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THE POWER OF ONE... ..HUNDRED THOUSAND!!

Australia's best loved writer and author of "The Power of One", Bryce Courtenay is the 2009 Tulip Time Ambassador and he will be getting his hands dirty in Corbett Gardens putting in the first of 100,000 tulip bulbs being planted for this year's Tulip Time Festival.

The planting will take place in Corbett Gardens, Bowral on **Tuesday 28 April, 11.00am.**

Tulip Time 2009 will be announcing its key theme of "children" and local kindergarten children from St. Thomas Aquinas school will be there to help us launch the event.

Bryce Courtenay will be joined by representatives of the Tulip Time 2009 Partner Charities; Gilly Paxton, Director of Community Relations and Marketing of The Children's Hospital at Westmead and the Co-Presidents of the BDCU Children's Foundation, Susie Reynolds and Jennifer Grey.

Each year the bulbs for the festival are sourced and carefully selected by our gardeners to showcase these magnificent plants to create a visual extravaganza which delights all who visit throughout the 14 day festival. The dedicated gardeners who bring this festival to life have designed the beds with children's themes in mind. The two largest beds represent the superheroes Batman and Superman.

Together with the massed tulip display, Corbett Garden will also see a further planting of 25,000 annuals which help create the overall effect and enhance the beautiful tulip displays. Visitors to the annual Tulip Time Festival will also be able to visit some of the best private gardens in Australia.

The 2009 Tulip Time Program will include two exciting special events; The Home & Garden Show, where visitors can meet expert landscapers and garden designers and a Food & Wine Fair which will showcase the Southern Highlands best local seasonal produce served by the people who make it.

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Photo & Interview Opportunity

First Planting of the Bulbs 2009 with author Bryce Courtenay, the Children's Hospital at Westmead, BDCU Children's Foundation and local kindergarten children, Wingecarribee Street, Bowral at 11.00am on Tuesday 28 April 2009.