



Discover the Ballarat Botanical Gardens



1 Robert Clark Conservatory

9am–4.30pm daily (except Christmas Day)

Stroll among the seasonal floral displays. The Conservatory is home to Ballarat's renowned tuberous Begonia collection from the March long weekend until mid-April each year.

2 Robert Clark Horticultural Centre

View the permanent exhibition of historic photographs of the Gardens and a brief history of the Ballarat Begonia Festival, which began in 1952. The centre is available for seminars, exhibitions and small functions.

3 Statues

See the outstanding collection of marble statues by Charles Summer at the Statuary Pavilion. A large statue of Scottish hero William Wallace stands at the Garden's entrance while the Stoddard Collection of 12 Carrara marble statues is located throughout the Gardens.

4 Prime Ministers Avenue

Wander among this feature of national significance, set in the magnificent Horse Chestnut Avenue of the Gardens. The Prime Ministers of Australia are displayed as bronze portraits mounted on polished granite pedestals.

6 Fernery Redevelopment

Originally built in 1878, over the next century it was demolished and rebuilt several times. In 2019, stage one of the fernery redevelopment began in a style representing the building of the late 1800s.

8 Adam Lindsay Gordon Cottage

The cottage of renowned Australian poet Adam Lindsay Gordon has been restored and is now an outlet for locally produced craft.

30 Floral Clock

See the iconic floral timepiece that was first presented to the citizens of Ballarat in 1954. The clock was moved to the Gardens in 1980.

31 Gatekeeper's Cottage

The historic cottage was returned to its original home after almost 85 years. The restored cottage is home to the children's program BotaniKIDS and an information display on the Gardens' history.

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Friends of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens

Plant Sales Tuesdays and second Sunday monthly 1 to 4pm

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