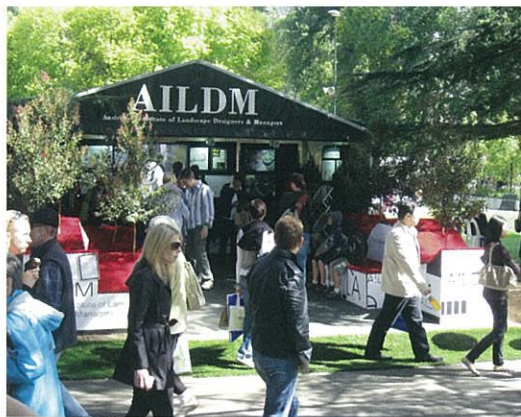


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AILDM's bright, busy and successful MIFGS stand. (right) The Victorian Department of Primary Industries Weed Alert Contact Officer Annie Lamb at AILDM Melbourne's Weedspotter seminar in March. (far right)



- **The 2009 National Design Awards** guidelines have been released and we look forward to seeing all of the wonderful projects that AILDM members have designed. The closing date was **Friday 21 May** followed by judging in early June. The announcement of the winners will be made at the Annual Awards Dinner, to be held on Saturday 22 August at Sydney's Harbourview Hotel. More details are available in the member's area of the AILDM website.

- AILDM recently announced the commencement of the **2009 National Student Design Competition** for students enrolled in a landscape design course in Australia which leads to an award of Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Design Certificate IV or Degree. Students studying for other awards may apply for special permission to enter with the support of their design teacher.

1st Prize will be awarded \$1000, 2nd Prize will be awarded \$500, and 3rd Prize will receive \$300

In addition to our usual magnificent prizes there will be an additional award attached to this year's competition. This award will be named the Alan Correy Student Design Award and commemorates the enormous contribution made to our profession by AILDM's patron, Alan Correy. The prize will be a trophy in the same form as the annual AILDM Design Award trophies as well as a bound copy of a thesis on Alan's career by UNSW graduate Terry Boyle.

It will go to the entry that best represents the spirit of landscape design and may be awarded to any entry - not necessarily a place-getter in the Student Design Competition.

The philosophy of this competition is to encourage students to design imaginatively and creatively while being mindful of the practical considerations of site constraints and opportunities, client's needs, local government rules and environmental issues. While students are not restricted by a design and construction budget, they must be able to specify and source from where the materials for the garden would be obtained including all hard & soft landscaping elements.

For more information go to www.aildm.com.au

- **AILDM's Weed Spotter Session** was a success in March, with the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) holding the first training session for Victorian members. Participants were presented with information on appropriate plant choices for garden design and took part in a demonstration involving State Prohibited Weeds. On the day, members signed up to become Weed Spotters, with many offering positive comments in relation to their increased awareness of new high-risk invasive plants. Local National Council member of AILDM, Ruth Czermack said members enjoyed the training and looked forward to more sessions in the future. For more information about Weed Spotters visit www.dpi.vic.gov.au/weedspotters

- **AILDM President Arthur Lathouris** was pleased with the success of the AILDM stand at MIFGS this year and writes:

'**MIFGS 2009** is over and our debut appears to have been a very successful event. On behalf of the AILDM National Council I would like to thank Beverley Read, Ruth Czermak, Rae Jones-Evans, Tony Pacot and Stephen Read for their wonderful creativity and great organizational and construction skills. The set up was smooth and efficient and our image portrayed to the industry and public during the show was one of professionalism, skill and creative flair.

Thank you, also, to all the Victorian and interstate members who took the time to help with the set up and who represented all AILDM members during the show.

Your fantastic effort in setting up the wonderful, high impact, colourful display and the time put into showcasing AILDM over the 5 days has been greatly appreciated by all members of the National Council and no doubt by all members in general.

We will all benefit from your efforts in that AILDM is already a stronger, better known organization. Hopefully this will also translate into a stronger membership in Victoria as well as the other states.

We are still a young organization and your efforts have helped increase industry and public awareness of who we are and the ideals we stand for.

Congratulations to all of you on what has been a very successful debut appearance for AILDM at MIFGS 2009'.

- And Bev Read of AILDM Melbourne adds: The **MIFGS** sub-committee of five have worked tirelessly since January to organize what has been a sensational debut at the International Garden show this year. We were allocated a superb position, adjacent to the Designed Gardens and picked up passing trade who showed great interest in AILDM. Many people had heard of our organization but had not actually seen us represented in this way.

The AILDM stand was different to say the least with its colours and symbolism. An extremely good turnout of volunteers for the stand meant that we could get the message of what AILDM represents and who we are out there to the general public.

Thank you to all those who have been involved in any way, and particularly those members who travelled from interstate. It has been a very successful venture and we hope it will translate into many new and welcome members.

Finally, congratulations to the four AILDM members who won awards at this year's show: Christian Jenkins who won the RHS medal, Chris Webb who won the Gold Medal for his part in the Mitre 10 Sustainable Living Garden, James Dawson who won Bronze and Gary Shadforth (a new member) who was a winner in the Fleming's competition. **LD**