



BALLARAT
begonia
festival

7–9 MARCH 2020

10am–5pm, Ballarat Botanical Gardens

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BALLARAT 

WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR

I look forward to joining our residents and visitors alike in the beautiful Autumn surrounds of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens for another event-packed Ballarat Begonia Festival over the March long weekend.

With free live entertainment, a host of kid-friendly activities and not one, but three former MasterChefs in the house, the 2020 festival will certainly cater to all tastes.

Visit our world-renowned Begonias, get some inspiration for your own backyards from the stunning garden design exhibits, or simply sit back and enjoy some local produce. It's going to be another fabulous Autumn event for Ballarat.

Cr Ben Taylor
Mayor of Ballarat



SATURDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday will feature expert advice from your favourite Gardening Australia hosts **Costa Georgiadis** and **Sophie Thomson**, while the kids will have the chance to talk rubbish and recycling with **Dirtgirl**.

Join Costa live on stage with the Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group and learn about how to create a holistic, sustainable and productive garden.

Experience Sophie's passion for sustainable gardening first-hand and get a buzz, when Costa and Sophie join Backyard Beekeeping Ballarat.

Get Grubby TV star Dirtgirl is coming back to the festival for one day only. Always popular Dirtgirl will inspire children to step outside and experience nature and sustainability in everyday life.



SUNDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Former MasterChef contestants **Poh Ling Yeow**, along with Ballarat's own **Tim Bone**, and fellow contestant **Anushka Zargaryan** will be displaying their culinary prowess.

After a stint as a guest judge in series 11 of MasterChef Australia, Poh is sure to inspire you with her love for cooking and creating new recipes.

Sink your teeth into one of Tim Bone's delicious toasties and hear from this Ballarat local about what it was really like competing on MasterChef Australia.

Attend Anushka's cooking demonstration and learn about combining Middle Eastern and European cuisines.



MONDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Then, join the thousands who line Lake Wendouree to cheer on this year's **PowerFM Begonia Parade** entries. The fun begins at 11am at Wendouree Parade, near the Ballarat Tramway Museum.

Meet & Greet popular ABC Kids' characters **Bluey & Bingo**. Bookings for the meet & greet sessions (free) are essential, so make sure you book in for your spot via Eventbrite.

And look out for **magician Barry Govan** who will be performing his popular magic shows live on the Begonia Stage Monday afternoon.



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Kids' Activities



Festival Food



Pot-A-Plant



Garden Displays



PowerFM Parade



Obstacle Course



Super Sandpit



Tiny Town



Markets



Begonia Bar



Entertainment



Begonia Courtyard

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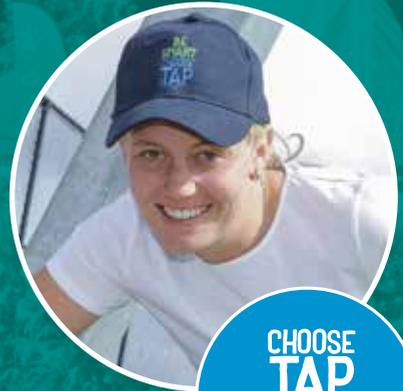


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