

Sustainable Scarecrows School Competition

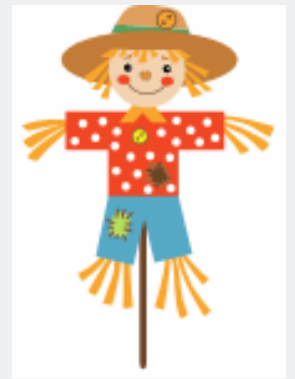
Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show 2024



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Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle

Bring young minds together to build a Sustainable Scarecrow to ward off critters at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show.



Scarecrows and other deterrents have long been used in the plant world to ward off unwanted animals from crops as a natural pest control. Demonstrate sustainability, innovation and applied design with S.T.E.M by using reused and recycled materials.

The Sustainable Scarecrows will be showcased in the **Grow Together Garden** of the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show, sharing and inspiring the possibility of recycling and reusing for the community.

Kitchen garden prizes for the *Best Use of Recycled Materials*:

1st - \$1,000 worth of nursery voucher and garden products

Runners up - \$750 worth of nursery vouchers and garden products

People's Choice - \$1,000 worth of nursery vouchers and garden products

1st and 2nd place will be judged by an independent panel and announced at the show on a day and time TBC.

The People's Choice will be open to all show visitors to vote online throughout the show, with voting closing on Sunday 24 March at 11am with the winner announced at 12pm.

Competition Entry Process

Step 1 - [Register your scarecrow entry](#) by Friday 1 March (confirms your entry and provides information for printing scarecrow signage) .

Step 2 - Design and build your sustainable scarecrow masterpiece.

Step 3 - Delivered your scarecrow to the show on Thursday 14 or Friday 15 March between 9am - 5pm with laminated tag and attached. Delivery will be to the Carlton Gardens, exact location to be confirmed

Step 4 - Scarecrows need to be collected on Monday 25 or Tuesday 26 March. They must be collected by 12pm on Tuesday or scarecrows will go to scarecrow heaven. Collection will be from the Carlton Gardens, exact location to be confirmed.

If you have any questions, email vsqp@ngiv.com.au or phone the VSGP office on 9567 0599.

Scarecrow Tag

Schools to complete template, laminate and attached to scarecrow for drop off on **Thursday 14 or Friday 15 March**.



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School & suburb:

Scarecrow name:

Sustainable Scarecrows Design Brief

Scarecrows must be:

- Made entirely from repurposed, recycled and reused materials. The only exception is for the main support which can be purchased to fit criteria for stand. Click for for an example of an [approved pole](#).
- Robust as they will be outside in all elements and will need to be moved around. No loose parts.
- **Important:** Be mounted on a circular main pole, with the circumference between 22mm-25mm (e.g. broom stick), with 40cm of the pole free to fit into the provided stand. Please note if your scarecrow doesn't fit into the stand provided it may not be displayed. Free standing designs must be approved first by VSGP prior to registration, please call Tania Karamitos on 9576 0599.
- No taller than 2 metres high and no wider than 1 metre wide.
- No heavier than 20kg.
- Scarecrows which do not meet the above criteria may be excluded from competition and being displayed.
- While we endeavour to take care of the scarecrows, due to relocation movements and weather elements, they may incur damage. A hole may have to be drilled into the pole to secure it to the stand.

