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## Rewilding Public Spaces: Nature Play Week Launch, Seminar and Site Walking Tour

**Launch of Nature Play Week – for details please visit the [Eventbrite site](#).**

### **Bush Kinder Site Walking Tour**

RBGV Cranbourne Gardens has been a Bush Kinder site for 3 years and it is expected to be used by 10 groups in 2016. This tour will visit the sites used by the Bush Kinders and provide a commentary on site selection and management by RBGV Education Staff and Bush Kinder teachers.

**Date:** Wednesday 6 April, 2016  
**Time, duration:** 11.20am to 12.20pm, 1 hour  
**Departs:** Visitor Centre, Cranbourne Gardens  
**Cost:** Free to Seminar participants. \$11.55 for non-participants  
**Booking:** **Essential** as limited spaces are available. Phone 5990 2200

### **Rewilding Public Spaces Seminar**

Victoria is leading the way in Nature Play for Early Childhood with Bush Kinders and Outdoor Playgroups growing at a rapid rate. The first Bush Kinder started at Westgarth in 2010 and by the end of 2015 there were more than 100 regular early childhood outdoor learning groups meeting in bush, beach and garden settings throughout the state.

Join our early childhood outdoor learning forum to understand what a Bush Kinder is, why there is an increasing demand for outdoor play opportunities in natural spaces and what this means for you as a supporter, Council or Land Management team.

**Date:** Wednesday 6 April, 2016  
**Time:** 1 to 4pm  
**Location:** Auditorium, Cranbourne Gardens  
**Cost:** \$85  
**Booking:** 03 5990 2200

## Seminar Speakers

### **Doug Fargher Westgarth Bush Kinder**

In 2010 Doug Fargher started Bush Kinder at Westgarth Kindergarten in Darebin Parklands. Doug will outline what Nature Play is and how they run Bush Kinder.

### **Dr Julie Rudner**

Julie will present key concepts related to risk regarding young people and their environments. Using examples from Australia and New Zealand, she will demonstrate different approaches to risk management that align better with the objectives of the bush kinder pedagogy and experience.

### **Clare Hart**

Clare has worked in a local government context at both the City of Casey and more recently at Hobsons Bay. Clare will discuss the challenges that public space managers can face when opening their space up to community users and the enormous rewards that make this work worthwhile.

### **Panel Discussion**

Topics - Risk Benefit Assessment, Permits, Toilets, Wind fall, Transport, things that bite (or sting).



For further information and bookings, please contact:

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