

As part of Frogmore's 2016 open garden season (Mar 7th – Apr 25th)

Frogmore Gardens

will be hosting a day of talks and workshops conducted by three pre-eminent practitioners of the art of gardening in Australia:

Michael Mc Coy, Cathy Newing and Jack Marshall

Mon 11th April 2016

What elevates a garden out of the ordinary? Is it the design, the plants or the maintenance? Or, maybe it's the creators and their knowledge of all three. In a day of talks and discussions three speakers who have made gardens their life will explore the elements that most make an exceptional garden.

09.30	Arrive
10.00	Introduction, followed by Michael McCoy; identifying the elements of a garden
11.00	Morning Tea
11.30	Cathy Newing; the role of seasonality in planting gardens
12.30	Lunch
13.30	Jack Marshall; the nexus of design, intent and management
14.30	Frogmore Garden Tour with Michael, Cathy and Jack
15.30	Conclusion and Afternoon tea

The Speakers

Michael McCoy studied horticulture at Burnley after which he became head-gardener in a number of high profile private gardens. Using the practical and aesthetic lessons learnt during this time Michael has forged a career as a horticultural journalist, author, designer, broadcaster and speaker on all things related to gardens and their design.

In this seminar Michael will be speaking about the elements of design that make gardens what they are. He will identify and discuss those aspects that most contribute to a gardens emotional and artistic impact and how to achieve this when planning your own garden.

Cathy Newing has gardened in the Macedon ranges for the last thirty years. Cathy worked alongside Michael in a high profile Mt Macedon Garden for a number of years during which time the design and content of the garden was radically improved. On leaving Cathy took up the post of head-gardener at The Garden of St Erth where again she worked to improve the design and planting quality of Tom

Garnets creation. Since leaving Cathy has become a freelance designer and is currently

working with Dominique and Marie Romeo to restore the heritage garden of 'Karori' on Mt Macedon.

Cathy brings a wealth of knowledge and insight into why we use plants and how they facilitate our seasonal enjoyment of a garden.

Cathy's topic will be 'Seasonal progression and plant choices'

Jack Marshall and **Zena Bethell** are the creators of the horticultural and design laboratory that is Frogmore. Jack's love of gardening started at the age of four and has not abated since. For nearly fifty years he has been working with plants both as designer and nurseryman. Zena's background in floristry is reflected in the extraordinary themed border displays throughout the garden and the emphasis on flowers and colour.

Jack's background in landscape design, display and visual arts as well as his practical knowledge in running the large garden at Frogmore will inform his discussion of 'The nexus of design, intent and management in the garden'. Gardens need to be designed with change in mind, as it is the management of this change that ultimately decides the garden's personality.

The Garden Tour

At Frogmore very specific ideas about how the garden should feel now and in the future are key to its management style, these will be discussed on a tour of the garden with Michael, Cathy and Jack including the design, planting and maintenance choices made for it.