Adam Giles
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

The Top End’s most popular gardening and lifestyle event is back

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Territorians are encouraged to ‘Celebrate the Year of the Soils’ and have a dirty weekend at the 14th annual Tropical Garden Spectacular at the George Brown Botanic Gardens.

“Territorians love their gardens and the Tropical Garden Spectacular offers presentations, displays, workshops and children’s activities to help encourage us to make the most of our fabulous outdoor lifestyle,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“This year’s theme, ‘Celebrate the Year of the Soils’, is particularly important in the Territory because fertile soils are at a premium and we must protect what we have and work on improving the rest.”

Mr Giles said the event’s theme was in line with the 2015 UN ‘International Year of Soils’ initiative to promote the importance of healthy soil for a healthy life.

The Tropical Garden Spectacular has something for everyone from the novice gardener to the passionate outdoor living enthusiast and will showcase a range of activities, including edible gardening displays, food stalls, panel discussions and workshops with a range of industry experts including Costa Georgiadis.

This year’s event, which runs from 30 May to 31 May, will see the return of the Landscape Olympics, where the Country Liberal Party will be fielding a team led by the Member for Blain Nathan Barratt.

Power and Water’s Living Water Smart team will also be at this weekend’s Tropical Garden Spectacular sharing the message that spectacular gardens can be water smart and the Weed Management Branch will also be on deck to help people identify and remove weeds in their gardens.

“The Territory Government is proud to support this year’s Tropical Garden Spectacular with funding of $65,000,” Mr Giles said.

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