

# Melissa King

## *Celebrity Gardener, TV Presenter, Speaker & MC*

Melissa King is passionate about gardening. She is one of Australia's most popular and respected experts on the topic having written a book entitled *Garden Feast*, published several articles, and presented gardening shows on television. Melissa even has her own line of tough but beautiful plants.

A polished public speaker, Melissa is a regular presenter at events and flower and garden festivals around Australia and overseas, including the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show, Ellerslie and Chelsea.

With exceptional presentation skills and a warm, humorous personality, Melissa is also a popular event host. In addition to key gardening events, she has hosted the Telstra Gold Plate Awards, The Deaf/Blind Association Gala with Peter Hitchener and numerous media launches. Melissa's quick wit and a very likable persona means she quickly captures and excites interest among her audiences, regardless of age or background.

### ***More about Melissa King:***

Melissa's passion for gardening led her to complete a horticultural degree where she was dux of her class. Moving into radio she was talent-spotted and recruited for television, an area of the media in which she has developed a successful career.

After four years on the ABC's *Gardening Australia* alongside Peter Cundall, Melissa moved to Channel 7 to host the gardening segment on *Melbourne Weekender*. Since then she has combined her love of gardens, food and travel as one of the hosts of the travel series *Gurus Explore*, transformed front yards in Channel 9's make-over series *Battlefronts*, appeared in the *What's Good For You Lifestyle Special*, hosted the gardening segment on Channel 10's fun morning show *The Circle* and inspired people of all ages to get out into the garden on Foxtel's *Garden Angels*. Melissa stars in the established TV series *The Garden Gurus* on Channel 9.

A talented writer, Melissa's first book entitled *Garden Feast* focussed on the delights of cooking and growing your own heirloom vegetables, with the help of recipes from the famous Heronswood kitchen. She has written numerous articles for top magazines and newspapers including *Gardening Australia*, *Burke's Backyard*, *The Age*, *Herald Sun* and more.



Melissa has launched her own range of tough beautiful plants under the banner King in the Garden.

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