

Festival promises *riot of colour*

Dig about for some great gardening tips and satiate your appetite at the Ginger Flower & Food Festival

JANUARY is when our thoughts turn to tropical flowers with the Ginger Flower & Food Festival about to colour our lives. The popular festival, from January 27 to 29 at The Ginger Factory, reinforces how fortunate we are to have a climate where heliconias bring so much beauty to our lives.

The Ginger Factory will be in full bloom and, to celebrate the riot of colour, it will showcase a stellar line-up of chefs and gardeners during the event.

More than 120 varieties of ginger plants, exotics and flowers will be the backdrop for an exciting new format designed to bring the indoors out.

Chefs will prepare beautiful dishes on a main stage themed around barbecues, picnics, cocktails and canapés.

Dominique Rizzo will headline centre stage daily with other cooking identities including ABC radio personality Julie Ray, Michael Jenkins (the new executive chef at Noosa's Outrigger resort), Matilda Scarfe and Aki Kitabatake.

Green thumbs will rejoice, with popular ABC favourites Colin Campbell and garden guru Phil Dudman sharing their top gardening tips alongside the curator of Brisbane's Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens,

Ross McKinnon, who will conduct some special garden walks daily throughout The Ginger Factory's rejuvenated gardens and walkways.

Adding to the gardening line-up is the passionate and vivacious Dezley Hughes, of Noosa hinterland's Twig & Grace.

Dezley's vibrant personality is matched perfectly with her creative knowledge of floral art and design.

Her brilliant craft earned her a spot at Melbourne's prestigious International Flower Festival together with a string of pictorial features in Australia's leading glossy magazines.

Coupled with the showcase of exotic plants and free and informative cooking and gardening presentations will be the chance for a lucky visitor to win an outdoor setting, comprising a furnishing package, potted landscaping and multi-burner barbecue.

This three-day festival pays homage to

Queensland's subtropical lifestyle and will be filled with free entertainment, a fabulous celebrity master of ceremonies (wielding gladioli perhaps?), glorious food and, of course, flowers.

■ For a full program of events, speakers and dates, visit www.gingerfactory.com.au

FAVOURITE CHEF: Dominique Rizzo will headline centre stage daily.



POPULAR CELEBS: Phil Dudman and Julie Ray, of Garden2Kitchen, will entertain the crowds. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED



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the Great Sandy Bar & Restaurant

WELCOMES LOCALS!

The Noosa North Shore Retreat has re-opened after an extensive makeover!

Sensational food offers

Wed - Kids eat FREE!

Thurs - \$10 Pizzas

Fri - \$10 Chicken Parmi

Sun - \$10 Steaks



pizza

chicken parmi

Live Entertainment

Noosa's purpose built venue, with live entertainment.

Fri & Sat nights

Sunday arvo

Open mic Sat arvo



new pub refurb



jumping pillow

Fun for the whole family

The kids will love the Giant Jumping Pillow, playground, movie room, playstation room, bird feeding & more!

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