

The logo for Heritage Building Society Gardenfest. It features a red vertical bar on the left side. The text 'Heritage Building Society' is in a smaller font above the word 'Gardenfest', which is in a large, bold, serif font. A small crest is positioned to the left of the word 'Heritage'.

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Industry and business get behind Gardenfest

Business and civic leaders turned out to celebrate the launch of 2010 Heritage Building Society Gardenfest – The Gardening and Gourmet Weekend.

Held on-site last week, the event also saw the debut of the May Planting Dance which will be a focal point of the event held over the first weekend of May.

Toowoomba Regional councillor Joe Ramia officially launched the first event on the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers calendar with hearty support from the likes of Heritage Building Society CEO John Minz, Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE and the nursery and garden industry.

“The Heritage Building Society Gardenfest is a premier gardening and landscaping event in Toowoomba and the Darling Downs,” Cr Ramia said.

“Working with businesses and the community, this event celebrates people, passions, diversity and the Queensland lifestyle.

“A core focus is on education and awareness of trends, industry releases, nursery and gardening and the extensive promotion of Toowoomba and Darling Downs.

“My prediction is this event can only get bigger and better!”

Stalls are filling fast for Heritage Building Society Gardenfest – The Gardening and Gourmet Weekend, held at Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE, Campbell Street on May 1, 2 and 3.

Food, wine, gifts, nursery and gardening products will be on display and for sale as well as local guest speakers including Colin Campbell, Annette McFarlane, Brian Sams and Justin Russell.

Registrations and more information can be obtained from event co-ordinator Emily Murphy on 0419 747 423 or at www.gardenfesttoowoomba.com.au

Heritage Building Society Gardenfest is supported by major sponsors Heritage Building Society, Toowoomba Regional Council, Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers, Nursery & Garden Industry Queensland and Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE.

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Heritage Building Society CEO John Minz is pleased to partner Gardenfest again this year and celebrates the launch of the 2010 event with Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Young Ambassador Program committee member Kim Cahill and Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE director Paul Murphy.



Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Young Ambassador Program First Runner-up Sarah Nolan (left) and Encouragement Award recipient Emily Marsh discuss The Gardening and Gourmet Weekend with Nursery & Garden Industry CEO Don Scotts.



Darling Downs Rose Society member Maureen Hultgren (left) and Meredith Richters from True Blue Garden Centre talk about this year's Heritage Building Society Gardenfest with Toowoomba Regional Council portfolio holder of Tourism, Events & Parks Services, Cr Joe Ramia.