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BIRTHDAY YEAR IS OFF TO A BLOOMING MARVELLOUS START

Blue Mountains Botanic Garden Mount Tomah will undergo a \$3.2 million upgrade to improve visitor facilities and Garden access, Environment Minister Gabrielle Upton said today.

This work marks the Garden's 30th anniversary year.

Ms Upton said the Garden had been a vital hub for horticulture, science and education in the greater western Sydney and Blue Mountains region for 30 years.

"The Garden has also long been a popular stop for international and domestic tourists, with its exquisite seasonal floral displays, unique and rare cool climate collections," Ms Upton said.

The upgrade will include:

- Car park upgrades to improve accessibility and safety
- New BBQ and picnic shelters
- New safety, accessibility and visibility upgrades to the existing garden entry
- A new waste water treatment plant to feed treated water back in to the Garden

A new loop road, which was completed last month, was also part of the upgrade.

Ms Upton said the improvements would help boost regional tourism and benefit the local community.

"Mount Tomah is the state's best-loved cool climate garden – it's great for local tourism and wonderful getaway for Western Sydney residents," Ms Upton said.

For a list of 30th Birthday Program highlights visit

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