



*Leafmore
Winter
Garden School*

11 – 12 June 2025

Gardens are for ever

Highfields Cultural Centre
O'Brien Rd
Highfields Qld 4352

THE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE 2025

- 8.00 am REGISTRATION
- 8.40 am Welcome and Opening
- 8.50 am New directions in planting
Michael McCoy
- 9.40 am Veggie garden management
Mike Wells
- 10.30 am MORNING TEA
- 11.00 am Raffle Draw
- 11.15 am Roses
Duanne Karle
- 11.50 am A garden in every sense
Linda Brennan
- 12.45 pm LUNCH
- 1.45 pm Raffle Draw
- 2.00 pm Q&A – Indoor plant care
Brian Sams
- 2.20 pm The magic of perennials
– the basics
Peta Trahar
- 3.05 pm Wildlife friendly gardening
Peter MacQueen
- 3.45 pm CLOSE
- 6.00 pm Dinner at the Highfields Tavern

THURSDAY 12 JUNE 2025

- 8.30 am REGISTRATION
- 8.50 am Light-bulb moments
Michael McCoy
- 9.40 am Using perennials in your garden
Peta Trahar
- 10.30 am MORNING TEA
- 11.00 am Raffle Draw
- 11.15 am Insects in the garden –
the good, the bad and the ugly
Michelle Gleeson
- 12 noon Dealing with garden pests
– naturally
Mike Wells
- 12.45 pm LUNCH
- 1.45 pm Raffle Draw
- 2.00 pm Photography in the garden
Jan Clewett
- 2.20 pm Q&A – Fertiliser tips and tricks
Brian Sams
- 3.00 pm CLOSE



*The program is correct at the time of publication
but the program may change in the event of
unforeseen circumstances.*

THE SPEAKERS



Michael McCoy

Michael McCoy is a garden designer, writer, broadcaster, international garden tour guide and host of ABC TV's Dream Gardens. Michael has published three books on gardening and design. He has a degree in botany and is also a qualified gardener. Over ten years

he worked in large private gardens including Great Dixter in England.



Linda Brennan

Linda is an author, eco educator, horticulturist and a gardener with a passion. She has expertise in edible flowers and a knowledge and wholistic approach to organic home production. Her own garden is a sensory garden, with a bounty of

experiences to delight the senses.



Jan Clewett

Jan's cameras and photos are some of the most precious things she owns. Gardening is also a passion and garden photography is where her two passions come together. She will help you get the best out of your camera, by sharing her favourite

photography tips, some of her favourite garden images and her photography journey with you.



Michelle Gleeson

a.k.a The Bug Lady

Michelle Gleeson is an entomologist and the director of Bugs Ed an insect education company delivering workshops to people of all ages. Her book *Miniature Lives*

- *identifying insects in your home and garden* helps nature lovers and gardeners identify insects.



Duanne Karle

Duanne is a plantaholic who ran his own nursery in Warwick before moving to Toowoomba. He also loves interior design as well as designing gardens for clients.



Peter MacQueen

A well-known figure in Toowoomba horticulture and environment circles, Peter teaches horticulture at TAFE. Name a tree, and it's likely to be one of his favourites.



Brian Sams

Brian Sams is a local horticulturist who has worked in the nursery industry, taught horticulture and does garden consultation. Brian runs Wattle tree Garden Tours.



Peta Trahar

Peta, a qualified horticulturist, is a life member of Garden Clubs of Australia. The landscape designer, and writer is the co-founder of the Collectors Plant Fair. Her country garden, *Woodgreen* in Bilpin, NSW is enjoyed regularly by visitors.



Mike Wells

Mike, with his passion for plants and gardening, was a TAFE horticultural educator for 21 years. He writes a weekly gardening article in the Toowoomba Chronicle and loves to help solve gardeners' problems on ABC Southern Qld on Saturday mornings. Mike runs Wellsley Horticulture.

INFORMATION

Costs

Two Days \$205

One Day \$105

Registration

To register please complete the registration form. Registration will be complete when we receive your payment.

The Venue

The Winter Garden School is being held at the Highfields Cultural Centre, O'Brien Rd Highfields.

The Highfields Cultural Centre is located 20 minutes north of Toowoomba. It sits within lush, leafy surrounds. There are more than 60 free onsite parking spaces with the local bus service a short stroll away. The Highfields Village Shopping Centre is adjacent.

Dinner

You are welcome to join in an informal dinner at the Highfields Tavern at 6 pm Wednesday 11 June. The cost is not included in the registration fee.

Accommodation

For assistance with accommodation contact Toowoomba Visitor Information Centre Ph 1800 331 155

More information

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