

ABOUT THE VENUE

One of Sydney's Best Kept Secret is the Thomas Walker Convalescent Hospital, a rare example of a late 19th century major institutional complex, built along the foreshores of Sydney Harbour and the Parramatta River.

The building designed by John Sulman, was commissioned following the death of Thomas Walker in 1886 and built with the £100,000 bequest from his estate for this purpose

It is a fine example of architectural design in Australia and is considered to be John Sulman's finest work in this country. The hospital was opened in 1893 and was used for convalescents until World War II.

The military took possession in 1943 and it became the 3rd Australian Women's Hospital until 1946 when the Perpetual Trustees regained control and it continued as a convalescent hospital until 1976. The Estate was then left in trust to Sydney Local Health District which has continued to offer care, support and compassion for people with mental illness to help lead them on a pathway to better health and wellbeing.

The Rivendell Adolescent Unit founded by Professor, the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir, is now located on the Estate and treats about 500 families a year.

Several high-profile movies including "The Great Gatsby" and "Superman Returns" have used the beautiful grounds and buildings as film locations.

The annual Flower and Garden Show provides a rare opportunity for the public to visit the Estate. The event is a fundraiser for Concord Hospital's Department of Geriatric Medicine and the Ageing and Alzheimer's Institute.

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DEPARTMENT OF GERIATRIC MEDICINE (Aged Health Care Service)

The Department of Geriatric Medicine (Aged Health Care Service) at Concord Hospital cares for older people throughout the Inner West Sydney area, focusing on patients with multiple or complex medical problems and needs. Funds raised will support research programs and the fit out of the "Strong@Concord" gymnasium.

"Strong@Concord" is a resistance training program for older people which will be established as part of the Concord Hospital Stage One Redevelopment. "Strong@Concord" will improve strength, endurance, well-being and independence of older members of our community.

The Aging and Alzheimer's Institute (AAAI) aims to improve the healthcare of older people and to delay the effects of aging. The AAAI Concord-based scientists are involved in world-leading aging research nationally and internationally.

AAAI is committed to supporting scientists and doctors in their pursuit for answers into why we age, and what can be done to improve the health and lives of older people.



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FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW 2020

26 AND 27 SEPTEMBER
10AM - 3PM

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HOSPITAL ROAD, CONCORD
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ABOUT THE RIVENDELL FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

Held at the magnificent Thomas Walker Estate on the banks of the Parramatta River at Concord, the Rivendell Flower & Garden Show has quickly become established as Sydney's major attraction for anyone interested in gardening and floral displays.

The stunning architecture of Rivendell provides a spectacular location for bringing together displays and show gardens from up and coming floral designers and gardening personalities. View amazing displays of floral artistry, styling and design.

The 2020 Show will be open to the public on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 September from 10am to 3pm.

ENTRY COSTS

Adults: \$15

Children 12 – 18 years: \$10

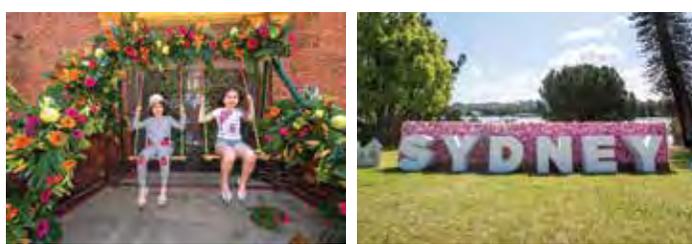
Children Under 12 years: Free

Weekend Pass Adults: \$25

Pensioners: \$10



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VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO

- Learn key floral arrangement techniques and designs from gardening and lifestyle personalities.
- Enjoy gorgeous floral displays and spectacular garden designs, each offering an exquisite combination of artistry and style to amaze even the most seasoned gardener.
- Experience an exclusive High Tea around the Estate's beautiful fountain courtyards for refreshment and a touch of luxury. (*additional cost)
- View an impressive display of classic and vintage cars as well as tennis and golf memorabilia.
- Let children have fun in the Kid's Space with interesting garden activities for all to enjoy.
- Have an opportunity to attend the Rivendell Gala Dinner with opera highlights and fine dining in the Great Hall (Bookings essential).
- Explore the a variety of specialty stalls and delicious foods in the Market Space.
- Enjoy live performances along the riverbank, performed by a range of musicians (TBA).

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