

SPEAKER PROGRAM

FRIDAY 7 JULY, 2023

| Time | Stage | Speaker | Topic |
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| 9.00 | Poinciana | Phil Dudman | Join Phil when he busts common garden myths and other accepted gardening practices. |
| | Jacaranda | Claire Bickle | Growing and styling indoor plants – indoor modern lush is a thing and indoor plants are still on trend. |
| | Banksia | Sean Morrow | Frog ponds and habitat gardening. |
| | Cooks Garden | Ginger McPhearson | Growing vanilla and how to use it in cooking. |
| | Kitchen Garden | Jerry Coleby-Williams | Home food growers – are you prepared? |
| 9.15 | Living Backyard | Sandie Johnston | Worms make great pets – come explore some interesting ways you can have fun farming worms in your garden. <i>Win a free worm farm!</i> |
| 10.00 | Poinciana | Opening Ceremony | Join us for the Official Opening of the 38th Queensland Garden Expo |
| | Jacaranda | Mark Rayner | Good soil health and organic gardening (garden soils and potting mix). |
| | Banksia | WA Eileen Wenn (WA) / Helen Grant (SA) | Top floral designers from around the country demonstrating their skills. |
| | Cooks Garden | Leonie Shanahan | Super food salad from greens and weeds – see how easy it is to create a super food salad using delish greens, herbs and weeds easily grown in your own garden. |
| | Kitchen Garden | Carol Kerkin | The joy of cottage gardening in Queensland. |
| Living Backyard | Jan England | Birding Australia – Jan has seen over 800 Australian birds and travelled the country several time on her own in pursuit of her interest. Hear about the places and birds she has seen. | |
| 10.45 | Living Backyard | Lyndon Davis | Gubbi Gubbi history, culture and caring for country. |
| 11.00 | Poinciana | Sophie Thomson | How cool is your garden? Every garden can make a difference to mitigating the urban heat island effect. |
| | Jacaranda | Peter Young | Tips and tricks for growing fruit trees plus all your questions answered. |
| | Banksia | Brian Bennet | The benefits of pure bred poultry in the backyard. |
| | Cooks Garden | Roslyn McCarthy | The growing popularity of the backyard Cumquat – how to grow cumquats, the different varieties available and their unique qualities, plus how to use the fruit. |
| | Kitchen Garden | Arno King | Grow some ancient Queensland fruit and vegetables – Papua and parts of FNQ are now recognised as the oldest centres of food production in the world. |

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| 12.00 | Poinciana | Claire Bickle | Productive pretty gardens – food, bees, garden art and more. How to combine all your gardening passions. |
| | Jacaranda | Kate Wall | Whatever the weather; preparing your garden for flood or drought – how to make the right choices and adjust your gardening practices to create a garden that will survive climate extremes. |
| | Banksia | David Furness | How to grow and care for Phalaenopsis Orchids. |
| | Cooks Garden | Sarah Heath | Herby lunch box snacks for all appetites! |
| Kitchen Garden | Leonie Shanahan | Top easy edibles to grow including weeds and herbs. | |
| 12.15 | Living Backyard | Veronica Cougan | Create a beautiful home garden with bushfood plants – growing bushfood plants at home not only provides an abundance of fresh nutritious produce you will also have a beautiful unique looking garden. |
| 1.00 | Poinciana | Jerry Coleby-Williams | For the love of foliage plants. |
| | Jacaranda | Peter Heaton | How to have your ferns and anthuriums performing at their best. |
| | Banksia | Peter Spotswood | Poultry as a hobby, to breed, sell and show. |
| | Cooks Garden | Kevin Redd | Can we really eat that? Some unusual edible ingredients from around the world you can easily grow yourself. |
| | Kitchen Garden | Sophie Thomson | Wicking beds – why and how. |
| Living Backyard | Scott Robinson | Soil ecology – do you have living soil or just dirt? | |
| 1.45 | Living Backyard | Jono Hooper | Frog friendly gardens. |
| 2.00 | Poinciana | Arno King | Perfuming the garden – create an amazing ‘scentscape’ by combining different flowers in specific areas of the garden. |
| | Jacaranda | Claire Bickle | Happy habitat gardens – from microbats to striped marsh frogs. How everyone can do their bit for their local fauna. |
| | Banksia | Steve McGrane | Plant nutrients – do I really have a nutrient deficiency? Become your own “backyard scientist”. |
| | Cooks Garden | Phil Dudman | Grow your best tomatoes ever – if you struggle to grow them well, don’t miss this session with Phil when he outlines his strategy for top class tommies. |
| | Kitchen Garden | Morag Gamble | Top tips for a successful no-dig garden. |
| 2.30 | Living Backyard | Leah Tearle | Making homemade lip balm and bees wax wraps demonstration. <i>Win free lip balm!</i> |
| 3.00 | Poinciana | Kate Wall | No more weeds – effective weed control without poisons. How to tweek our gardening habits to create a garden without weeds. |
| | Jacaranda | Tim Samson | Heirloom seed – saving seed from extinction. |
| | Banksia | Samantha Springer | Recognise banana bunchy top virus and grow healthy bananas. |
| | Cooks Garden | Ann Ross | Native vs honey bee honey and useful plants to attract bees. |
| | Kitchen Garden | Meg Miller | Rare poultry breeds and permaculture. |