

Farm is coming up roses

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Gardening enthusiasts are in for a real treat.

Cruden Farm, the home of the late Dame Elisabeth Murdoch, will be open to the public on Sunday, March 17, in honour of a great cause.

Visitors can wander through the manicured grounds to help raise money for Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute.

The independent and internationally renowned medical research facility focuses on the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

Baker IDI spokeswoman Christina Hickie said it was going to be a great day for families and those with a green thumb.

“There will be children's entertainers, gold medal-winning horticulturalists, fresh produce, baby farmyard animals, chamber music, diabetes experts and, of course, the stunning private farm,” Ms Hickie said.

Tickets cost \$25 for adults and children under 18 are free. Gates open at 10am.