

# *Circular Head Garden Spectacular*

to be held at

## *Highfield Historic Site*

## *Stanley, Tasmania*

## *Saturday 21 October 2017*



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- activities for all ages
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The Garden Spectacular will return to the Highfield Historic Site at Stanley, North West Tasmania, on Saturday 21 October this year (2017). The last Spectacular was held back in 2014 and the Spectacular Committee (a sub-committee of the not for profit Circular Head Garden Club Inc) is once again expecting up to 5,000 visitors.

## About Stanley:

Stanley is seaside village situated on the North West Coast of Tasmania and is part of the Circular Head district. Stanley has a population of approx. 400 people with many tourists visiting because of its drawcard "The Nut" and its early history dating back to 1828.

Highfield and its wonderful gardens, boast many historical buildings on the site – the beautiful Highfield House, Chapel, Stables, and Barns.

A magnificent setting for the Garden Spectacular.

## About the Garden Spectacular:

**Garden Spectacular @ Highfield Historic Site this October 21 9:00am -5:00pm** promises to deliver an exciting day of flowers, fun, food, wine and interesting guest speakers, not least, amazing floral works of art.

A highlight will be keynote speaker Mr Gregory Milner from the Marjorie Milner College, Victoria, demonstrating floristry and Gregory will judge our major competitions.

This year we will be offering opportunities in a major floral art competition with two main sections, OPEN and APPRENTICE, to all Tasmanians. We believe that a prestigious floral art competition with such generous prizes and acknowledgement of artistic talent has not been offered before in Tasmania. OPEN section will attract \$1000 prize with the Apprentice award \$750.

Also there will be a competition for all garden clubs "Spring Garden at the Gate" where invitations will be issued to clubs to provide a transportable display on this theme with a \$500 prize for the best exhibit, \$250 second and \$150 third place.

Details for these competition will be released soon and invitations advertised or sent directly to florists, floral art groups, and clubs.

Another highlight of The Spectacular will be a mini-expo on Bees, including all aspects of keeping Bees, Honey Production and their role in Pollination of food crops and the ornamental garden. Competitions for children to dress up as Bees or Butterflies will be held. Local schools are invited to exhibit projects and banners on this theme will then decorate the fence lines. (Visitors may remember our wonderful banners on "food nourishes us" presented by our local schools in 2014.)

We are thrilled to confirm that crowd favourite **Tino Carnevale** (Garden Australia ABC) will again appear as a guest speaker.

**Liz Harfull** – freelance writer. Author and presenter from South Australia. Liz's passion is finding engaging ways to tell stories and histories of rural and regional Australia through fiction writing and recipe books. As a journalist, Liz has been writing for regional newspapers and magazines and even the odd metropolitan daily, for more than thirty years. She has also worked as a rural communications specialist, receiving a prestigious Churchill Fellowship to explore ways to encourage farmers to take up best practice and the latest technologies.

**Jennifer Stackhouse** – Recently Jennifer Stackhouse made the big move from Kurmond in NSW to the little village of Barrington tucked beneath Mt Roland in north-west Tasmania. Jennifer is the author of several gardening books. She was editor of *ABC Gardening Australia* magazine and now edits the trade journal *Greenworld* magazine and writes regularly for the Saturday Magazine in the *Mercury*. She is often heard on the radio and at garden shows answering garden queries.

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