

SPEAKERS PROGRAM

Time	Speaker
10.00 am	<p>Tucker Talk Panel: Moderator Paul Plant with panelists Dale Chapman, Dr Kevin Redd and Veronica Cougan, talk tucker and look at the transitions and assisted 'evolution' of the food on our plates from wild Aussie citrus to rice to stone-fruits and everything in-between. Bush tucker has moved from the traditional to the culinary fringes and now to the mainstream. What makes a particular native plant good bush tucker? What is the process that sees any of our foods move from wild to wanted?</p> <p>Paul Plant – MC / Moderator Paul is a registered horticulturist and Fellow of the prestigious Australian Institute of Horticulture. He has been involved in training and educating the future generations of gardeners and professionals both here in Australia and in Singapore. A local to the Noosa Shire for the past 7 years, Paul is a member of the Friends of Noosa Botanic Gardens. Paul is a confirmed plant-addict and collector and was the driving force behind the award winning subTropical Gardening magazine. Currently Paul does a garden program on Noosa FM each Saturday morning and can also be heard on ABC Sunshine Coast and River FM chatting about garden tips.</p>  <p>Dale Chapman Dale is an Indigenous woman, born in Kooma tribal lands in Dirranbandi (SW Qld) and is a fully qualified chef. Her food industry experience extends over 32 years and includes TV appearances in Gardening Australia, Food Lovers Guide to Australia and The Weekender. As a chef and teacher with Aboriginal roots, Dale's goal is not only to introduce these unique foods and tastes to the public but also to re-introduce her People to using bush tucker. Dale has a range of unique bush food fusion products branded under First Food Co and Sacred Harvest.</p>  <p>Dr Kevin Redd Kevin brings a wealth of enthusiasm and penchant for edible plants to the Panel. He is an entertaining speaker and a self- confessed plant nerd who absolutely thrives on learning about and sharing the origins, history, cultivation and diverse uses for plants. Kevin has a PhD in molecular ecology and a research background plant biochemistry. He owns the boutique nursery Sustainable Cuisine, operates a training organisation on the Sunshine Coast, and runs a productive self-sufficient food garden from which he is able to grow all of his own produce as well as cater for a wide range of events and expos around the region.</p>  <p>Veronica Cougan Veronica owns and manages Witjuti Grub Bushfood Nursery and has over 23 years involvement with native food plants. She enjoys sharing her knowledge and experiences, on how to create a Bush Food garden so you can enjoy the 'Wild Taste of the Rainforest' in your own backyard.</p> 

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11.00 am	<p data-bbox="297 153 1005 185">Towen Mount Tropical's Maureen Simmons</p> <p data-bbox="297 225 1563 256">Maureen is highly regarded by curators of botanic gardens and home gardeners alike.</p> <p data-bbox="297 296 1568 328">She will share her wealth of knowledge about ornamental, edible & medicinal gingers.</p> <p data-bbox="297 368 1843 432">What plants to choose, where to position them, when to plant, how to grow, when to water, harvest and store the rhizomes.</p> 
11.30 am	<p data-bbox="297 584 904 616">Sustainability with Adam Woodhams</p> <p data-bbox="297 655 1765 759">It's a simple topic that's been made unnecessarily complex. Local media personality, gardener, horticulturist and sustainability specialist Adam Woodhams walks us through the basic, and simple, concepts of sustainability and then looks at some easy ways to get started in your garden.</p> <p data-bbox="297 799 1872 975">Adam Woodhams is a dirt-the-nails gardener. His knowledge has been built over a lifetime of gardening and over 25-years of industry experience. Today he shares deeply of that knowledge through his 'Garden Better' podcast for Better Homes & Gardens magazine, magazine articles he authors, and his photography and video work on his very popular YouTube channel. Adam has won a multitude of industry awards for his photography, video production and radio work as well as for his sustainable garden designs.</p> 
Noon	<p data-bbox="297 1051 689 1083">Colin Johnson, Earthlife</p> <p data-bbox="297 1123 1872 1227">From the beach to the hinterland, healthy soils mean healthy plants – it is that simple! It doesn't matter if it's sandy, clayey, rocky or silty, if there is no life in the soil then the plants will always be dependent on us to keep them alive and we will always be a slave to our gardens.</p> <p data-bbox="297 1267 1872 1370">The challenge for gardeners is to restore our own soils, however bad, to their healthy, dynamic natural conditions so our plants can grow as nature intended. We can let nature be our gardener, minimising both our time and effort normally used just to keep our gardens alive.</p> 

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1.00 pm	<p data-bbox="297 118 1227 150">Panel : Trends and fashion for indoors and small spaces.</p> <p data-bbox="297 193 2152 256">A panel discussion addressing the current global trend of millennials with indoor plants and how downsizing a property opens new opportunities for keen gardeners. Moderator: Plant Plant with Steve Flood, Adam Woodhams and Vicky Gunson</p> <div data-bbox="297 288 546 603">  <p data-bbox="562 300 1032 331">Paul Plant – MC / Moderator</p> <p data-bbox="562 336 2145 580">Paul is a registered horticulturist and Fellow of the prestigious Australian Institute of Horticulture. He has been involved in training and educating the future generations of gardeners and professionals both here in Australia and in Singapore. A local to the Noosa Shire for the past 7 years, Paul is a member of the Friends of Noosa Botanic Gardens. Paul is a confirmed plant-addict and collector and was the driving force behind the award-winning subTropical Gardening magazine. Currently Paul does a garden program on Noosa FM each Saturday morning and can also be heard on ABC Sunshine Coast and River FM chatting about garden tips.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="297 655 533 687">Stephen Flood</div> <p data-bbox="297 692 1767 868">Stephen is highly regarded for his rare and collectable plants. Since completing a Bachelors Degree in Horticulture in 1974, Steve has worked in a diverse range of vocations within the horticultural and land management industries. Included were many years as owner operator of a wholesale nursery and landscaping business. For the past twelve years Steve has been a teacher of horticulture at the Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE and operates a consultancy service.</p> <div data-bbox="1794 619 2145 882">  </div> <div data-bbox="309 919 555 1201">  <p data-bbox="573 943 860 975">Adam Woodhams</p> <p data-bbox="573 979 2136 1155">Adam is a dirt-the-nails gardener. His knowledge has been built over a lifetime of gardening and over 25-years of industry experience. Today he shares deeply of that knowledge through his 'Garden Better' podcast for Better Homes & Gardens magazine, magazine articles he authors, and his photography and video work on his very popular YouTube channel. Adam has won a multitude of industry awards for his photography, video production and radio work as well as for his sustainable garden designs.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="297 1230 521 1262">Vicky Gunson</div> <p data-bbox="297 1267 1800 1406">Vicky Gunson is from Acres Garden Centre and has many years of experience in retail nurseries. Her customer base at Acres Noosaville are often younger people in their 20s and 30s who have done a lot of research online but want face to face advice. Across the board people are more aware of the need to conserve water and their plant selection reflects that.</p> <div data-bbox="1834 1169 2119 1517">  </div>