

Talks at the Botanic Gardens and Native Truffle Hunt

Here's an interesting event with two scientists' spin on truffles -on Saturday 17 July at 10am at Botanic Gardens followed by a conducted native truffle hunt at 2pm at Mulligan's Flat..

Jim Trappe and Andrew Claridge

Trees, Truffles and Beasts: How Forests Function

Part 1: Do fungi do anything useful?

Part 2: Trees, truffles and beasts in Australia.

Fungi are vital components of woodlands and forests around the world. Without their activities, forests as we now know them could not exist. Among their many functions, they cycle nutrients, form beneficial associations with tree roots, decompose organic matter and return it to the soil, and provide food to animals. This last function is especially fascinating in Australia, where many of the native mammals and some birds use truffles as a major and nutritious food resource. Learn about truffles: what are they, where are they found, and how do animals get them?

Photo courtesy Jim Trappe



This is a family friendly event with payment at the door. \$10 per person, \$20 per family.