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Policy Document

Gardens Celebration Bench Fund

Life is full of events which are worth celebrating. It may be a special Anniversary, a Graduation, a Retirement, the Birth of a Child or the Celebration of the Life of someone special. A celebration gift is a thoughtful way to pay tribute to celebrate that life event or the life of a loved one while providing support to the Australian National Botanic Gardens. The Gardens Celebration Bench fund allows you to sponsor a bench that features a commemorative plaque. Minimum donation amounts are listed in the relevant policy, but donations of all amounts are gratefully received.

Enquiries on the Gardens Celebration Bench Fund should be made to the ANBG Partnership Development Manager on (02) 6250 9455.

Section 9.6 of the ANBG Plan of Management provides for a scheme to encourage people to donate funds to place a celebration bench within the Gardens.

The **plaques** are made of brass, **12cm x 4cm** in size, fixed to the centre of the headrest. The suggested design of the wording is provided on the Celebration Bench Donation form.

The ANBG Manager Major Projects will determine the design of the bench in line with the current outdoor furniture style. In the event of a bench being damaged or defaced, the plaque will be placed on a new or alternative bench in the same location (or at least close by).

The Gardens will endeavour to place a new bench at a location of your choice, depending on installation, maintenance and planning considerations. The exact location cannot be guaranteed for the duration of the donation, but a sympathetic relocation is ensured and if possible, will be discussed with the donor.

Celebration benches will be cared for during the 10 year sponsorship with an annual review of the condition of each bench. Should a bench need to be replaced during that period, the plaque will be placed on the new bench and a letter/email sent to the contact address on file.

Donors are asked to ensure that the contact details are updated, so that they can be informed of any changes to their sponsored Bench / Setting and to allow staff from the gardens to discuss their wishes as their sponsored period comes to an end.

Plaques are guaranteed to remain on the bench for a minimum of 10 years. At the end of the donation period, the ANBG will endeavour to contact the donor to determine if an extension is wanted.

The costs are as follows:

- **10 year donation \$5000**
- **25 year (Generational) donation \$10,000**

The costs cover the plaque and the purchase of a new bench if necessary.

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<http://www.anbg.gov.au/gardens/about/management/policy-docs/memorial-bench-policy-2010.html>