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TURF TURNED AND GARDENING GURU ANNOUNCED AS THE NEWEST ADDITION TO SYDNEY'S SPRING GARDEN SHOW COUNTDOWN

Sydney's iconic Centennial Park is being transformed into a stunning representation of spring for the [Australian Garden Show Sydney](#) from 4-7 September.

Gardening Australia's bearded and boundless **Costa Georgiadis** also announced his involvement in the show today, joining a host of experts appearing at the show, including **Andrew Fisher Tomlin, Don Burke, Angus Stewart, Indira Naidoo, Graham Ross VMM** and **Joe Snell**.

"I'm thrilled to be returning to Centennial Park for the Australian Garden Show Sydney. I grew up in this park, so it has always been a magical place for me from childhood to today. What's great about the show is that it's got something for everyone, including children, our next generation of budding gardeners and educated nurturers of our planet," Georgiadis said.

Kids under 15 years have FREE entry to this year's show. Their special area, [aMaze](#), builds on the already mesmerising parklands, creating a magical space for children, which includes a dirt mountain, spiral hands on garden, kids yoga and pink hens that lay blue eggs.

In a show that also features lifestyle and wellbeing themes, international event ambassador, **Andrew Fisher Tomlin** (UK Garden Designer of the Year), who arrived in Australia yesterday, is preparing to bring his dementia-friendly garden to life. In association with the [St Vincent's Curran Foundation](#), Fisher Tomlin's garden will provide therapeutic benefits and create a place where sufferers feel comfortable and safe.

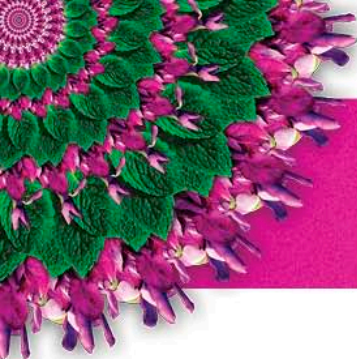
In a gardening first, four of Sydney's best-loved parks, Centennial Park, Mount Annan, Mount Tomah and the Royal Botanic Gardens, have united to create a 'Welcome Garden' for the show. Located at the entrance to the show, the garden will feature four quartered sections that each reflect a different style of landscape design, split by a tree-lined avenue with a stunning water feature at its centre.

The spectacular gardening, lifestyle and wellbeing event heralds the start of spring and features over **30** display gardens: Feature gardens, Inspirational gardens, City gardens and Balcony gardens, **80** plus FREE [talks](#) presented over three stages by the who's who in the gardening and lifestyle arena, the [Grand Floral Pavilion](#), Don Burke's rare breed chicken auction and the dedicated kids area, [aMaze](#). Landscape gardeners and designers and florists are also preparing their concepts for the highly competitive judging and Awards program as part of the show.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Andrew Stoner said, "The Australian Garden Show Sydney, secured by the NSW Government, through its tourism and major events agency Destination NSW, is exclusive to NSW and aims to set a new standard for horticultural events in the Asia Pacific region and provide a unique event on the NSW Events Calendar."

"The event, in its second year, has now doubled in size and caters not only for garden enthusiasts but all members of the family.

"Visitors to Sydney's international garden show at Centennial Parklands will be inspired by



the very best in display gardens, be able to listen to and ask questions from horticultural experts, and learn about the latest in garden design and innovation from a wide range of exhibitors,” Mr Stoner said.

Australian Garden Show Sydney Event Director, Anthony Bastic, said, “Gardens come in all shapes and sizes. People are installing veggie gardens on their balconies, our backyards are our havens in a sometimes hectic world.

I’m thrilled that the Australian Garden Show Sydney offers value for money whilst at the same time gives visitors a chance to learn and be inspired in the three areas I am passionate about – gardening, design and wellbeing.”

Adult tickets are \$35pp, kids under 15 years have FREE entry, and other ticketing options include a discounted senior’s rate of \$20pp group tickets (10 or more) for the show days Thursday & Friday and \$25pp ticket price for the Saturday and Sunday show days.

With the support of the NSW government, alongside Australia’s key gardening associations and the gardening industry, the second annual Australian Garden Show Sydney promises to double the entertainment, information and enjoyment for audiences.

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

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