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# In Full Bloom

Spring 2012

## Upcoming Plans for OPH Rose Gardens

As spring brings with it an abundance in new plant growth, Citywide's team of dedicated horticulturalists will be busy ensuring nature's spring flush is managed to reach it's desired bloom.

Tasks for the following months of Spring include pruning, weeding, edging and generally ensuring the new vegetation is given the best opportunity to flourish.

As the general health of this new growth is heavily dependent on the weather, special care must be taken throughout this period to monitor the climate and its impact on Canberra's treasured rose garden. Not enough rain and the flowers won't reach their full potential; too much rain increases the risk of rot and black spots on the roses.

Keeping a close eye on the new buds is key to sustained success, and will ensure the rose beds are exploding with colour come summertime.

Citywide Operations Manager Duncan Howard appreciates the hard work the volunteers put in to the upkeep of



the iconic gardens. As teamwork is the key, working closely with one another will provide the best possible outcome. The faster we are able to identify and address any signs of disease, the better we manage the growth, ensuring healthy plants with wonderful blooms.

## Innovation Seminar Set to Inspire Canberra

Some of Canberra's top government officials, business leaders and international delegates will gather this week in a seminar that is set to unveil an innovative theory used by governments and global corporations alike.



Dr Michael Hewitt-Gleeson, an acknowledged world authority on lateral thinking and published author, will address today's challenging economic times and offer a simple technique that has been proven to enhance organisational productivity in an intimate presentation at the Hyatt Hotel.

Dr Hewitt-Gleeson's theory, aptly named the "Innovation Switch" is a technique that fosters creativity and lateral thinking, and has attracted international attention from numerous organisations including IBM, Fujitsu, BMW, General Electric Corporation, AMP, Telstra, Vodafone, Saatchi & Saatchi, and even White House Presidents.

This marks the first in a series of Innovation Seminars that Citywide will host throughout the east coast of Australia over the coming months.

"I am looking forward to sharing my thoughts with a number of Canberra representatives," said Dr Hewitt-Gleeson, "In today's changing economic times a simple technique such as this is a crucial enabler of growth and productivity".

The seminar is invitation-only however limited places are still available. Citywide Service Solutions are taking expressions of interest at [events@citywide.com.au](mailto:events@citywide.com.au).



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# Spring Gardening Tips

- Plant seeds for flowers and vegies for summer such as lettuce and salad mix varieties. Hold off on pumpkins and tomatoes.

- Fertilise all plants and lawns as growth resumes.

- Prune any plants that flowered in winter and early spring, as well as hibiscus.

- Plant herbs.

- Weed and renew mulches on garden beds.

- Watch for pests on new growth such as aphids and snails. Aphids can be squashed or treated. Snails and slugs can be trapped or deterred.

- Re-pot potted plants that are root bound.



# New Recruits for Spring

The National Capital Authority is busily organising the next volunteer recruitment drive beginning this month.

Volunteers are crucial to the upkeep of the iconic gardens and the NCA will be on the look out for enthusiastic, dedicated people who care about the history of the rose gardens and are willing to invest their time into ensuring the gardens stay beautiful for future generations.

Following an orientation day in October, the newly recruited volunteers will begin a training program which will ensure they are equipped with proper rose-maintenance knowledge.

NCA Visitor Services Officer Nathan Ward says the advertisement for volunteers has already generated quite a bit of interest and that he looks forward to meeting the new recruits.

## Citywide Staff Profile Jaswin Singh

1. Number of years you have lived in Canberra?  
**1 year**

2. Speciality Dish: **Indian**

3. Sports Team: **Soccer, English Premier League**

4. Favourite TV Show:  
**News**

5. Favourite Karaoke Song to Belt Out: **Can't sing**

6. Top 5 People You'd Have Around For Dinner: **Wife, David Beckham, Tony Abbott, Wayne Rooney, Harry Kewell**

7. Favourite Movie: **Fast and Furious 5**

8. Hobbies: **Soccer, Gardening**

9. What do you love most about Canberra? **We have settled here**



## Floriade Festival Festoons Canberra

Australia's biggest flower festival will launch this month, filling Canberra's Commonwealth Park in a spectacular celebration of spring.

Beginning September 15 and running for four weeks, the annual festival showcases more than a million beautiful flowers in bloom with this year's theme being 'Style and Design'.

The bulbs are all planted in autumn and feature a huge mix of flowers including tulips, poppies, daffodils and many more.

Visitors can also soak up engaging demonstrations and activities set amongst the floral backdrop.

Floriade is open 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday and 8am - 6pm on Weekends and Public Holidays. Admission for the Floriade event is free.



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