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MULTI AWARD-WINNING DESIGNERS COME TOGETHER AT AUSTRALIAN GARDEN SHOW SYDNEY

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Fresh from his Best In Show win at the UK's Hampton Court Palace Flower Show, Australian **Jim Fogarty**, has been announced by the [Australian Garden Show Sydney](#) to join a host of multi award winning landscape designers at this year's show in September.

The legendary landscape designer, who won the Royal Horticultural Society title this month exhibited a Gallipoli-inspired garden titled 'The Last To Leave' at the inaugural Australian Garden Show Sydney last year and will participate this year as a judge alongside fellow judges such as **Graham Ross VMM**, *My House Rules'* **Joe Snell**, Director of Horticulture Operations at Royal Botanic Gardens, **Jimmy Turner** and **Linda Ross**.

"I'm looking forward to joining the Australian Garden Show Sydney team again this year and having a hand in judging all the new and creative display gardens produced by such a high calibre of landscape designers," said Fogarty.

Fogarty will also join **Nigel Ruck** and **Don Burke** in the construction of a modern back yard farm garden that the public can watch evolve over the four days of the show from 4-7 September in Centennial Park. Observers will also have the opportunity to contribute to some of the decisions of the design of the garden, elements of which will be made from recycled and/or re-used materials.

This year's show has doubled in size, featuring over 30 display gardens built by a range of expert and emerging landscape designers. The categories include two Feature Gardens as well as 10 Inspirational Gardens, 10 City Gardens presented by *Debco* and 10 Balcony Gardens presented by *Yates* that will be judged by a panel.

Andrew Fisher Tomlin (NHGA UK Garden Designer of the year) returns to Sydney to create a garden for the St Vincent's Curran Foundation, 2014 Official Charity Partner, that focuses on dementia - providing a place where sufferers can feel comfortable and safe. His design will look at the potential of gardens to offer a lifeline to those with early onset dementia, by providing them with coping strategies, a sense of place and therapeutic benefits.



His garden is structured along a simple flowing path, opening to a planted space with water, a natural seat and then onto an open space with a pavilion and further seating. The exploratory element is important, allowing someone to wander, to get a sense of place and not to be faced with dead ends, crossing lines and decisions about direction that might confuse them. Plants provide a gentle sensory experience through texture, movement, fragrance and colour to stimulate the senses.

Welcoming the spring weather, **Phillip Withers'** 'My Island Home' brings a piece of paradise to the show, featuring a timber beach hut and bridge surrounded by tall palms and colourful succulents.

Myles Baldwin will also build an Inspirational Garden to be judged alongside Withers, Fisher Tomlin and others including **Christopher Owen, Brent Reid, Adrian Swain** and **Peta Donaldson**.

The popular Talks Series will feature over 80 talks, presented over three stages, providing visitors with the opportunity to hear from and engage with special guest speakers and experts presenting progressive ideas on gardening, design and wellbeing. Topics range from rooftop gardens, to Australian native orchards and worm farming.

With the support of the NSW government, through Destination NSW, Australia's key gardening associations and the gardening industry, the 2014 Australian Garden Show Sydney promises to be an informative and entertaining event.

Tickets and further program information are available at: australiangardenshowsydney.com.au

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