

Floriade

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST CELEBRATION OF SPRING

**FLORIADE
COMMUNITY
2025**

**Application
Information**



Welcome to Floriade Community 2025

Floriade Community is back in 2025 for its sixth consecutive year, expanding Floriade's signature blooms beyond Commonwealth Park and into the suburbs of Canberra.

Applications are now open for eligible Community Groups/Organisations to participate in Floriade Community and add some extra colour to our city in Spring.

The Floriade Community program will provide bulbs and annuals to successful applicants to plant and maintain in their local area.

Locations must be:

- **Visible** to a large number of Canberrans who can enjoy the blooms in their day-to-day life
- Cover an area **at least 10sqm** in total with a planting density of 40 bulbs per sqm

Consider:

- Garden beds at your **local school, church or community centre**;
- Planting in a **garden bed, pot or wheelbarrow**.

Floriade Community will complement the spectacular floral displays in Commonwealth Park managed by the Floriade team.



Program Objectives



The objectives of the Floriade Community program are to:

- Grow the **vibrancy** and **uniqueness** of our city and communities through planting of floral displays
- Acknowledge the **diversity** and **inclusivity** of the Canberra Region through showcasing organisations that support and enhance the Canberra community year round
- **Enhance community connectedness**, pride and social wellbeing
- Foster local **creativity, innovation, participation** and **recognition**
- **Increase accessibility** of Floriade through evenly distributed plantings across the ACT
- Stimulate the local economy and **drive business** to nearby cafes, businesses and community



Eligibility to Apply

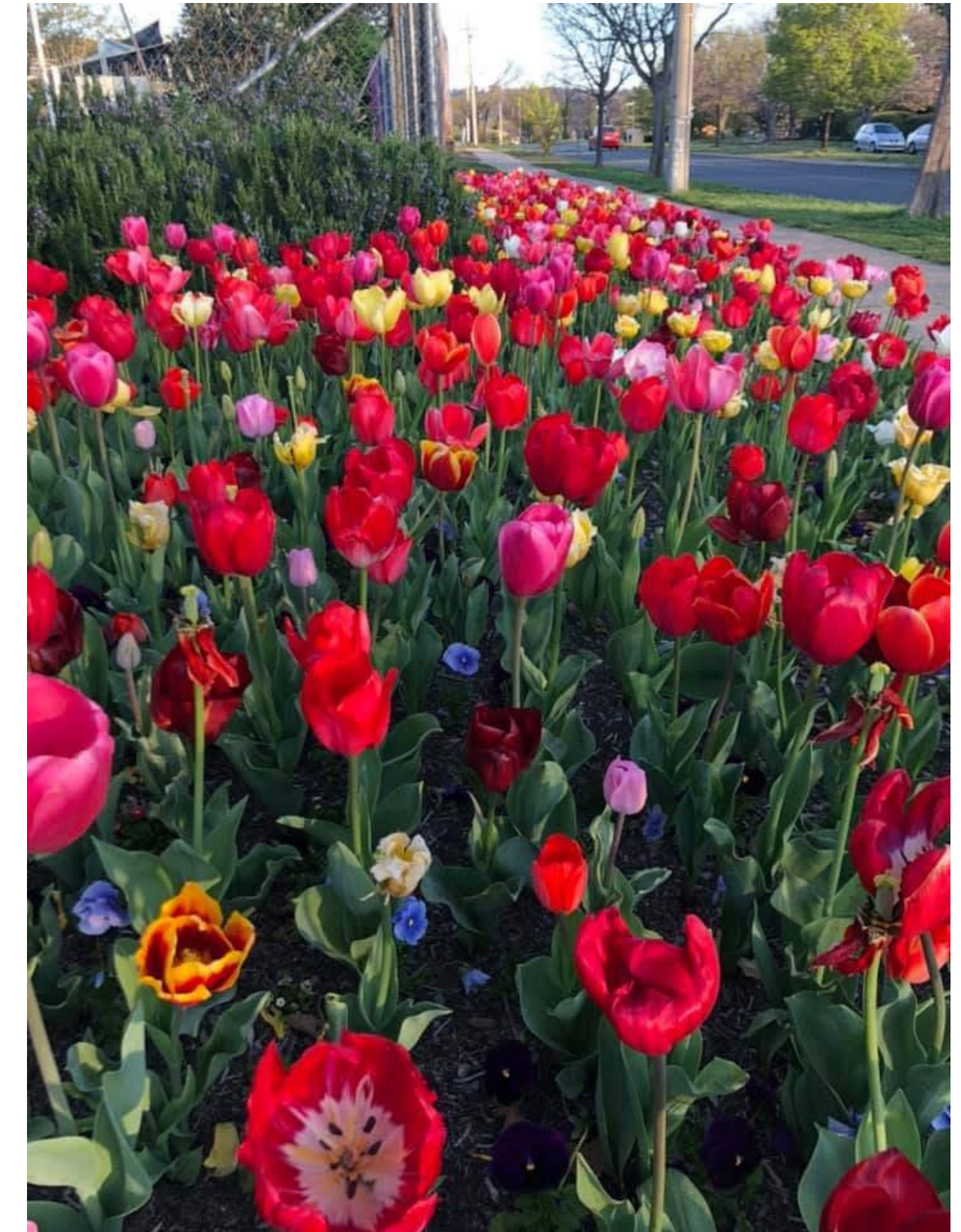
The Floriade Community program is open to community groups located and operating within the ACT, including:

