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Stunning Silver-Gilt For Aussies At Chelsea

The only *Australian Garden* at the world famous Chelsea Flower Show has won a Silver-Gilt Medal in the Show Garden category.

Judges today named the Fleming's Trailfinders *Australian Garden*, led by nurseryman Wes Fleming and designer Mark Browning as a Silver-Gilt winner (silver-gilt is awarded after gold).

The win, announced at 5pm Melbourne time (8am UK time) is the fourth medal awarded to Wes Fleming at the Chelsea Flower Show. Previously he has won two gold medals and a silver-gilt.

"We are very proud of our achievement at the greatest flower show in the world. We have extraordinary talent in design and horticulture in Australia and to be rewarded at the highest level reaffirms Australia's place on the world stage," Wes Fleming said.

"This garden is very, very different from anything else at Chelsea. We've used foliage instead of flowers; the colours of the garden are dark and the garden itself is moody. In true Aussie style, it's a break from tradition - and the feedback has been enormously positive."

The winning garden can be seen at www.flemings.com.au/chelsea2007

The Queen, Rolf Harris and the Queen of Sweden have all visited the *Australian Garden*. Click through to the current link and download the images (the images are RGP JPEGs). http://www.flemings.com.au/Graphics_Files/Chelsea_22_May.zip

The team worked 14 hours a day for 14 days straight, battling typical English weather to produce a stunning garden. Chelsea attracts the crème of the landscaping industry from around the world.

The main garden features a raised platform of bluestone with built in seating and a table, creating an open secluded space, surrounded by water. There's a large fish tank embedded in a feature wall and a spectacular steel triangular pergola. Trees are a highlight. The garden features close to 40 trees over six metres including a grove of Himalayan White Barked Birches and Purple Beech.

The Show is open to the public between **22 - 26 May** in the grounds of the Chelsea Hospital in London.

This is the 4th time Fleming's Nurseries has exhibited an *Australian Garden* at Chelsea. For Fleming's Director, Wes Fleming it's a chance to showcase great Australian talent on the world stage.

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