



# MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW

**IMMERSE YOUR SENSES**  
**THE MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER &  
GARDEN SHOW RETURNS**  
**Wednesday March 29 – Sunday 2 April 2017**

The Southern Hemisphere's largest and most loved horticultural event, the **Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show**, returns to the heritage listed Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens in March 2017. Now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, the Show's immersive Show Garden installations, the vibrant floral designs and innovative gardening products have been a drawcard for tens of thousands of attendees annually.

In addition to showcasing an incredible line up of Australian landscape and floral designers, the 2017 Show will also reveal a plethora of new features and experiences for all ages. From fresh flower and plant features to tantalising food experiences and expert presentations, the features will breathe new life into the gardens and promise to be a lavish immersion of all five senses.

Double Chelsea Flower Show Silver Gilt medallist and Selling Houses Australia co-host, **Charlie Albone** will be joining a cast of returning, award winning and new design talent creating the stunning **Show Garden** in 2017. Albone promises to bring his award-winning flare to an already robust line-up of Australia's foremost landscape design minds – producing extraordinary pop-up gardens for visitors to visually explore. A number of truly unique spaces will be brought to life by AQL Landscapes, Phillip Withers Landscape Design, Cycas Landscape Design, MPF Garden Company, Waddell Landscapes, Candeo Design, Tract Consultants and the Tree & Shrub Growers Victoria to name a few.



The Show Gardens will be complemented again by the Landscape Victoria **Boutique Gardens Competition** where a selection of five designers will create a series of intimate garden environments.

The entire interior of the Royal Exhibition Building will be an excess of all things flora; an explosion of colour and scent. The programming spans across two levels with stunning installations and will feature fresh flower sales from Flowers Victoria, RMIT floral fashions, main floral design installations from Australia's foremost floral artists, live student design competitions and a jam-packed programme of horticultural and floristry industry experts giving insightful demonstrations and Q&A sessions on the **Main Stage daily**.

The hugely popular **Gardens by Twilight** returns in 2017, taking place on Friday **31 March**. Evening visitors will be able to stroll through the entire Show, under the disappearing light, until 9:30pm. Twinkling festoon lighting will cast a dreamlike mood over the gardens, whilst patrons enjoy a glass of sparkling and wander throughout until the moon rises in the sky and the stars come out.

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The City of Melbourne's **Urban Forest** initiative will also feature prominently at the Show, with two spectacular mature tree woodland installations; indicative of Melbourne's shift towards a more verdant and biodiverse CBD habitat.

Visitors to the Show will not go hungry with a series of **garden-themed cafés, bars and high tea spaces** scattered throughout the Royal Exhibition Centre and Carlton Gardens. Like the Show itself, this enhanced food fare will champion Victoria's exceptional regional produce, catering to families and foodies alike.

Outdoors, **The Diggers Club's** exhibit will also be an extraordinary Victorian food affair. The plant conservation group will create an artful, edible garden arena and heirloom tasting station, ideal for learning about the extraordinary vegetable and plant varieties not found in supermarkets.

Also returning to the extensive outdoor area in Carlton Gardens is the **Nursery and Garden Industry Victoria Precinct** featuring new release plant varieties and more. The **Debco Achievable Gardens, Kids Under Cover Cubby House Challenge, ASV Garden Sculpture Exhibition** and dozens of stalls from Australia's foremost plant and garden retailers will also feature at the Show.



Photo by Jason Edwards Photography, courtesy of Gardens at Night

The 2017 Show is shaping up to be its best yet, with more floral features, experts and unmissable botanical experiences to be announced next year.

Tickets are now on sale to the **Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show** via [melbflowershow.com.au](http://melbflowershow.com.au)

**Dates:** Wednesday 29 March – Sunday 2 April 2017  
**Times:** Open 9am – 5pm daily  
 Gardens by Twilight – Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> until 9:30pm  
**Venue:** Royal Exhibition Centre and Carlton Gardens, Carlton  
**Pre-sale ticket prices:**

Price Type	Non-Members	RACV Members*
<b>Adult</b>	\$27.00	\$22.00
<b>Concession</b>	\$23.00	\$22.00
<b>Family</b>	\$60.00	\$60.00
<b>Adult Groups (10+) per person</b>	\$24.00	\$22.00
<b>Child (0 to 14 years inclusive)</b>	Free	Free

**Ticket presale ends 31 January 2017 – purchase before 1 February to save.**

**\*Note: the members pricing is for RACV members.**



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