- ✓ Language and cultural groups
- ✓ Community centres
- ✓ Nursing homes and aged care facilities
- ✓ Community sheds and gardens
- ✓ Sporting clubs
- ✓ Scout and guide groups
- ✓ Churches and places of worship
- ✓ Essential service providers and medical centres
- ✓ Schools and childcare centres

Applicants must be an incorporated association or have a similar formal organisation structure. Applicants can apply under an auspice agreement with a registered organisation or association who will be legally responsible for the project.

Any planting on public land (such as a roundabout or curb side) may be subject to a land use permit or approval. It is the responsibility of the organisation to obtain any and all necessary approvals.

✗ Plants are not available for private residential use, commercial entities, for commercial purposes, or to organisations that are located outside of the ACT.



Assessment Criteria

All applications for Floride Community will be assessed by Events ACT using a three-person moderated process, against the below criteria.

Please note, lodging an application is not a guarantee of success.

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SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT

- a) Demonstrated community participation and connection.
- b) Demonstrated capacity of the display to enhance community vibrancy and foster community pride and social cohesion.

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VISIBILITY AND PUBLIC ACCESS

- a) Proposed garden bed is in a high-profile location and visible to a large number of Canberrans.
- b) The size of the proposed planting must be minimum 10sqm in total.
- c) As Events ACT is not planting large garden beds around Canberra in 2025, the size of the Community garden beds must be significant for greater impact.

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STIMULATE LOCAL ECONOMY

- a) Proven proximity to local business that may benefit from the display.
- b) Ability to identify opportunities to partner with businesses in the region as part of Floride Community.

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CAPACITY AND EXPERIENCE

- a) Demonstrated experience delivering successful community activities.
- b) Demonstrated capacity to undertake planting within required timeframe.
- c) Clear plan to maintain planting to a high standard, including watering and weeding.
- d) Willingness to work with Events ACT if successful to provide risk assessment and management plan.
- e) Ability to contribute and engage with Floride Marketing Team and potential media opportunities.
- f) Able to provide evidence of Public Liability insurance.

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PRIORITY

Non-profit, charitable organisations will be prioritised over for-profit community groups.



Application Process



ONLINE APPLICATION COMPLETED

Make sure you answer all questions and provide as much information as possible about your group and your planting plans to enable assessment against the criteria.



PLANTS AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION

Bulbs and annuals will be made available for collection from the Yarralumla Nursery in May. Bookings may be required.



APPLICATIONS ASSESSED BY EVENTS ACT

Applications will be reviewed by Events ACT for applicant eligibility and against the selection criteria.

Events ACT staff will brief executive level management for final approval of selected applicants.



GET PLANTING

Bulbs and annuals must be planted by the advised date to ensure a spectacular display for Floriade in September/October.



SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS NOTIFIED AND ANNOUNCED

Email notification will be sent to successful applicants. A summary of all successful applications will be published on floriadeaustralia.com



Key Dates

WHAT'S HAPPENING

DATES

Community applications open

Thursday, 20 March 2025

Community applications close

Thursday, 3 April 2025, 5:00PM

Successful applicants notified

From Tuesday 22 April 2025

Plant collection from Yarralumla Nursery

Week of 26 May 2025, date TBC

Bulbs and annuals planted

Within 7 days of collection (ideally) or
by 13 June 2025

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13 September 2025 – 12 October 2025



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Thank you

We look forward to receiving your application.

If you have any questions or require any assistance, please contact Events ACT.



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