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# Parking Exemptions for Friends of the ANBG from 2015

Public parking hours at the ANBG operate from 830am until 5pm each day. A <u>daily</u> limit of three-hours free parking for Friends of the ANBG is to be introduced on 1 January 2015. Parking passes are being issued with the membership renewals.

This note sets out exemptions agreed with the ANBG General Manager for Friends who volunteer at the ANBG under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the ANBG and the Friends.

## (a) Friends volunteering for the Gardens

ANBG will provide the equivalent of ANBG staff passes, valid for 12 months from 1 January 2015, for 'volunteers' listed in the MOU's Schedule 1. ANBG will arrange these passes and also supply passes to any Friends who join these groups after 1 January. The passes will be provided through the volunteer supervisors, probably in early December. In the event the various volunteer groups do not meet before Christmas, passes will be posted to them by the volunteer supervisor.

Passes will be available for:

- Volunteer guides
- BRC facilitators
- In Flower this week coordinator
- Alpine Collecting Project Volunteers
- Research volunteers
- Outreach volunteers for special events (Floriade etc)
- Seed bank volunteers
- Seed collection volunteers
- Visitor Centre Volunteers
- Orchid Volunteers.

### (b) Friends involved in special interest groups and committees

Friends involved in special interest groups and committees will also receive 12 month staff parking passes.

The convenors of the relevant special interest groups or committees have been asked to provide lists of ANBG their 'active' members asap to the General Manager, Peter Byron (at peter.byron@environment.gov.au). Mario Catanzariti (the Admin Building above the Theatrette), will advise the various convenors when the passes will be ready for collection by them, expected to be early December. The convenors will be asked to note the name and pass number of each person receiving a pass and provide this information to the ANBG.



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These passes will be available for:

- Growing Friends
- Botanic Art Group
- Photographic Group
- Social Events and Activities committee
- Schools photo competition coordinator
- Thursday Talks committee
- Friends Council, incl co-optees
- Fronds committee
- IT coordinator
- Website committee
- Membership
- Visiting Outreach
- Plant Science Group.

As far as summer concerts volunteers are concerned, many will have staff passes, but any other Friend who volunteers can use the standard Friends parking permit with the three-hour exemption.

In practice, there will be quite a lot of overlap between some of the categories in (a) and (b).

#### Return of passes

If any Friend stops participating in one of these groups/committees, he or she is asked to return the pass to the group convenor, who will return it to Admin at the ANBG. If for any reason such a pass is not handed back, it will be cancelled and no longer able to be used.

In no circumstances should these passes be given to any other person.

#### Where to park

Holders of these passes will be asked to park in the three-hour parking areas that will be established.

#### Transitional arrangements in January

There will be a transition period in January during which the Rangers will monitor the parking arrangements.