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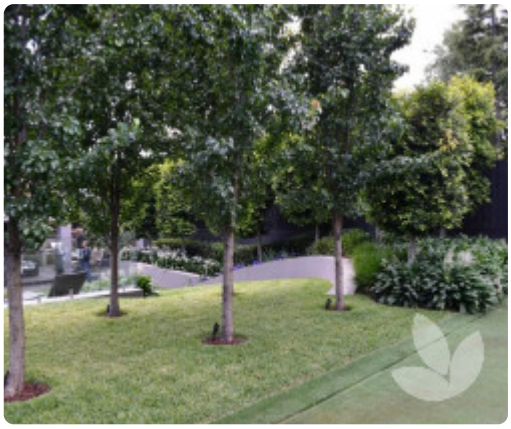
Need design inspiration? Here are designs from Garden Designfest 2012

Here is a selection of design styles from Designfest 2012 to satisfy everyone's sense of 'outside'. Of course, there were top-end residences with built-in backdrops that could only be seen to be believed. They are provided here for design inspiration.



Pyrus calleryana 'Capital'

CAPITAL ORNAMENTAL PEAR TREE

Where wasn't Pyrus used? Most gardens utlised this very popular, very practical and very versatile tree. Nathan Burkett's garden at 120 Winmalee Road Balywn used Pyrus to blend straight lines with curves over a sloping site with fantastic results. Due to their popularity we have a range of Pyrus to suit anyone's requirements from 30cm to 200 litres.

Cercis canadensis 'Forest Pansy'

BURGUNDY REDBUD TREE

Garden Designfest simply highlighted what a magnificent residential tree this is for outstanding colour contrast. Bold colour is only matched by the brilliant heart-shaped leaves found on this magnificent tree. Of particular note were plantings located at Fiona Brockhoff's garden at 21 Wilks Avenue, Malvern and Ian Barker's design at 2 Ash Grove, Malvern East. This image is from the latter. We have material most of the year in 50L, 100L and 200 Litres. Be quick!

Prunus lusitanica

PORTUGUESE LAUREL TREE

Prunus lusitanica is a brilliant tree for screening. It is green and lush all year and when in flower offers another dimension to the landscape. It was used to stunning affect in Eugene Gilligan's design at 5 Hansen Street Kew as part of Garden Designfest 2012. We have good numbers in sizes 20cm to an instant screen at 2 metres with our 100 litre stock.

Betula pendula fastigiata

UPRIGHT SILVER BIRCH TREE

A very popular tree, it takes on higher status in the landscape planted in multiple numbers. Fine, white barked and willowly with pendulous foliage, they add visual interest without blocking deeper views of the garden. This example is from the garden designed by Don Thomson located in Mont Albert. Along with the fastigiate Silver Birch we also offer 'Moss White' and weeping specimen in 'Youngii'. Contact us for more details.

Allocasuarina torulosa

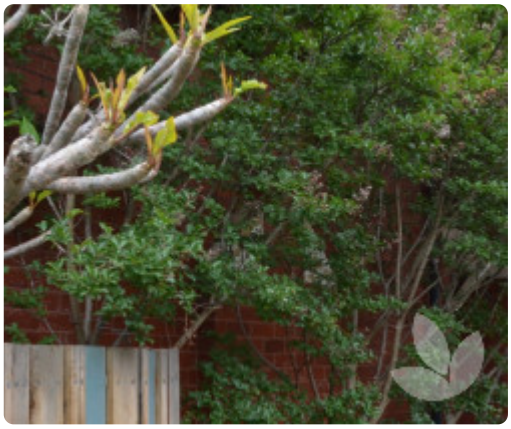
FOREST SHEOAK TREE

It was very hard not to notice the Allocasaurina torulosa at the Cantebury garden designed by Rick Eckersley. A large and sprawling specimen, it blended well with Ulmus planted behind it and provided a shady oasis to the front of the house. Often an underestimated tree, Allocasuarina torulosa is not often seen as a main feature to a garden and looked magnificent. We have material ready to go in 30cm, 40cm and 50 litre containers. Of course it will be some time before it looks as majestic as this!

Citrus limon 'Meyer'

MEYER LEMON TREE

What's the best tree to have in a productive garden. Citrus of course. And Lisa Ellis' garden at East Malvern had plenty of that. Planted with avocado, bay trees and numerous complementary herbs, this mostly evergreen garden has a floral side too, that being seen in white crepe myrtle, magnolia, daphne and gardenia. For a citrus selection try Meyer Lemon. We have stock available now in 30cm containers, 50 and 100 Litre bags.



Lagerstroemia indica x fauriei 'Tuscarora'

CREPE MYRTLE TREE (HOT PINK)

Facing north and next to a red brick wall, these Lagerstroemia 'Tuscarora' at Kate Seddon's design in Barkly St Elwood, were a great selection for confined space being branched high enough to be out of the way of the driveway. While green now, soon they will be flush with coral red flowers across the entire wall. Offering a selection of flower colour to choose from, we have mauve, white, hot pink, coral red and purple. 'Tuscarora' is available in sizes from 30cm through 300 litre bags.

Magnolia grandiflora 'Teddy Bear' ™

TEDDY BEAR MAGNOLIA TREE (EVERGREEN)

A very popular line and used a lot in design due to its compact size evergreen fullness all year round. Seen here in Nathan Burkett's garden in Balwyn. Of course no-one can go past the magnificent flowers you come to expect from an evergreen magnolia. 'Teddy Bear' has become quite a phenomenon because of its tight foliage making it a great option for screening. We have great stock looking good from 1m to 3m tall.

Schinus areira '(syn. Schinus molle)'

PEPPERCORN TREE, PINK PEPPERCORN TREE

In Wendy Clarke's garden in Hawthorn, the entire back garden was planted under the dappled shade of two beautiful peppercorn trees which complemented the blend of native and european plantings. Schinus molle has a graceful weeping habit with dark green aromatic pinnate leaves. We have material available in 30cm, 50 and 100 litre bags.

Cotinus coggygria purpurea

PURPLE SMOKE BUSH

This small tree is fantastic for colour and visual interest. Commonly called 'Smoke Bush' it takes on this magical appearance in spring when in flower. This image is from Fiona Brockhoff's garden in Malvern and you would agree it is a stunning inclusion. This form is more purple both in foliage and flower. Talk to us about supply in 50 litre containers.

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