



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
VICTORIA

Government
House Victoria
Open Day 2025

Governor of Victoria



Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC was sworn in as Victoria's 30th Governor in August 2023.

The Governor undertakes a program that fulfils her four areas of responsibility:

1. Constitutional Responsibilities

The Governor oversees the workings of the government of the day to ensure it acts within the boundaries of the Victorian Constitution and the rule of law.

The Governor's main constitutional responsibilities in relation to the Government are to:

- call an election
- chair the Executive Council
- give Royal Assent to Bills passed by both Houses of Parliament
- dissolve the Legislative Assembly in exceptional circumstances
- appoint and dismiss Ministers.

2. Community Engagement

The Governor seeks to represent and understand the whole Victorian community and encourages unity, mutual respect and confidence among its members.

The Governor is patron of many not-for-profit organisations and encourages people in a range of fields including voluntary service, innovation, education, artistic endeavours and sporting achievement.

3. Ceremonial Duties



The Governor's ceremonial duties include the Opening of Parliament; attending the Dawn Service and march past on ANZAC Day; swearing in Ministers and Supreme Court judges; presiding at investitures for the Order of Australia and other awards; and fulfilling the ceremonial role of 'University Visitor' of each Victorian university.

4. International Engagement

The Governor promotes Victoria's international economic, social and cultural interests, both at home and abroad.

To learn more about the history of Government House and the contemporary role of the Governor of Victoria, please visit www.governor.vic.gov.au

Social media

Please share your photos on Instagram and Facebook and don't forget to tag  @VicGovernor  @GovernorofVictoria

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#ReflectRespectCelebrate**

Photography

Photography and filming will take place today. By attending this event you are consenting to the use of your image, in full or in part, for any Government House related purposes, including social media.

Please inform Government House staff if you do not wish to be photographed or filmed.

Feedback

You can email us at info@govhouse.vic.gov.au

Government House Victoria Open Day 2025

10.30am–3.30pm



1. General Information

- Complimentary sunscreen, First Aid and Lost Child Point
- Accessibility information for House, Grounds and activities
- Children's scavenger hunt starting point

2. Tour

- Self-guided House tours start at the Fountain Court entrance
Last entry is at 4pm

3. Ballroom

- Government House model built of LEGO® bricks
- View historic pieces from The Johnston Collection

4. Food and Beverage Precinct

- A variety of food vans
- Lions Club community BBQ
- Rotary Club sausage sizzle
- Ice cream and coffee carts
- 3MBS Melbourne 103.5FM – immerse yourself in the all-day live broadcast

5. Activities

- St John Mobile CPR Lab – learn CPR in 10 minutes!
- Visit the Victoria SES display
- Learn about water safety with Life Saving Victoria

6. Western Lawn

- Music and dance performances throughout the day
- Picnic area – enjoy your picnic with views of the city skyline and Government House

- Ceremonial Trees – discover trees planted by members of the Royal Family, and former Governors and their spouses
- RAAF Flyover at 12.15pm – enjoy the best vantage point from the Western Lawn

7. Sporting Precinct

- Blind Tennis – test your skills and learn about the benefits of playing a sport
- Practise Tai Chi in the garden
- Boccia – one of the world's fastest growing inclusive sports
- All-day tennis fun – come and have a shot!

8. Kitchen Garden and Children's Zone

- See what's growing in the Kitchen Garden
- Learn about the Government House beehive and the importance of sustainable living
- Roving entertainment & free face painting
- Picnic area in the Orchard

9. Displays

- CFA display vehicle and demonstrations
- Living Legends – pat former champion racehorses in the historic Hopetoun Stables

