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Shhh... We're leaking Ekka's VIP green thumbed line-up!

Three of Australia's favourite gardening gurus are joining the presenting panel at the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka), with Better Homes and Gardens Host Graham Ross, Gardening Australia's Costa Georgiadis and Don Burke from Burke's Backyard part of a star-studded speaker schedule that will kick off on the first day of show – just three days away!

The Flower and Garden Exhibition held at the Old Museum will be a gardening lover's delight, with the Community Stage presented by Colorbond Steel hosting a jam-packed schedule and gardening related activities throughout the 10 days of show.

Gardening royalty Graham Ross will be bringing over 50 years of knowledge and passion to the stage as he talks about urban gardens, international herbs and spices and much more. He will be appearing on the Community Stage on Saturday 12 August at 10:30am, 12:00pm and 2:30pm, and on Sunday 13 August at 10:00am, 11:00am and 2:30pm to inspire those gifted with green thumbs.

Costa Georgiadis will be transforming the Old Museum into a hipster's paradise as he and 14 of his bearded brethren decorate their facial fuzz with flowers for the Grand Parade on Wednesday 16 August. The winners of Ekka's Beard Competition will march alongside Costa in the parade to show off the colour and creativity of the Flower and Garden Exhibition.

Costa, the loveable host of Gardening Australia will also be presenting interesting gardening demonstrations and talks on the Community Stage presented by Colorbond Steel at 10:00am and 12:30pm.

Don't miss Don Burke's tips and tricks on transforming small spaces on Saturday 19 August at 11:00am and at 1:30pm. Australia's favourite backyard guru will be bringing over 30 years of Horticultural industry experience - including 17 years as the host of popular lifestyle and gardening program, Burke's Backyard.

The Old Museum will be buzzing with a hive of activity over the 10 days of show, with everything from tips for the veggie garden, Bush Poetry to live music, dancing and gardening talks for those with green thumbs to enjoy!

For more information on the jam-packed speaker schedule – click [here](#).

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