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## Register Your Interest

<https://apsvic.org.au/anpsa-biennial-conference-2024>

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# A CHANGE OF VENUE

## ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference

### Melbourne

We have changed our venue for the ANPSA 2024 Conference from the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC), Docklands, Melbourne CBD to **The Round** in Nunawading, Melbourne. The Round is a Performing arts and cultural centre in Nunawading, 379 - 399 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading Victoria 3131. Nunawading is a suburb of Melbourne, 18km east of the CBD.

Website: <https://www.theround.com.au/>

Phone: (03) 9262 6555.

**The Round**, a beautiful venue set in extensive parkland was a stand-out, it ticked all the boxes. It was built, a \$78 million project undertaken by the City of Whitehorse, over the last few years and opened in October 2023. It wasn't in existence when we were first selecting a venue. It has many versatile spaces eminently suitable for presentations, several airy light-filled spaces for our social gatherings in addition to outdoor spaces for relaxing with heaps of car-parking.

## The Round - new venue









## Transport

This venue is equidistant from two well-serviced metropolitan railway stations of Nunawading and Mitcham. Both a 15 minute walk to The Round. There is also an extensive network of buses into the area. It is a few kilometers south of exits from the M3 freeway.

## Accommodation

There is a large choice of reasonably priced accommodation available to attendees.

From many AirBnBs to Hotel/Motels such as:

- **Nunawading Motor Inn** (3 Star, \$128-)
- **Canterbury International Hotel** (4 Star \$122)
- **Beau Monde International** (4 Star, \$104)
- **Burvale Hotel** (3 Star, \$111-)
- **Quality Hotel Manor** (4 star, \$116)
- **Ringwood Lake Inn** ( 4 star \$121),
- **Sage Hotel Melbourne Ringwood** (4.5 stars, \$152)
- **The Sebel Melbourne Ringwood** (5 star \$216)
- **Best Western, Box Hill** (\$119)
- **City Edge Box Hill Apartments** (\$204)
- and many more not listed

There is also a selection of Caravan Parks available. All these caravan parks have powered sites and onsite cabins:

- **Crystal Brook Tourist Park** is an easy 15 minute drive to The Round. The entry is surrounded by eucalypts and it has a heated outdoor swimming pool. There are several bush parks nearby. Fees weren't available but contact through <https://www.crystalbrooktp.com.au>  
Phone: 03 8877 1601.  
Address: 182 Heidelberg-Warrandyte Road, Doncaster East 3109.
- **Lilydale Pine Hill Caravan Park** is half an hour from The Round, easily accessed using the Maroondah Highway. They have quoted a rate of \$50 per night for a powered site and they can move caravans for storage off site at \$5 per night for people taking tours.  
Visit: [www.lilydalepinehill.com.au](http://www.lilydalepinehill.com.au)

Email: [lilydalepinehill@bigpond.com](mailto:lilydalepinehill@bigpond.com)

Address: 105 Warburton Highway, Lilydale 3140.

Phone: 03 9735 4577.

- **Sundowner Caravan and Cabin Park**, half an hour from The Round, either paying tolls on Eastlink or tackling several traffic lights. The park has space but 85% are permanent. Cost is \$34 per night, 7th night free. Visit [www.sundownercp.com](http://www.sundownercp.com)  
Email: [sundowner@bigfoot.com.au](mailto:sundowner@bigfoot.com.au)  
Phone: 03 9546 9587.  
Address: 870 Princes Highway, Springvale 3171.

Please note that prices listed above are current and may have changed when booking.

ASN Events is also looking into a package deal from a couple of nearby hotels. These will be released as soon as we have the details.

## Important Dates

After recent meetings with ASN Events we have the following key dates:

- **December, 2023** - ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference Website,
- **Mid February 2024** - Early bird registration for the ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference
- **Mid February 2024** - Early bird booking/s for pre and post Conference Tours
- **1 July 2024** - closing of early bird registration for the ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference. (Bookings will still be taken for the Conference but at full regular price)
- **31 July 2024** - closing of bookings for pre and post Conference Tours

The Spring 2023 edition of *Australian Plants* is the 'ANPSA Conference 2024 Tour Edition'. The electronic pdf will be shared in our next Conference newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you there and invite you to register your interest through the website <https://apsvic.org.au/anpsa-biennial-conference-2024/>

Miriam Ford

Convenor

ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference

Nicky Zanen

Co-Convenor

To see more on the new venue, The Round, click on the link below

<https://youtu.be/ZMyW380IU1k>



# Donor Day at Olinda

Miriam Ford and Nicky Zanen

Phillip Johnson recently held an open day for people who have donated to the Chelsea Australian Garden at Olinda. It was a wonderful day to meet him and the team who were involved. The gardens are developing beautifully.

*Eucalyptus victrix* had been planted and looked as if they had died were, on closer inspection, recovering with lots of new green shoots appearing. Richie Hill, the curator, said the problem had to do with planting the mature trees with all the wet weather which then suddenly dried which stressed them badly. Fortunately, they are coming back.

There are some real show stoppers – the *Grevillea excelsiors* were spectacular and are thriving. They are planted in many places in the garden.

Richie explained the non-use of nametags for the plants as they are far too costly and one can access the information through various apps including PlantNet and iNaturalist and also the one for the garden. Phil spoke about many aspects of the garden to us and particularly about getting more unique and rare plants into it over time. He said he would appreciate APS Vic members helping him with this.

**This garden is on offer as an excursion at the ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference.**



Above: *Doryanthus palmeri* at the Chelsea Garden at Olinda.

Top right: Phillip Johnson with a group of people at the Chelsea Garden at Olinda.

Below right: Nicky Zanen, Miriam Ford (APS Vic President) Sue Guymer and Bill Aitchison (Leader of the ANPSA Acacia Study Group) enjoying the Chelsea Australian Garden at Olinda.

Photos: Miriam Ford.

