

q show: FLOWER AND GARDEN 2019

The Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show Presented by Lawn Solutions Australia returns in 2019 and brings a multitude of exclusive and immersive experiences to the city solely for the five-day event.



2019 marks the 24th year of the internationally recognised event, which unites the country's most forward thinking and respected horticultural and floral designers, in addition to a host interactive DIY workshops, retailers and one-off installations.

Show standouts include a Charlie and the Chocolate Factory inspired indoor plant feature, an installation of a mystical palace fallen into disrepair and overgrown with plants, wellbeing inspired gardens thanks to new charity sponsor Beyond Blue, and a one-night only Friday party in the grounds.

Visitors to 2019's floral spectacular can expect Landscape Design Show Gardens from the biggest names in Australia as well as an impressive international component, to be assessed by a revered panel of judges. Confirmed designers include Brent Reid and Lawn Solutions' Jason Hodges (constructed by Semken Landscaping), TRACT, New Zealand designer and Auckland Flower Show Best in Show winner Bayley LuuTomes, Inge Jabara, Christian Jenkins, Rob Waddell, Ben Hutchinson, Matt Ferris, and Sydney Ryan McMahon of Musa Landscapes in partnership with Beyond Blue.



Cycas Landscape Designs' Mark Browning will unveil his custom-designed 2019 Welcome Garden: an interactive space where visitors can centre themselves and plan their Show day, as well as hear exclusive interviews and seminars from some of the Festival's most prestigious headlining talent.

The new major charity partnership with Beyond Blue marks a new chapter for the Show, and is set to bring a renewed focus on the impact gardens, plants and outdoor spaces have on mental health and wellbeing.

"Gardening, getting outdoors and being close to nature can provide significant benefits to our mental health, especially in times of stress and anxiety," said Beyond Blue's Leader Clinical Adviser, Dr Grant Blashki. "Tending a garden is a fantastic form of mindfulness and creativity for people of all ages and socio-economic backgrounds; it can help take people's minds off the stresses in their life and provides an enormous sense of pride and satisfaction. We are very pleased to be part of one of Melbourne's most loved events and look forward to seeing the work of Australia's best garden designers in the 2019 event".

The Royal Exhibition Building's reinvigorated Gallery Precinct will be a hub of activity where visitors can meet local growers and purchase home-grown blooms and various other gifts, all while admiring the diverse art exhibition alongside the market.

Tickets are now on sale to the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show via www.melbflowershow.com.au

Wednesday 27 – Sunday 31 March 2019
Open 9am – 5pm daily
Gardens by Twilight – Friday March 29 until 9pm
Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens, Carlton