Drummers Perform Daily * Ikebana Flower Arrangements * Kendo Demonstration * Rock & Roll Band, **THE WXXAT!**, will perform on the Saturday * Lawn Games * Conducted Garden Tours * Sausage Sizzle * Devonshire Teas and Refreshments * Come and Try Origami * Surrey Park Model Boat Club – Speed, Steam and Sailing Boats On The Pond * Barrel Organ Music by Hans * A Fine Display of Interesting Classic Cars * Model Cars Display * Knox Historical Society Display * Plant and Craft Stalls * The Hand Tool Preservation Association Display of Tools * Some Special Giveaways * Andy's Antics – Entertainment for children * Gordon Ross Puppeteer



* Wizard of Oz in the Woodlands * Renown Sushi Chef Sam Ito will be demonstrating * The Eastern Dog Club will put their dogs through the Flyball Competition and some interesting obstacle courses * All Day Como Gardens Railway Train Rides * A Giant Raffle provided by the RACV (a sponsor of the Open Days) * Helpful Hints and Giveaways from Seasol (another sponsor) * Rucci's Circus (Sunday only) conducting circus workshops. This will enable visitors to try their skills at Hula Hoops, juggling and other interesting circus apparatus – a number of these activities will be ideal for our grandchildren. Some of the activities could be subject to change, group E-mail notices will advise of such changes.

Please bring your British Classic along for the display and yourselves to assist with the Open Garden Weekend and its activities. Your help in whichever way you can support the cause – whether it be helping with car parking, selling entry tickets, providing a hand with sausage sizzling and Devonshire tea making, assisting with train rides and so on, all will be most welcome! If you can provide some assistance, please call Tony Pettigrew (train operating roster) on 9739 1146 or Bill Allen (public car parking and Devonshire teas etc.) on 9846 2323. Pat and George Hetrel (03) 9761 1341, later.

Tony Pettigrew – President.