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**IT'S SPRING, & TIME TO VISIT SOME OF THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS
MOST BEAUTIFUL GARDENS & CELEBRATE TULIP TIME IN 2014**
Find Out More As The Information Centre Rolls Out The Red Carpet This September

Residents of the Southern Highlands are being invited to walk the red carpet and discover a world of 'gardens' on Friday 5 September at the Southern Highlands Information Centre in Mittagong between 11am and 3pm.

The September 'VIP Red Carpet Day' will have a Springtime Gardens Theme, showcasing Zen Oasis and its Spring Time Festival, Chinoiserie Garden, Tulip Time Festival and Tulip Time Fringe Events. In addition, visitors will also be able to get 'all the info' on what gardens are open and when, as well as a program of Tulip Time events. Destination Southern Highlands (DSH) has initiated this unique day to showcase Spring Open Gardens, Spring events and the popular Tulip Time Festival, this year from 16 – 28 September.

Red Carpet Days are held each month at the Information Centre, to promote the local 'My Southern Highlands' Rewards Program and highlight the importance that locals play in the referral of friends and relatives to the region. The new 'My Southern Highlands' Discount Booklet and Deals & Discounts card will also be available to all on the day.

On Friday 5th, locals and visitors will have the opportunity to come into the Information Centre and literally 'smell the roses', well peony roses anyway, with a special talk and demonstration from 11am to Midday by Dominic Wong & Chris Styles from Chinoiserie Garden. Visitors will also be treated to tea, coffee and scones, prepared by the Mittagong RSL Club and served with jams from the Cuttaway Creek Raspberry Farm during Dominic's talk. Then from Midday to 3pm there will be wine tastings from Sutton Forest Estate Wines and Bendooley Estate, accompanied by olive oil and Dukkah from Denmar Olives. So come on in to taste, learn and experience just some of what the Southern Highlands has to offer this Spring.

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