

# SUSTAINABLE SCARECROWS



MELBOURNE  
INTERNATIONAL  
FLOWER AND  
GARDEN SHOW

## 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 at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show, sharing and inspiring the possibility of recycling and reusing for the community.



### Competition entry process

- 1 Register your scarecrows entry by Friday 6 March (confirms your entry and provides information for printing scarecrow signage).
- 2 Design and build your sustainable habitat farmer scarecrow.
- 3 Deliver your scarecrow to the show with laminated tag (template on next page) attached on Thursday 19 March between 8am-5pm. Delivery location and process will be emailed to registrants prior to the show.
- 4 Collect your scarecrow from the show on Monday 30 March from 12-5pm or Tuesday 31 March between 8am-12pm. Collection location and process will be emailed to registrants prior to the show.



### Prizes for best use of recycled materials

First place	\$1,000 of nursery vouchers
Second place	\$750 of nursery vouchers
Third place	\$500 of nursery vouchers
People's choice	\$750 of nursery vouchers

## Our theme in 2026 is Habitat Farmer!

A healthy garden relies on diversity.

This year, our Scarecrows have learned that some of the best garden helpers have feathers and wings. Birds, insects, lizards and even frogs can be excellent friends in the vegetable patch. They control pests, pollinate plants and help to keep the garden healthy and full of delicious produce!

Your Scarecrow will encourage these helpful visitors to the garden by protecting the habitats that they live in and teaching others about how to create new habitats in and around the garden.

We can't wait to see your Scarecrow and learn about the garden helpers of your region.

[Click this button](#) or scan the QR code to register your participation!



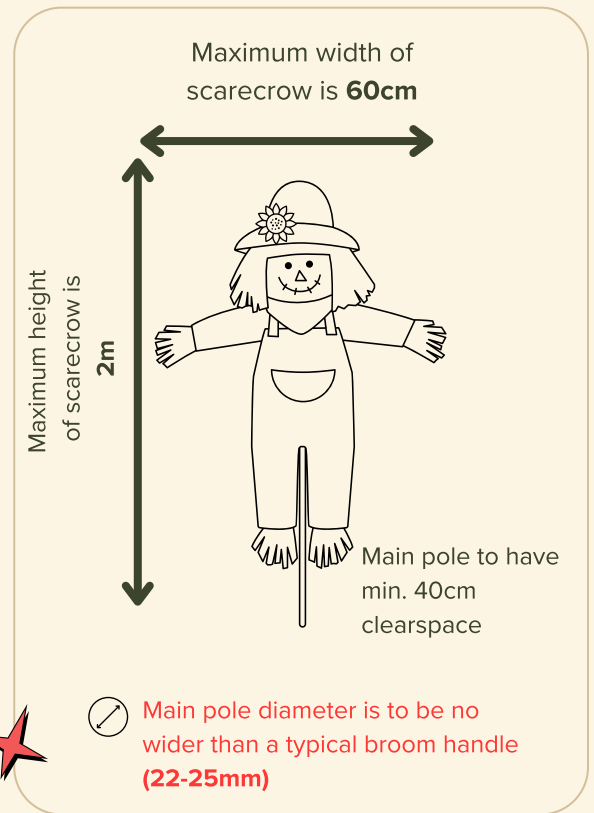
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## Scarecrow criteria

- ✓ Made entirely from repurposed, recycled and reused materials.
- ✓ Be **habitat farmer** themed.
- ✓ Robust as they will be outside in all elements and will need to be moved around.  
No loose parts.
- ✓ Be **mounted on a main pole, the width of a broomstick (22-25mm)** with 40cm of the pole free to fit into stand or it can be freestanding with the support also provided.
- ✓ No taller than 2 metres high and no wider than 60 centimetres.
- ✓ No heavier than 20kg.



*Scarecrows which do not meet the above criteria (especially the broom stick measurements) will 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.*



## Sustainable Scarecrows School Competition

**School name and suburb:**

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**Scarecrow name:**

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Tick here to acknowledge main pole requirements