



9–11 MARCH 2019

10am–5pm, Ballarat Botanical Gardens



WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR



I look forward to seeing you and your family among the beautiful backdrop of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens for the 67th annual Begonia Festival this March.

Come and explore the Gardens, be inspired by one of the expert talks and take part in the free live entertainment – No matter your age there is sure to be an activity that sparks your interest.

This year we will also explore how everyone can use our precious resources more wisely, so I hope you take something away from this year's festival – I know I will.

Cr Samantha McIntosh
Mayor of Ballarat



BEGONIA DISPLAY

This year's Begonia Display features six hundred tuberous and non-tuberous Begonias from the City of Ballarat's famous Begonia collection.

For the first time the display will also feature a tranquil water display landscaped with ferns from the City of Ballarat's nursery. Another highlight of the 2019 Begonia Display is the Begonia Towers which feature more than two hundred Begonia boliviensis Bossa Nova.



POWER FM PARADE

The Power FM Begonia Parade begins at 11am on Monday 11 March from the Ballarat Tram Museum.

This year's parade will explode with colour and sound as local businesses, schools and community groups unite to celebrate Ballarat's diversity and community spirit.

If you can't make it, you won't miss out because Power FM will be broadcasting live.

SPECIAL GUESTS

PAUL WEST

We welcome a new guest to this year's Begonia Festival – Paul West, former host of his own TV series *A River Cottage Australia*.

Paul West is a passionate advocate of real food, community, regional living and sustainable agriculture and has quickly become the poster boy for sustainable farming and organic food.



DIRTGIRL

The star of dirtgirlworld and Get Grubby TV is a gumboot wearing, planet loving rockstar who loves to sing and dance almost as much as she loves getting grubby.

Join dirtgirl for a sing-along stage performance on Saturday, get up close and personal during a meet and greet on Sunday, or get grubby with Costa the Gnome and dirtgirl during the *Get Grubby Bucket Workshop* on Monday.



COSTA GEORGIADIS

(Monday only)

Popular television personality Costa Georgiadis is returning to the 2019 festival for one day only.

Join Costa live on the Begonia Stage with Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group for a chat about his all-consuming passion for plants and people.





FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS



Obstacle Course



Begonia Courtyard with The Forge Pizzeria



Circus Drop Zone and Comedy Cafe



Ariel Songs



Begonia Bar



Floral Tram

FESTIVAL FAVOURITES

- Live Entertainment
- Festival Food
- Pot-A-Plant with BotaniKids
- Play in the Super Sandpit with ECKA supported by Ballarat Sand & Soil and SHAE Enterprises
- Paint with the Society of Artists and Funky Plaster Fun
- Garden Trail Competition
- Join the Ballarat Foundation for Story Time every hour

- Stems Greenery Photo Wall
- Gardener's Market
- Creative Designer's Market
- Playgroups Children Activities
- Floral Carousel by Floral Art Group
- Friends of the Ballarat Botanical Gardens Plant Sales Nursery
- Fish Hatchery Tours
- Spinners and Weavers Demonstrations
- Ballarat Woodworkers Guild Exhibition

FESTIVAL SERVICES

- Festival Parking at Victoria Park with Free Park and Ride Shuttle
- Free Train Connection
- Free Tram Rides
- Parent Place
- Auslan (Sunday only), Marveloo
- Plant Creche
- ATM

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River Cottage
Australia expert
Paul West

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