10. Courtyard

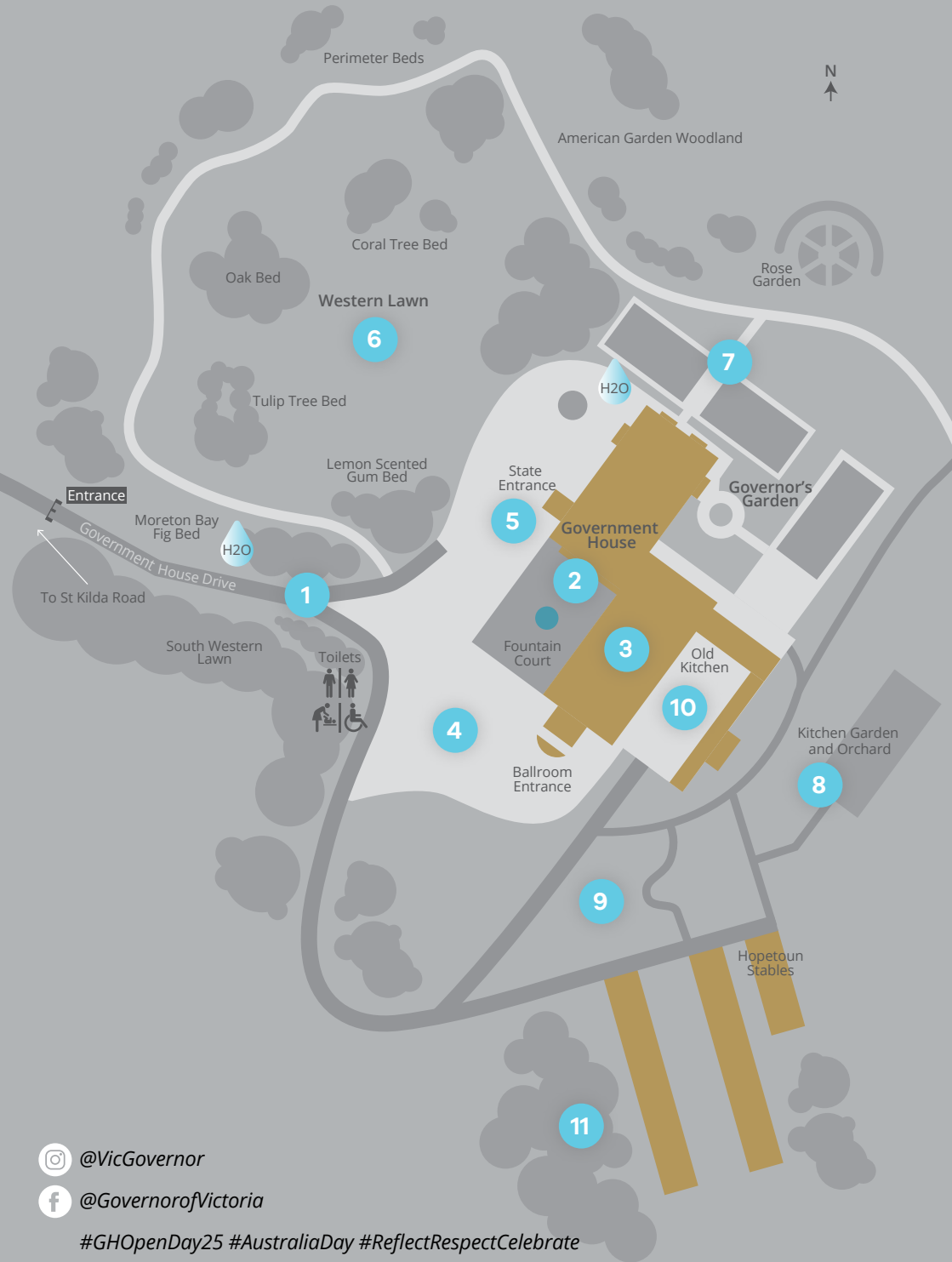
- Scones and tea by the Country Women's Association served in the Old Kitchen

II. Quiet Zone

A designated quiet space to rest and relax in a sensory-friendly environment

Around the Gardens

Enjoy live performances and roving entertainment throughout the day



Perimeter Beds

American Garden Woodland



Coral Tree Bed

Oak Bed

Western Lawn

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Rose Garden

Tulip Tree Bed

Lemon Scented Gum Bed

State Entrance

Governor's Garden

Entrance

Moreton Bay Fig Bed

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Government House

To St Kilda Road

Government House Drive

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South Western Lawn

Toilets



Fountain Court

Old Kitchen

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Kitchen Garden and Orchard

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Ballroom Entrance

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Hopetoun Stables

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