PLANT COLLECTIONS
The gardens hold many different plant collections for the purposes of conservation, research, education and ornamental display. Some of these are of national horticultural significance.

Canna Collection
We hold over 70 named and labelled Canna cultivars in three main groups including Heritage cultivars, Australian-bred cultivars and various Canna ‘species’.

Lavender Collection
We hold the National Lavender Collection which was originally donated by Yuulong Lavender Estate. Over 80 cultivars of lavenders with significance to Australian horticulture are displayed.

Australian Plants
Many Australian plants are displayed throughout the gardens. A highlight is the Billabong which is being revegetated using local indigenous plants and the Aviary which is surrounded by plants from all over Australia. Plants from the Bendigo region and the northern Victoria region also feature prominently in the garden.

HISTORY OF THE GARDENS
Established in 1857, the Bendigo Botanic Gardens, White Hills is one of regional Victoria’s earliest Botanic Gardens. The gardens are listed on the Victorian Heritage Register due to their historical, architectural, scientific, aesthetic and social significance. Much of the present layout of the gardens are thanks to the curator Samuel Gadd who rejuvenated the gardens between 1873 and 1903.

FUTURE GARDENS DEVELOPMENT
Arch of Triumph and Entry Promenade

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Billabong

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Habitat Garden and Aviary

The aviary houses parrots from around Australia and some exotic pheasants as well. It is surrounded by Australian Plants that attract wildlife to the area and provide a range of ecological niches for them to live in.

Play space

The play space features a series of enchanting garden spaces for children to explore using all of their senses. Visitors can explore the secret garden, the tree house, the rolly-poly lawn, the vege patch and climb the fort.

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