



**The UC Santa Cruz Arboretum & Botanic Garden and the  
Ray Collett Rare and Extraordinary Plants Lecture Series presents:**

# **Rodger Elliot**

## *Care for the Rare*

Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria is leading the Care for the Rare program, which has been created to safeguard rare and threatened Victorian plant species against extinction in the wild. With nearly 15% of Victoria's plant species classified as rare, conservation programs are critical to ensure Victoria's significant biodiversity is protected. In a collaborative project, the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria is building the capacity of regional botanic gardens to play an important conservation role for Victoria's biodiversity, whilst building their readiness for projected climate change. This program highlights the important role that all botanic gardens play in plant conservation and empowers local communities to protect plants indigenous to their region.



Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria is currently working collaboratively with the Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand (BGANZ) Victoria network, to assess the potential of botanic gardens across the state to nurture rare and threatened plants. The plants are selected because they are either near to where the species naturally occur or the growing conditions in the wild are similar to those within the botanic garden. Six Victorian botanic gardens have been chosen for the first round of the program, including the Dandenong Ranges Botanic Gardens.

**Monday, October 28, 2019 at 7pm**

**Hort II Meeting Hall, Arboretum & Botanic Garden**

**Free Community Event, Donations Welcome**