

# □ Guest Speakers □



## Kate Wall

Kate Wall is an expert gardener who owns and operates “The Gardener’s Wall”. Kate specialises in garden consultations and make overs, and can help with advice for best gardening results, or help you to create your own dream garden. Kate is an expert on sub-tropical plants, knows how to care for them and how to create beautiful gardens. So much of our gardening information is written (or filmed) in climates which are not only much cooler than ours, but have very different rainfall and humidity patterns. How does this information translate to our climate here in the balmy subtropics? Kate will speak on what a subtropical climate means for gardening and help you to develop a true subtropical gardening style, while still being able to steal ideas from cooler (or warmer!) gardens. A detailed understanding of gardening in our climate helps us choose the right plants to "get the look" without the heartbreak of a garden that just doesn't work.



## Jerry Coleby-Williams

Jerry initially trained with the Royal Horticultural Society, and in management with Brunel University, some years later he emerged from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew qualified in curation, horticultural estate management, soft landscape design, horticultural and botanical sciences. For over eleven years, Jerry managed the botanical estate at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, and the arboretum at Government House, and the Sydney Domain. His greatest gardening challenge was grooming the Sydney Gardens (1999 – 2000) in readiness for hosting some of the Olympic Games. Jerry is always busy sharing his knowledge of gardening through writing for magazines. Jerry is in regular demand as a public speaker and horticultural judge to a multitude of gardening societies from Cairns to Melbourne.



## Clair Bickle

Claire’s career has lasted over 20 years and she is a qualified Brisbane based horticulturalist with a Diploma in Horticulture and an Advanced Design Certificate in Permaculture Design. Additionally; Claire is on the executive committee of the Horticultural Media Association Qld. Claire teaches horticulture for Brisbane North Institute of TAFE and delivers Sustainable Living Library Seminars for the Brisbane City Council. Claire is a guest speaker at many different Queensland gardening events and expos and writes for several horticultural and sustainability publications. These include subtropical gardening magazine, Good Organic Gardening, Earth Garden Magazine, Searles About the Garden, Nurture Natural Parenting and the ABC’s Chook magazine specials. She also stands in for Annette McFarlane on ABC612 radio gardening.



## Paul Plant

Born in Brisbane, Paul has worked as a nurseryperson, landscaper and interior plant scaper, and has been involved in training, garden judging and guest speaker roles. He is well known for experimenting with plants to see what works and what does not in his gardens. For this reason, he is a popular speaker at gardening expos, events, garden clubs as well as giving talks in local libraries within Brisbane. Paul has assisted in the research and editing of over 19 books and many gardening magazines. Paul is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Horticulture and is also a Bachelor Applied Science (Horticultural Technology). As Editor of the “*subTropical Gardening*” magazine, his aim is to bring the passion, the interest and the science knowledge behind horticulture to the gardening public who live in the subtropics, tropics and warm climate areas of Australia and beyond.