

Australian National Botanic Gardens

Fire/Evacuation Procedures

2006

The following is a summary of procedures that are relevant to visiting school groups, extracted from the above document, which was last updated January 2006.

Fire Evacuation procedures

1. Fire in the grounds

In the event that the Chief Fire Warden, Police or ACT Fire Services will order an evacuation of the grounds

- Visitors and staff will evacuate through the front gate wherever possible. Designated Fire Wardens wearing red or white hard hats will direct your group. Where education programs are led by ANBG staff, students will be led immediately to the coach and directed to leave the Gardens, turning right onto Clunies Ross Street as per the local precinct evacuation plan.
- In the event of potential bushfire or very strong winds that might put visitors at risk the Gardens will be closed fully or in part and visitors warned to leave the closed section(s).
- For evening education programs ANBG staff will contact each group via hand-held radio, and lead groups to coach in main car park. Fire emergency services will be called and the gates opened to receive fire tenders and for coach to evacuate.

2. Fire in the Education buildings

On the sound of an alarm, or instruction from a Fire Warden

- Fire Wardens and other staff will alert visitors and evacuate the visitors from the building and direct them to proceed to the lawn in front of Hudson's Café. Leave gates open for emergency vehicles.
- For evening education programs ANBG staff will contact each group via hand-held radio, and lead groups to coach in main car park. Fire emergency services will be called and the gates opened to receive fire tenders and for coach to evacuate.