



Left Andy Sturgeon's design for a garden in north Wales is punctuated by an oak and lead sculpture inspired by stamen.



Left Chicago's Lurie Garden, designed by Piet Oudolf, is an example of responsible horticulture within an urban setting.



Right The sweeping views of the Carmel Valley in California provide design focus for this garden by Bernard Trainor.



Right Australian designer Sam Cox's gardens reveal as little human intervention as possible.

Australian Landscape Conference 23-27 March 2018

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Reconnecting People and Place

The Australian Landscape Conference takes place every two years and brings together an international panel of speakers to explore current trends and considerations in landscape design. For 2018, the conference looks at how our design template has become influenced by a more natural approach to planting.

The conference takes place at the same time as the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show, which will

feature Australia's best landscape and floral talent, and this can be visited in addition to conference activities, or as part of a conference group tour.

Conference activities

The conference itself takes place over the Saturday and Sunday with talks from eight international speakers (see right).

Additional, optional activities (at an extra cost) include a garden tour on the Friday, with visits to five notable gardens in the

Melbourne region, some of which are not normally open to the public. Then, there is the option to join a tour of the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show, before attending the Saturday evening Speakers' Dinner, with the chance to meet and chat with the international attendees.

Following the conference, there is a series of workshops run by 14 garden and design experts on the Monday and Tuesday, offering invaluable practical insights into a series of landscape topics.

The international selection of speakers includes:



Andy Sturgeon an award-winning British designer whose work fuses traditional, natural materials with contemporary design.



Kathryn Gustafson an American landscape architect renowned for creating distinctive and experimental sculptural landscapes.



Bernard Trainor an Australian-born designer whose work captures the wild soul of California where he runs a successful practice.



Miguel Urquijo a Spanish designer working in Spain's central plateau, whose designs consider people and the environment.



Prof Cassian Schmidt the director of Hermannshof in Germany, who remains at the forefront of experimental planting.



Noel Kingsbury a plantsman, prolific writer and lecturer based in the UK who promotes ecological planting design.



Dr Kate Cullity the Australian landscape architect described as a hybrid designer: part artist, part botanist, part architect.



Sam Cox an Australian designer known for his natural-style gardens that seamlessly transition into the wider environment.

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Venue

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

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