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The Aussie bush comes to life at Floriade

Native smells, tastes and textures come to life at this year's Floriade in a special award winning display garden by the Australian National Botanic Gardens - *Food and Flavours of the Australian Bush*.

The garden has been specially designed for the month-long spring festival to highlight the foods and flavours of the Australian landscape and was last night awarded the gold award for the best display garden at Floriade.

It is the creation of the Gardens' landscape architect and designer, Kaiya Browning.

"*Food and Flavours of the Australian Bush* is a beautiful array of Australian native plants which demonstrates how the Aussie bush can ignite all of our senses," Kaiya said.

"I wanted the garden to showcase the wonders of the Aussie bush through four main themes - Aromatic Delights, Australian Bush Foods, Flora for Fauna and Hunter Gatherer and I am thrilled that the garden won the gold award!"

Executive Director of the Australian National Botanic Gardens, Dr Judy West, is also looking forward to illustrating the richness of Australian native plants to local, national and international audiences and congratulates the efforts to all those involved in the award winning garden.

"A garden that lets a visitor smell and even touch is a great way of teaching people about the Australian bush and the treasures that can be found within," Dr West said.

"Visitors can experience the fantastic fragrances of lemon myrtle and chef's cap correa and see how our landscape provides food, water and shelter to native animals."

The Australian National Botanic Gardens will also host special talks and presentations about Australian native plants at the Floriade ActewAGL Look 'n' Learn marquee, in addition to hosting a special spring program at the Gardens throughout September and October.

The Australian National Botanic Gardens is the world's most comprehensive display of living Australian native plants. The *Food and Flavours of the Australian Bush* display garden at Floriade is part of the Gardens' ongoing commitment to showcasing the beauty and diversity of the Gardens' living collection.

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