



MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW

Wednesday 29th March 2017

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW 2017 AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The prestigious MIFGS Design Awards have recognised the incredible talent at the 2017 Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show this morning.

Representatives of the landscape, gardening and floristry industries today gathered to attend the breakfast announcement of the largest and most significant gardening award ceremony in the Southern Hemisphere.

The Awards mark the launch of the Show, which will run for five days at the World Heritage listed Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle bestowed the title of most outstanding exhibit with the **City of Melbourne Award of Excellence for Best in Show** to 'I See Wild', designed by Phillip Withers Landscape Design.



'I See Wild' by Phillip Withers Landscape Design

Presented by the Honourable Minister Luke Donnellan, the first place for the **Landscaping Victoria Boutique Gardens Award** went to 'Wild at Heart' designed by Emmaline Bowman, STEM Landscape Architecture & Design, while RMIT's emerging fashion designers were recognised for their floral couture ingenuity with the **RMIT Student Floral Fashion Design Competition** awarded to Grace Cooper.

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Melbourne Flower School, Matthew Landers Academy and Victoria Whitelaw Beautiful Flowers each received a **Gold Floral Design Award** for their stunning installations.

'Metropolis' presented by Pavers Plus and designed by Candeo Design with construction by Block Constructions and landscape construction by Semken Landscaping was recognised for the best use of plant life in a garden with the **Horticultural Media Association (HMA) Award. The Mark Bence Construction Award**, which recognises excellence in construction, was awarded to 'Back to Babylon' by PTA, Eco Outdoor & Tract Landscape Architecture.

The Award of Excellence for the **Avenue of Achievable Gardens** was 'Awash with Nature' by Ross Peck, Liz Beale and Dale Johnson for Swinburne University of Technology

The Baptistcare Shop Window Floral Design Competition, which asked entrants to focus on flora that deserves the best of care, presented first place to Gina Bednarski for Kiki Floral.

Marcus Gale, IMG Event Director, said "We are always amazed by the incredible talent showcased at MIFGS, but 2017 has truly set new standards. The Design Awards across all categories have set the bar for an incredible five days to come, and we look forward to welcoming many local, regional, interstate and international visitors".

The Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show runs from Wednesday 29th March until Sunday 2nd April from 9am – 5pm daily. Additionally, visitors hoping to have an exclusive glimpse of the Show in a different light can attend the **Gardens by Twilight** on Friday night when the Show remains open until 9:30pm where guests can soak in the dusky surrounds with a glass of champagne and gourmet eats to help usher in a floral weekend.

Tickets are available for purchase at the gate or online at: melbflowershow.com.au

FULL LIST OF AWARD WINNERS BELOW:

CITY OF MELBOURNE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR BEST IN SHOW

'I See Wild' designed by Phillip Withers Landscape Design

GOLD SHOW GARDEN

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SILVER SHOW GARDEN

'Metropolis' presented by Pavers Plus, designed by Candeo Design, construction by Block Constructions, landscape construction by Semken Landscaping

'Back to Babylon' by PTA, Eco Outdoor & Tract Landscape Architecture

'Legacies' by Tree & Shrub Growers Victoria

'Echelon' by Cycas Landscape Design



'Back to Babylon' by PTA, Eco Outdoor & Tract Landscape Architecture

BRONZE SHOW GARDEN

'The Husqvarna Garden - An Urban Sanctuary' designed by Inspired Exteriors, landscape design by Charlie Albone, constructed by Inspired Exteriors

'Emergence' by Smaq Design Collaborations, Sinatra Murphy & AQL Landscape Design

HORTICULTURAL MEDIA ASSOCIATION (HMA) AWARD FOR BEST USE OF PLANT LIFE

'Metropolis' presented by Pavers Plus, designed by Candeo Design, construction by Block Constructions, landscape construction by Semken Landscaping

LANDSCAPING VICTORIA BOUTIQUE GARDEN AWARD

1ST Place: 'Wild at Heart' designed by Emmaline Bowman, STEM Landscape Architecture & Design

2ND Place: 'Lush' designed by Joel Barnett, Instyle Gardens

3RD Place: 'The Five Boroughs' designed by Tim Harper, Space Capsule Design

MARK BENICE CONSTRUCTION AWARD

'Back to Babylon' by PTA, Eco Outdoor & Tract Landscape Architecture

THE AVENUE OF ACHIEVABLE GARDENS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

'Awash with Nature' by Ross Peck, Liz Beale and Dale Johnson for Swinburne University of Technology

GOLD FLORAL DESIGN

Melbourne Flower School
Matthew Landers Academy
Victoria Whitelaw Beautiful Flowers

SILVER FLORAL DESIGN

Australian Association of Floral Designers
Moss Industry Florist

BRONZE FLORAL DESIGN

Ikebana International
Gantcho of Melbourne
Holmesglen Institute of TAFE

RMIT STUDENT FLORAL FASHION DESIGN COMPETITION

1ST Place: Grace Cooper
2ND Place: Alice Kavanagh Federici
3RD Place (tie): Tara Ingram
3RD Place (tie): Belinda Sorrentino

THE BAPTCARE SHOP WINDOW FLORAL DESIGN COMPETITION

1ST Place – Gina Bednarski for Kiki Floral
2ND Place – Lauren Auld for Marjorie Milner College
3RD Place – Rebecca Warner & Shelley Wood for Greenevent



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For access to imagery from the 2017 Show, visit [this link](#).



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