



Blue Lotus Water Garden



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Discover the exotics of the tropics on the edge of Melbourne!

Hidden in the beautiful Yarra Valley is the stunning Blue Lotus Water Garden, which is gearing up to hold its annual floral spectacular featuring the largest display of lotus and waterlily flowers in Australia.

This summer the 15th annual “Lotus Flower Season” will run daily from the **26th December 2020 to 18th April 2021**.

Each year Geoff Cochrane transforms his **14 acre** garden into a tropical wonderland, filled with thousands of stunning water flowers, exotic blooms and unique plant displays. Thought to be the largest garden of its kind in the southern hemisphere, the Blue Lotus Water Garden also contains dozens of man-made lakes, ponds, fountains, waterfalls and a network of scenic trails for visitors to explore.

Highlights of the Garden include:

- **Thousands of stunning Lotus and Waterlilies** - all colours and sizes spread across acres of gardens.
- **Giants of the Amazon Exhibit** – housing one of the largest species of Waterlily known to man. The *Victoria Cruziana* can reach over 1.75m in diameter.
- **Monet’s Lake** – containing 70+ varieties of Waterlily flowers including a prized collection of Claude Monet’s original Waterlilies from his garden in Giverny, France.
- **Kakadu Lagoon** – a new feature in 2020 showcasing native Lotus and Waterlilies from northern Australia.
- **Golden Lotus Exhibit** - one of the largest lotus flowers on the planet with over 80 petals.
- **Lotus Lake** – a virtual sea of colour with thousands of huge *Carolina Queen & Crème Lutea Lotus*.
- **Tropical garden** - containing new waterfalls, fountains, lakes and thousands of perennial flowers.
- **Childrens fairy garden** – complete with fantasy cubby houses, rainbow slide, giant flowers and mushrooms, fairy village and more.
- **Fantastic facilities** – including picnic areas, shelters, BBQs, Café, Gift Shop and Australia’s best Lotus and Waterlily nursery.

Covid 19 Situation:

The Blue Lotus Water Garden has changed a few things this year in order to accommodate restrictions and follow health advice, so our visitors and staff are kept safe. We have increased cleaning of facilities and capped daily visitor numbers so each person has plenty of space. Due to our visitor cap, we strongly recommend people book **online tickets** if planning to come on weekends or public holidays. We have also suspended appearances by the Fairy Queen and face painting until social distancing requirements have been removed.

Ticket prices: Adults \$22.00, Pensioner \$19.50, Child (4-15years) \$6, Child (0-3years) \$free

Open: December 26, 2020 – April 18, 2021 (7 days 10am-5pm)

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