

# GARDEN LOVERS'



# FESTIVAL

**Sunday 8th November 2009**

10am - 5pm

demonstrations - gardening

kids activities - competitions

great stalls

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Featuring VIP guests

**Rick Eckersley & Andrew Laidlaw**

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**Media Release**

September 2009

**Celebrate spring at the Garden Lovers' Festival**

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November Churchill Island will host the sixth annual Garden Lovers' Festival, a celebration of gardening that embraces the spirit of spring.

The Garden Lovers' Festival will inspire both the experienced green thumb and the blossoming gardening enthusiast whilst providing a great day out for the whole family.

Landscape gardening experts Rick Eckersley from Eckersley Garden Architecture and Andrew Laidlaw, landscape architect for Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne, will share their secrets on designing beautiful gardens.

The schedule of presentations includes:

- 11am – Andrew Laidlaw – *Creating Exciting Garden Designs*
  - How to combine a range of plants to create exciting garden designs
  - Will include demonstrations that consider form, colour and texture.
- 2pm – Rick Eckersley – *Gardens Designed for a Drier Climate*
  - How to create beautiful gardens with less water
  - Sustainable ways to create livable and attractive gardens whilst considering the importance of practicality.

With more than 50 stalls, demonstrations, competitions and live entertainment the 2009 festival will be a garden lovers' paradise.

The event will also feature a range of children's activities such as milking a cow, sheep shearing, Blacksmithing and working dog demonstrations, along with horse and cart rides, petting baby animals in the nursery and face painting.

Just a 90 minute drive from Melbourne and off the coast of Phillip Island, the picturesque gardens of Churchill Island are easily accessible by bridge.

Visit [www.churchillisland.com.au](http://www.churchillisland.com.au) or call 03 5951 2800 for more information.

Tickets: 10am – 4pm

Family - \$25.75

Adult - \$10.30

Child - \$5.15

Concession - \$7.20

Free with a 3 Parks Pass!

All revenue raised goes towards the ongoing sustainability and management of Churchill Island Heritage Farm.

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