

# Third gold in four years

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IT WAS triple the excitement for a Monbulk-based nursery as it walked away with yet another top prize at a prestigious London garden show.

Fleming's Nursery won the gold medal in the show garden section for its \$800,000 creation at the Chelsea Flower Show last week. It was Fleming's third gold medal in four years.

Speaking to the *Leader* from London last week, nursery owner Wes Fleming said the team had been celebrating hard since the win. But straight after the announcement, feelings included excitement, relief, "an outpouring of emotion" and then "everyone went flat".

"Most of us went home and had a sleep; we'd been working minimum 12-hour days for a long time," Mr Fleming said. "It's something we've been working towards



(Above and right, below) Views of the gold medal-winning garden at the Chelsea Flower Show.

for over 12 months; we would have been devastated if we lost."

Despite his success at the show, Mr Fleming said he would not stop until he won the top "Best in Show" award. Mr Fleming praised celebrity landscaper Jamie Durie for his dedication to the project, despite his heavy work schedule.

He said the win was testament to Australian horticulture.

The garden took the team, including construction group Ian Barker and Associates, 16 days to build.

Four container loads of supplies were shipped over in February, and Australian native plants were brought in from Italy, Spain, Holland and Britain. Mr Fleming said when the garden was dismantled, the two largest trees would go to the Queen and Prince Albert of Monaco.



Fleming's Nursery owner Wes Fleming meets the Queen at the Chelsea Flower Show.

