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

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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**

#### Toowoomba, Queensland

Michael and Rosi Kenny's home is an 1890's homestead just south of Toowoomba. Their desire is to live off the land by adopting a 'grow it, eat it, live it' ethos – easier said than done when you're surrounded by dry, rock hard paddocks.

#### Essendon, Victoria

Frank and Mary-Anne D'Aquila spent three years pursuing a family garden and pool in their sloped backyard but their substandard construction job looked more like an end of the world bunker than a family oasis.

#### Strath Creek, Victoria

After losing everything to the Black Saturday bushfires, Stewart and Sandra Hart tasked Paul Bangay, one of Australia's most prominent designers, to use his design magic on their new property, just an hour drive from Melbourne.

### **Connells Point, New South Wales**

Mark and Sandra Sader have pressed the greenlight on a design for their ultimate resort style garden at their newly built waterfront home. The plan is to have both house and garden finished at the same time – a good idea, in theory.

#### Brisbane, Queensland

The dream of Roberto Masnata and his teenage children is to build their new garden as a fitting tribute to Roberto's wife Karen, who was recently lost to cancer.

#### Matcham, New South Wales

Phillip and Maria Visalli's rural retreat behind the Central Coast is surrounded by native bushland. Wanting to use materials including sandstone, weathered steel, and decomposed granite, they have big plans to transform their land into a minimalist inspired garden.

### Avalon, Sydney

Justine Cullen and Greg Mathew are wildly busy with three young kids and high-pressure jobs that often take them away from their Northern Beaches home. It's their dream to have a garden sanctuary where they can escape, relax and recharge.

### Balwyn, Victoria

Paul and Zoe Mitzi own a fabulous 1920s art deco home in Melbourne and they want a garden to match. But creating an ambitious space can take courage and bravery, especially when all of your friends and family think your design plans are crazy.