



Midlands Arboretum Opening Invitation

The Boulevards, Ross, Tasmania

What is the Midlands Arboretum?

The Arboretum is a collection of planted trees, shrubs, grasses and herbaceous plants native to the Midlands of Tasmania. There is a winding pathway for walking around the planting area.

Greening Australia is working with local schools and community to establish an 'arboretum' style outdoor classroom, in partnership with the von Bibra family in the Northern Midlands of Tasmania. The project is funded by the JM Roberts Charitable Trust. We envision a space where people can visit, walk on Country and learn about the incredible biodiversity and cultural heritage of the Midlands.

Teachers can use this space for science learning objectives and school excursions, while students can learn practical skills in seed collection, plant propagation, plant identification and wildlife monitoring.

The Experience

The opening event will provide an:

- engaging and educational nature experience
- opportunity to learn about habitat restoration and the Midlands Biodiversity Hotspot.
- opportunity for teachers to learn about the resource available to them for science excursions.
- opportunity to talk to Greening Australia staff, Tasmanian Aboriginal people, landholders and scientists (attendees to be confirmed)
- opportunity to learn about wildlife monitoring research

Event details

What: Opening

When: Tues 29th November 10.30am-12.15pm

Where: The planting is next to the species hotels, The Boulevards, Ross, Tasmania

Who is invited: We welcome anyone in the community who would like to come for a chat and walk on Country to attend. Teachers are welcome to bring students and stay longer by communication with GA.

What to bring: Water bottle, special dietary needs food, children to bring packed lunch.

Provided: Morning tea and light lunch for adults

What to wear: Dress according to the weather. Enclosed shoes/boots, warm clothes (layers), raincoat and sun protection are advised.

RSVP: Preferred but not essential

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PROGRAM

| Time | Duration | Activity | Components |
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| 10:30 | 15 mins | Morning tea upon arrival | Address: Cnr Church St/ Chiswick Rd and the Boulevards, Ross, Tasmania. Small sign 'Species Hotels' marks the entry. GA will also put up an event sign. Some parking is available down the entry gravel road. |
| 10:45 | 5 mins | Welcome | Gather for speeches Site Safety |
| 10:50 | 25 mins | Introductory speeches | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to Country Partnership and project overview Landholder welcome JM Roberts Charitable Trust Wildlife monitoring |
| 11:15 | 45 mins | Opportunity to walk around the arboretum and species hotels, mingle and ask questions. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greening Australia staff available to walk and talk around the arboretum and neighbouring species hotels. |
| 12:00 | 15 mins | Lunch | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited catering will be provided |
| | | Photos and farewell | Photos may be taken, if you wish to opt out of photos, please let a GA staff member know. |
| 12:15 | Any teachers with students please communicate separately with Claire Knowles. | | |

Please note: There will be a marquee for shelter and a portaloos available on the site.

Rsvp: Not essential but for catering assistance you can reply to Claire Knowles.

Travel times to Ross

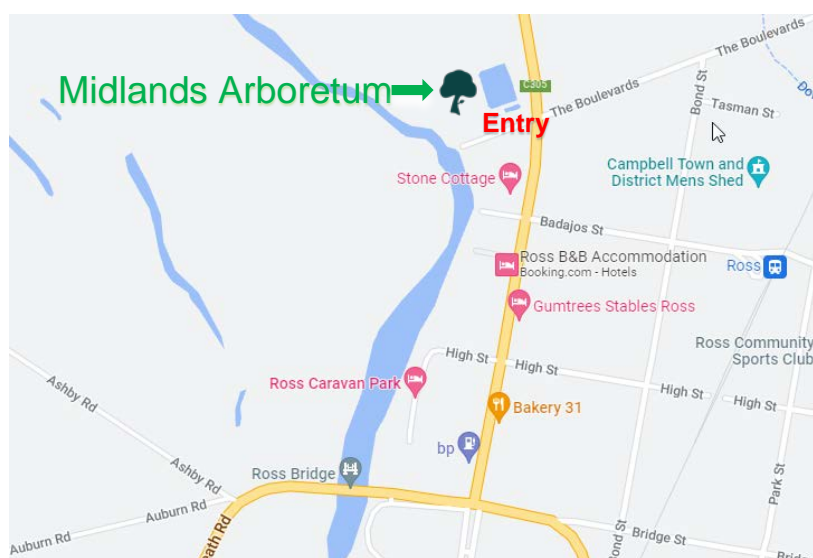
Please allow extra time for roadworks zones in the midlands

Directions from Campbell Town (clickable link):

<https://goo.gl/maps/babTg5EaWFjvxAj7>

Directions from Oatlands (clickable link):

<https://goo.gl/maps/f29Cg1u6w6F86tFa9>



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