



The Victorian Iris Society (VIS) proudly presents its 2010 Melbourne Iris Convention

Saturday 30th October – Thursday 4th November 2010

Rydges Bell City Hotel, 205 Bell Street, Preston

"Lose yourself in Melbourne"!

Program

Day 1 (Sat 30 Oct):	6:30-10:30pm Registration and Welcome Dinner in the London/Paris Room, Rydges Hotel. Pre-dinner canapés and 3 course meal. Drinks at bar prices. Guest speaker Heather Pryor will speak on the topic of Louisianas. Cost \$60.00	(v)
Day 2 (Sun 31 Oct):	The morning is free for you to spend at your leisure. 12:00-4:30pm Victorian Iris Society Main Show - bus departs Rydges Hotel at 12 noon to travel to the show (departing to return 3:45pm). Includes bus, entry to the show and lunch (excluding Devonshire teas). Iris rhizomes available to purchase on arrival and auctions throughout the afternoon. Cost \$35.00	
Day 3 (Mon 1 Nov):	8:00am-5:00pm Day trip to Tempo Two Iris Nursery, Cranbourne Gardens (guided tour) and Oasis Seedling Nursery (tour). Bus departs Rydges Hotel at 8:00am. Includes bus, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Cost \$57.00 7:00-10:00pm Evening Lecture in the United Nations Room, Rydges Hotel with guest speakers Gary Reid (topic: Species Iris) and Sidney Linnegar from the UK (topic: trial gardens in England), supper included. Cost \$25.00	
Day 4 (Tue 2 Nov):	7:30am-6:00pm Day trip to VIS member Graham Speirs' iris collection (Colac), Melanie and Troy Rodgers' 1.5 acre cottage garden (Colac), Red Rock Volcanic Region and Lookout, and Geelong Botanical Gardens Dry Garden. Includes bus, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Cost \$73.00	

Day 5 (Wed 3 Nov):	7:30am-5:30pm Day trip to VIS member Jan Sparks' iris and cottage gardens at Creswick, and Lambley Nursery at Ascot. Includes bus, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Cost \$65.00	
Day 6 (Thu 4 Nov):	9:00am-3:30pm Day trip to the Werribee Rose Garden, and local garden. Includes bus, morning tea, BBQ lunch and fun Melbourne Cup activities (including a hat parade!). Cost \$48.00 6:30-11:00pm Farewell Dinner in the London/Paris Room, Rydges Hotel. 3 course meal and drinks at bar prices. Guest speakers Barry Blyth (Tempo Two Nursery) and Thomas Johnson (Mid-America Garden) who will both speak on the Modern Iris. Cost \$50.00	

Accommodation

Delegates are required to make their own accommodation reservations. Please find below a list of nearby accommodation, including Rydges Bell City Hotel, the Convention venue.

Rydges Bell City Hotel 205 Bell St, Preston 3072 Reservations by Ph: Australia 1300 857 922 Ph: New Zealand 0800 446 187 Ph: Overseas +61 2 9261 4929 email: reservations_rydges@rydges.com Rates start from AUD\$119* per night	St Georges Motor Inn (4 star) 334 St Georges Rd, Thornbury/Northcote 3071 Ph: 03 9416 8233 Fax: 03 9416 9707 email: info@stgeorgesmotorinn.com.au Rates start from AUD\$120* per night <i>NOT</i> within walking distance of Rydges
Melbourne Big 4 Holiday Park 2656 Elizabeth St, Coburg 3058 Ph: 9354 3533 Cabins from \$125*-\$155* for 2 people per night (cabins are available to accommodate up to 7 people) Good for visitors with their own transportation, as <i>NOT</i> within walking distance of Rydges.	Bell St Motor Inn (3½ stars) 2 Patterson St, Preston 3072 Ph: 03 9480 2099 Fax: 03 9484 0356 Reservations: 1800 035 651 email: reservations@bellmotorinn.com.au Rates start from AUD\$135* per night Walking distance to Rydges

***These prices are a guide only and may change between now and the time of booking.**

Registration and Payment

- Please register using the separate registration form, one form per person.
- Registrations close 1 July 2010.
- A deposit of AUD\$100 per person is required at the time of registration to secure a place and is due by 1 July 2010.
- Final payment is due by 31 July 2010.
- Please advise us if you have special dietary requirements.
- Email enquires to vis.melb.2010@gmail.com or telephone: +61 (0)416 005 157 (mobile)

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations up to 31 August 2010 will receive a full refund. Cancellations between 1-30 September 2010 will receive a 50% refund. Cancellations made after 30 September 2010 will not be refunded. All cancellation requests must be given in writing. All tours subject to change.

The VIS 2010 Melbourne Iris Convention - Registration Form

Registration (one form per person)

		Cost (inc. GST)	Subtotal
Day 1	Welcome dinner	AUD \$60.00	
Day 2	VIS Main Iris Show	AUD \$35.00	
Day 3	Day Tour	AUD \$57.00	
	Lecture	AUD \$25.00	
Day 4	Colac Day Tour	AUD \$73.00	
Day 5	Creswick Day Tour	AUD \$65.00	
Day 6	Werribee Park Day Tour	AUD \$48.00	
	Farewell Dinner	AUD \$50.00	
		TOTAL (inc. GST)	

Registration and AUD \$100 deposit are due by 1 July 2010. Final payment is due by 31 July 2010. Please advise us if you have special dietary requirements.

Title: _____ First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ Town/Suburb: _____

State: _____ Postcode: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Payment

I am making full payment of \$_____ OR deposit of \$100.00 (balance due by 31 July 2010)

Please make cheques/money orders payable to the Victorian Iris Society - A Region of the Iris Society Australia Inc., OR

Direct bank deposit/EFT (please provide remittance advice as soon as possible or use your name to identify the payment) to:

Account Name: Victorian Iris Society

BSB: 033 085

Account Number: 387 603

Completed forms and payment to be returned to:

Post: Mrs Susan Cashin, PO Box 968, Merlynston, Victoria 3058, Australia

Email form/enquires to: vis.melb.2010@gmail.com Phone: +61 (0)416 005 157 (mobile)

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