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WARM YOUR SOUL IN THIS GARDEN OF FIERY DELIGHT

Fire Gardens, Government House Gardens

October 5-8

FREE EVENT (pre-registration required)

Compagnie Carabosse

'A primal experience, a respectful celebration of the beauty and power of the elements: there is fire of course, but also air and water. It's a truly beautiful sight to behold this holy trinity.' – ArtsHub



Image: Andrew Beveridge

As twilight settles on Government House Gardens, [Fire Gardens](#) invites audiences to explore a magical world transformed by the elemental force of fire as part of **EverNow**, a festival in Kambarang.

Fire Gardens is a mesmerising journey through dancing candle flames, kinetic sculptures and captivating live music performances. Presented in Boorloo/Perth for the first time, French artistic collective **Compagnie Carabosse** has created this free site-specific presentation of *Fire Gardens* for visitors to blaze a new path to experience the beautiful Government House Gardens.

Entering through an archway of flickering candle flames on the riverside entrance along Terrace Road, visitors will be enthralled by this special artistic adventure filled with illuminating surprises and stunning installations of thousands of firepots, candles, lanterns and wonder.

The shadowy walkways and glowing promenades will reveal the gardens in a new light as candlelight flickers and cascades while soundscapes of live music is revealed through the night.

Compagnie Carabosse has lit up famous landmarks over the world – from Stonehenge in England to Moscow's Kremlin Square, and from Hue Bridge in Vietnam to Pont du Gard in the south of France. The company paints with the palette of fire – its colours, warmth, sound, and scent.

EverNow has engaged local Noongar custodian **Mitchella 'Waljin' Hutchins** as cultural advisor to work with Compagnie Carabosse co-artistic directors **Christophe Bricheateau** and **Christian Cuomo** on presenting *Fire Gardens* on Noongar country.

‘In October 2022 we travelled to Perth to explore possible sites and to meet with the traditional owners to learn about Noongar culture and the important connection with the land,’ Bricheateau says. ‘For the presentation we will be working with Mitchella Hutchins as the Noongar cultural advisor in refining the work and the important connections which lie with fire and the land.

‘Our company’s fire is a tamed fire, a poetic fire, universal fire which brings together, warms, illuminates and enhances,’ he says. ‘We hope *Fire Gardens* will be an opportunity for audiences to experience and contemplate the timeless beauty and magic of firelight – and to leave with flames in their eyes imagining all the possibilities.’

These luminous alchemists are renowned for creating site-specific sculptured landscapes so visitors must not miss this incredibly special Perth edition of *Fire Gardens* staged in one of Perth’s most beautiful and rarely seen gardens at Government House. In whatever way you choose to undertake your *Fire Gardens* adventure, this is a journey made for visitors to savour.

Fire Gardens is presented by arrangement with Arts Projects Australia.

Other free special events over the EverNow weekend are ***Boorna Waanginy: The Trees Speak*** and ***Song Circle***. More details at evernow.com.au

WHAT: Fire Gardens

WHERE: Government House Gardens – Entry via Terrace Road (south/riverside)

WHEN: Thu 5 - Sun 8 Oct, 6.15pm-9.15pm, last entry from 8.3045pm

FREE ENTRY: Registration is required for session times at evernow.com.au

Media resources including images and video available [here](#).

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