# THE DIGGERS CLUB

# The Garden of St Erth Tour group bookings



## Dear Tour Group Organiser

We look forward to your group visiting our garden.

The Garden of St Erth offers so much to visitors, both in the interests of history and horticulture. This site was originally a town of 13,000 people and was a centre of feverish activity during the gold rush. Now, 170 years later, the one remaining stone cottage is part of our Diggers garden shop.

The garden is constantly changing and is one of Australia's most exciting cool climate gardens, with highlights in September when there are masses of daffodils and other bulbs, in April/May when deciduous trees assume their spectacular colour, and in February/March when the display of perennials is almost unrivalled.

Our garden of six acres has an extensive collection of rare and unusual plants that can be appreciated at any time of the year. A map and brochure of the garden is supplied on arrival and our garden tours are conducted by knowledgeable guides with practical garden experience.

## The Diggers Club Gardens and Nurseries

The Diggers Club is Australia's largest garden club and has three world-class gardens and nurseries in Victoria: The Garden of St Erth in Blackwood, a cool-climate garden showcasing spectacular plants, bulbs and trees; Heronswood on the Mornington Peninsula, a Mediterranean climatic garden; and Cloudehill, a garden for all seasons in the heart of the Dandenongs.

At our nurseries and garden shops, visitors can choose from the largest range of perennials, trees and shrubs, many of which are exclusive to Diggers, and over 400 varieties of heirloom and organic seeds. We also offer seasonal bulbs, a huge range of flower seeds, gardening hardware and books that are both educational and inspiring. Clive Blazey, co-founder of The Diggers Club, has written a selected range of books available in the Garden Shop. Our products are available to Diggers members at a discounted rate – join The Diggers Club while visiting The Garden of St Erth and your gate fee will be reimbursed too!

### Fork to Fork Café

Our Fork to Fork café is open 11am-3pm, Thursday to Sunday, with lunch served from noon. Morning and afternoon teas also available. The menu features local and garden produce inspired by flavours from around the world. Indulge in the delights of our seasonal food, local wine and the best espresso coffee here at The Garden of St Erth.

The Garden of St Erth 189 Simmons Reef Road, Blackwood VIC 3458 When booking your tour, please consider the following:

- Group tour bookings can be taken for any number of people with a minimum cost of \$75.
  For bookings of more than 15 people, a cost of \$5 per head will apply.
- The garden tour usually takes one hour, however shortened tours can also be arranged.
- The Garden of St Erth is closed on Good Friday, over Christmas (24, 25 & 26 December) and on any extreme or code red fire days.
- Unfortunately our café cannot cater for any bus groups who do not book in advance and we are unable to take bus group bookings or run guided tours on weekends.
- Prior notification is essential – please fill in the booking form and return it at least two weeks prior your visit.

We look forward to hearing from you soon! For more information please feel free to contact Anita Fabos on (03) 5368 6514 or via email on: anitaf@diggers.com.au



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Please complete this

#### Guided tours are offered on weekdays only.

Contact details	booking form and return it to:	
Group name	The Diggers Club	
Contact name	189 Simmons Reef Road Blackwood VIC 3458	
Email address	Attention: Anita Fabos	
Postal address	Or fax: (03) 5368 6818	
Postcode	If you require further information regarding	
Phone Fax	your planned visit, please contact us on:	
Bus company name	(03) 5368 6514	
Bus company phone	Or send us an email:	
Number in group Number of Diggers Club members	anitaf@diggers.com.au	
Arrival date (must not be a weekend) Arrival time		

### **Booking details**

Please indicate the number of people visiting the garden, taking a garden tour and/or dining in our café in the boxes below. Confirmation of final numbers is required 3 days prior to your arrival.

	No. of club members	No. of non-members	Total
Garden entry only (Diggers Club members and tour group leaders are admitted free of charge)	FREE	\$15 each	\$
Guided garden tour (Group bookings to be taken for any number of people with a minimum cost of \$75. For bookings of more than 15 people cost of \$5 per head will apply. )	\$5 each	\$20 each	\$
Morning or afternoon tea <sup>+</sup>	\$11 each	\$11 each	\$
Lunch <sup>*</sup> (a seasonal lunch dish from our menu with Tea/ Coffee)	\$25 each	\$25 each	\$
Other (please specify)			\$
			\$

I acknowledge that I have read and understood The Garden of St Erth tour group information and booking form.

#### **Payment details**

Bookings that include café dining must be paid in full 7 days before arrival.

Cheque Cash (single payment only) Visa Mastercard				
Card no.	Expiry	/		
Signature				

