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Countdown. It is now only 3 months till the gates open on the 2010 Queensland Garden Expo and plans for another great event are taking shape. We have a very exciting major prize draw this year and entry into this draw is free to everyone visiting the event. We'll have more details about the fantastic prize you could win, just by attending the expo, in the next newsletter.

There has been great interest from landscapers this year and we are expecting to be inspired by some very creative display gardens this year as they vie to win the Channel 7 Landscape Challenge. With 8 great designs showcasing a range of landscape styles we are sure that there will be lots of inspiring ideas that you can incorporate into your own garden.



Gardening Talk. The key to successful gardening is good, sound, expert advice and information and Qld Garden Expo is the place to talk to the experts. Colin Campbell, Annette McFarlane, Ross McKinnon, Phil Dudman and Paul Plant lead a team of speakers who will deliver expert advice to help you achieve the best results in your garden. Also make sure you visit some of the specialist talks. Rod Hultgren will have some great tips on Rose Growing, Peter Young from Birdwood Nursery can help you out with everything you need to know about Fruit Trees, Darryl Baptie of Camellia Glen will be talking about Camellia Growing, Nick Hansa from Fairhill Native Plants can help you out with hints for growing a beautiful native garden and Peter Heaton from Heaton's Ferns can show you how to grow that perfect maidenhair fern. The full program of Lectures and Demonstration will soon be finalised and we will have more in coming issues. Let us know what you would like to see on the program. Visit the discussion board on our [Facebook](#) Page and have your say.



The Giant Kitchen Garden.

This feature continues to grow in popularity each year and is a real source of inspiration and information for gardeners who are interested in growing organic herbs and vegetables and learning more about permaculture gardening. Jerry Coleby-Williams will open the program of lectures and demonstrations on Friday morning and will be followed by a non-stop program over the three days. The full 3 day program will be finalised soon and we will have more details in the next newsletter. This year Yandina Community Gardens have set aside an area to grow the more unusual plants used in the display garden and these are all coming along well.



It's Never too early to think about Mothers Day.

The Expo 3 Day Gold Pass is a fantastic gift idea for gardening enthusiasts. Gold Passes not only represent great value but also have a number of additional benefits such as an exclusive Gold Pass area with free tea and coffee making facilities, free product samples and the opportunity to share a cuppa with our gardening personalities.

Gold Passes are presented in a Lanyard and can be Pre-purchased. [Click here](#) to visit our website and download the Order Form or email info@homegardenexpo.com.au for more information.



A Great Family Day Out.

We have got some fantastic free activities lined up for the kids at this years Expo. On Saturday and Sunday there will be Eco-tainment Shows twice daily with lots of fun, interactive activities with an environmental slant. There will also be the free childrens playground which includes a giant slide, jumping castle and merry-go-round. The Zinc96.1FM Team have games and giveaways on Saturday. There is FREE entry to the Garden Expo for children 15 years and under (accompanied by an adult). This is a great way to entertain the kids at the end of the school holidays and enjoy a family day out.



We have added more Group Tours and Travel Options.

We now have tour operators bringing groups from most parts of South East Queensland. Your visit to the Expo can be made even more enjoyable and convenient by joining a group tour. If you are planning on bringing a group or would like to join a coach tour, we have some great options on our website. You can contact our growing list of Tour Operators direct or if need more information about groups coming from your area email info@homegardenexpo.com.au. The information on the website will be regularly updated as new groups and tours come on board. Group travel is a great way to take the stress out of driving, minimise your carbon impact and make some great gardening friends. [Click here](#) for all the GroupTravel Information on our website.



Enjoy the beautiful Sunshine Coast.

If you are planning on visiting the Expo this year, we recommend that you stay a little longer and experience more of our region. We are working with local accommodation operators in developing some appealing packages which we hope will entice you to stay and enjoy.



Spicers Clovelly Estate has put together an "Organic Cooking Expo Package" for Expo Visitors that is a real treat. The property boasts 22 acres of grounds filled with grand figs, shaded jacarandas and groves of magnolias and gardenias. The perfect accommodation after a full day at the Expo and the ideal opportunity to learn how to cook a delicious meal using organic produce. Why not organise a small group for the weekend. For more details [click here](#)

We have also added some great itineraries to the website which we hope will entice you to spend a few days more and discover more of this fantastic region. To find out more [click here](#)

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