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## Tomato Festival Coming to Brisbane October 20-21, 2018

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Friends of the Brisbane Botanic Gardens and Sherwood Arboretum, along with heirloom seed champions, The Diggers Foundation, are delighted to announce they are joining forces to host the first Brisbane Tomato Festival at the Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha, in October.

All things tomato will be on the menu with food stalls and produce sales and featured talks and demonstrations on the speaker's stage at this wonderful two-day event.

The Brisbane Tomato Festival is a **free event** with lots of activities for families, cooks and gardeners over the weekend 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October, with special heirloom tomato tasting to challenge your taste buds.

The festival will feature:

- Gardening gurus on stage with loads of gardening advice – including **Clive Blazey, Phil Dudman, Kevin Redd, Arno King, Frances Michaels, Leonie Shanahan, Roman Spur** and **Linda Brennan**. See program outline overleaf.
- Diggers heirloom tomato taste tests
- Cooking demonstrations from leading chefs **Ash Martin (Spicers Hidden Vale), Javier Codina (Moda), Glen Barratt (Wild Canary), Richard Ousby (Stokehouse) & Alison Alexander**.
- Stalls offering tomato-themed food, produce, sauces, pickles & jams for sale.
- Pop up shops - nurseries selling tomato plants and gardening essentials.
- Kids activities.
- Best-in-Show Competition – bring your best tomato or relish.

Be sure to save the date and come along to this new festival at the Gardens and celebrate the indispensable tomato. For updates on the full program see <https://www.diggers.com.au/whats-on/brisbane-tomato-festival/>

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## Program and Presenters

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st October, from 8am. Closes 5pm Saturday, 4pm Sunday.



**CLIVE BLAZEY, DIGGERS FOUNDER**  
Celebrating 40 years of Diggers - Best Garden Ideas Book Launch & Seeds panel



**KEVIN REDD** – Growing Perfect Tomatoes & Salsa, Soup & Sorbet. What To Do with Your Tomato Harvest.



**ARNO KING** – Growing Tomatoes All Through the Year.



**PHIL DUDMAN** – Tomato Growing Tips & Going No Dig For Healthy Soil



**LEONIE SHANAHAN** – Gardening with Children at Home and at School.



**ROMAN SPUR** – Growing Organic Food In Small Spaces.



**LINDA BRENNAN** – Companion Planting and Crop Rotation.



**FRANCES MICHAELS** – The Future of Seeds panel & Secrets for Organic Harvest

**PLUS** cooking demonstrations on Sunday with local chefs & stallholders. Don't miss the inaugural Brisbane Tomato Festival! Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha, Mt Coot-Tha Rd, Toowong. See [www.diggers.com.au](http://www.diggers.com.au) #brisbanetomatofestival

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