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GOVERNMENT HOUSE GARDENS NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Sunday 15 November is the inaugural Heritage Perth Heritage Day. It's a time to celebrate the valuable inheritance our forefathers left us going back many thousands of years before colonisation.

To celebrate the event, His Excellency Dr Ken Michael, AC Governor of Western Australia has given his kind permission for the breathtaking gardens of Government House to be open for public viewing.

The Government House site has been in continuous occupation as the principle vice regal residence since the foundation of the capital in 1829.

Colonial Botanist James Drummond established plots on the grounds of the first government garden in Perth. Today it comprises 3.2 hectares in the Arcadian landscape style used by the English in the 18th and 19th century. Some of the original plantings still exist with a mixture of exotic and native species.

Don't miss the chance to wander through this exquisite garden that meanders, delights, invites and relaxes you at the same time.

Government House Gardens will be open from 11am to 2.00pm and access is through the Main Gates on St Georges Terrace. Admission is FREE

Heritage Perth Heritage Day is a truly inclusive event with no political agenda, crossing all faiths, nationalities and cultures. Come celebrate Sunday 15 November – Heritage Perth Heritage Day.

For event information go to heritageperth.com

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