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Australian Garden in top form

The Australian Garden has scooped the pool again winning three landscape design awards from the Victorian Branch of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA).

Taking out the top award in Landscape Architecture, the Australian Garden is now a finalist in the national award, which will be announced in early 2008.

Chris Russell, Director, Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne said: "The achievement of these awards confirms once again the visionary quality of the Garden, the talent of the designers, and the skill and commitment of all the staff who have worked on the project."

"This is a substantial coup for the Australian Garden."

Two of the awards were for the Australian Garden as a whole and a third award went to the Future Garden, one of the five exhibition gardens.

"In the 18 months since it opened, the Australian Garden has confirmed its place as the best new tourism development in Victoria and Australia, as well as cemented its world-class design reputation," added Mr Russell.

More and more interstate and international visitors are joining Victorians to explore the former sand mine which features more than 100,000 Australian plants and trees, a stunning Red Sand Garden, a 90 metre long Escarpment Wall and five exhibition gardens.

The Australian Garden was designed by Taylor Cullity Lethlean with Paul Thompson. The Future Garden was designed by Site Office.

According to the judges, the Australian Garden is "an outstanding example of a landscape architecture project that through its powerful design strategies amplifies the quintessential nature of Australian landscapes".

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