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## AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS FULLY OPENS AFTER HAIL STORM

The Australian National Botanic Gardens is now fully open after significant damage was caused by the Canberra hail storm on Monday 20 January.

Visitors are now welcome to explore the Gardens from the Rainforest to the Red Centre as well as treating themselves at Pollen Café, Jindii Eco Spa and the Botanical Bookshop.

Peter Byron, General Manager of the Australian National Botanic Gardens says that many of their plants and buildings were damaged as a result of the storm and sadly visitors will not be able to experience the true beauty that the Australian National Botanic Gardens usually presents for some time.

“Over the coming weeks, our staff will continue the clean-up efforts from the damage the storm had caused, but the whole of the site is now open and we encourage people to enjoy a walk, a picnic and relax in this special place.

“Our visitors’ safety is our highest priority and we have undertaken all necessary measures to remove hazards. Pathways have been cleared and are accessible to all visitors including motorised scooters, prams and wheelchairs.

“We are confident that our precious living collection will be restored to its full splendour in the coming months.”

The Gardens Flora Explorer tours will remain out of operation until further notice but the Gardens free guided walks will continue daily at 11.00am and 2.00pm.

People can follow the Gardens clean up journey on Facebook and Twitter at [www.facebook.com/AustralianNationalBotanicGardens](https://www.facebook.com/AustralianNationalBotanicGardens); <https://twitter.com/ANBG>

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