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Tasmanian Premier Ringing Bells For Canberra

Tasmanian Premier Lara Giddings showed her support for Correa 'Canberra Bells' this week, urging all other state and territory leaders to get behind the official plant of Canberra's Centenary.

Premier Giddings planted a specimen in the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens with the help of the RTBG Director Lesley Kirby and PMA Managing Director Chris Sargent.

In her address to the media, Premier Giddings spoke of the origins of the plant, highlighting the opportunity that all Australians now have to share in the celebrations of the nations capital next year by including a little piece of the Centenary in their gardens.

'Canberra Bells' is the official plant commemorating the 2013 Centenary of Canberra. This hardy and attractive native shrub is available for purchase now and is quickly becoming a firm favourite with Australians.

'Canberra Bells' can already be found growing in excellent company, with plants thriving in the Australian National Botanic Gardens, the National Arboretum and Government House.

Alongside Premier Giddings, the Governor General and the ACT Chief Minister have also thrown their support behind this variety.

The Premiers of remaining Australian states and territories where the climate is suitable have now been invited to plant 'Canberra Bells' in their respective jurisdictions.

We look forward to seeing more 'Canberra Bells' appear in Australian gardens over the coming months, in the lead-up to 2013.



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Premier Lara Giddings, RTBG Director Lesley Kirby, and PMA Managing Director Chris Sargent after planting 'Canberra Bells'



Premier Lara Giddings and PMA Managing Director Chris Sargent with Correa 'Canberra Bells'