

Exceptional outdoor spaces
come to life in these stories
of beauty, regeneration
and reward



DREAM

GARDENS

SEASON 2

'YOU MUST NOT UNDERVALUE THE POWER OF GARDENS TO TRANSFORM PEOPLE'S LIVES' – MICHAEL MCCOY

FORMAT AVAILABLE

HD 8 x 30'
Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Dream Gardens is an ABC primetime lifestyle series hosted by Michael McCoy, acclaimed author and one of Australia's leading landscape designers. In each half hour episode, Michael follows the transformation of one garden and watches as the owners, working with our best landscape designers, battle weather, absent tradies, shifting design visions and budget blowouts.

For design inspiration, Michael also visits some of Australia's most spectacular gardens, as well as providing practical design and planting tips along the way. From the first spade hitting the ground to the incredible end result, *Dream Gardens* captures some of the most imaginative and challenging garden designs coming to life.

This is a series that celebrates the great gardens of today, the best of Australian design and the spaces from which viewers can take inspiration.



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EPISODES

Coffs Harbour, New South Wales

Industrial design, a style born of inner-city warehouses and aging factories is moving outdoors.

Erskineville, Sydney

Ronene Cauchi and Ean Rodrigues are about to get married. But they've decided to forego a honeymoon in order to create a garden on the rooftop of their inner-city Sydney apartment.

Mount Eliza, Victoria

Artist Meredith Gaston and her husband Kevin Lindemann want a modern landscape to surround their house in Victoria's Mount Eliza. Instead they have a neglected 40-year-old garden full of weeds and disease riddled trees.

Portsea, Victoria

Sam and Jim Woods own a piece of the coast, a short walk from the surf, on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula. They want a garden to complement their modern beach house, but salt laden winds and poor soils are just the beginning of their challenges.

Balwyn North, Victoria

A love affair with mid-century modern design led Simon and Fleur Ansell to buy an original era home. Unfortunately, the garden is less retro and more rubbish heap, with the remains of an orchard, a dysfunctional courtyard and a struggling bush garden.

Alexandria, Sydney

Lawyers, Stuart and Monique Cormack, own a terrace house in Sydney's cosmopolitan suburb of Alexandria and are desperate to reinvent their tiny, neglected backyard.

Kyneton, Victoria

Vaun and Martin Monk own a standard suburban project home in the country town of Kyneton, Victoria. They yearn to transform their bland backyard into a private retreat. A difficult job when it's directly overlooked by the neighbours two storey house.

Strath Creek, Victoria

Stewart and Sandra Hart's house and garden in country Victoria was destroyed in Australia's worst ever recorded bush fires. Courageously they decide to embark on a new project just a few kilometres down the road at Waiora.