



Laurels

The 2011 Horticultural Media Association of Australia Laurels will be held in the Crystal Ballroom, Luna Park, Sydney, on Monday October 10. Please put this date in your diaries.

HMA SA President Kim Syrus and Vice President June Taylor recently visited Sydney and met with the super enthusiastic HMA NSW Laurels committee members, Libby Cameron, Sandy de Beyer, Neville Sloss, Linda Ross and Lilly van Epen, to discuss the running of this high profile event.

This is the first time the Laurels award ceremony has been held out of South Australia. It is planned to hold these biennial awards in a different capital city each time. HMA SA will still be responsible for co-ordinating the nominations, judging and awards.

Nominations for the 2011 HMAA Laurels will soon be sent to all State Secretaries for distribution to members and be available through the HMAA website <http://www.hortmedia.asn.au>

For more information, contact Kim Syrus e: admin@corporateroses.com.au

Blogger top ten

Husqvarna, the owners of Gardena among other products, commissioned 'Kairos Future' to research thousands of blogs around the world. They asked bloggers to tell them what topics they felt really passionate about and came up with the top ten hottest topics according to the blogging gardening community. The list won't surprise!

1. kitchen gardening
2. the organic garden
3. the feel-good garden
4. the designed and artistic garden
5. recreating wilderness
6. the social garden
7. urban farming
8. the lush garden
9. container gardening
10. greenhouse gardening

Schools' Garden Awards

HMA Vic is a sponsor of the Schools' Garden Awards and in December the awards were presented in the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne. The day was hosted by Jane Edmanson, who chairs the organising committee.

Schools from all over the state attended and many awards were presented. The work being done in these schools is truly inspirational with the children taking pride in growing and cooking their own food, creating habitat gardens and learning to care for the environment. The Schools' Garden Awards program encourages the schools to become involved, making horticulture and environmental interests a part of school life.



David Broadbent, General Manager Communications, Dept of Education and Early Childhood Development with Bacchus Marsh Primary School Students and HMA Vic President Jim Fogarty

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AILDM National Student Design Competition

Winners of the AILDM National Student Design Competition have been announced. They are:

First place, and winner of the Allan Correy Award: Corey Blake
Second: Penny Simon,
Third: Paula Scott

Highly Commended: Sally O'Brien and Julie Parker (Julie Parker was highly commended in the inaugural Kay Gee Student Writing Competition, her story was published in the spring 2010 issue of HMA News)



Big Tree Register

Derek McIntosh has been a lover of trees since his teenage years and is now creating the National Register of Big Trees for Australia. Australia's largest trees of each species are recorded in the Register with points awarded on the basis of a formula that includes, circumference, height, and crown spread. The Register is

an integrated list of Australian native trees, and naturalised exotic/alien trees and is constantly changing as people nominate trees they have found.

Derek is keen for people to nominate trees, tell all their friends about the Register and he'd also appreciate good photos of the trees.

For further information, contact Derek McIntosh, Register Coordinator, email: derek@nrbtrees.com.au www.nationalregisterofbigtrees.com.au