

## OPEN GARDENS

AT QUINTON, IN GORDON ROAD IN NSW'S GUYONG, THE 3.25-HECTARE GARDEN SURROUNDS AN 1876 VICARAGE. AND AT 212 BEASLEY ROAD, LUCKNOW, NSW, A MODERN GARDEN WITH EXOTIC PLANTS. BOTH OPEN JANUARY 22-23. [OPENGARDEN.ORG.AU](http://OPENGARDEN.ORG.AU)

### take it outdoors

Nice and neutral, this 'Byron Throw' cushion is designed for outdoor settings. \$44.95, from Sunny Life. [sunnylife.com.au](http://sunnylife.com.au)



### fruity accents

These porcelain and silver pieces lend a touch of elegance to any space. Apple, \$198, and pear, \$95, from Heaven in Earth. [heaveninearth.com.au](http://heaveninearth.com.au)

### sweet pickings

Fancy picking gorgeous lavender as part of a perfumed picnic? Head to Lavandula, at Shepherds Flat, near Hepburn Springs in central Victoria, for the annual lavender festival on Sunday, January 9. Regional food stalls under the century-old trees and aromatherapy with lavender products make a great summer's day out. (03) 5376 4393; [lavandula.com.au](http://lavandula.com.au)

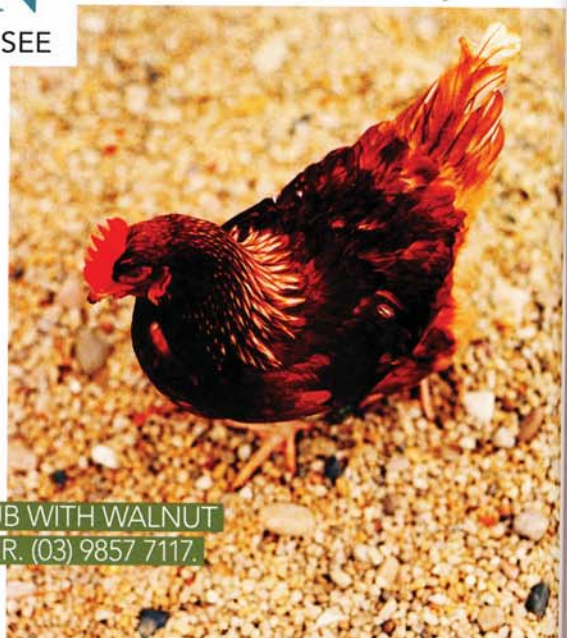
## IN THE GARDEN

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### PECKING ORDER

*The gentle cluck of hens laying eggs has an age-old appeal for gardeners. If you'd like hens in your garden, check out the Chooks in the City event with Alyson Hill. It's on Saturday, February 19 from 9.30am to noon in Canberra's Red Hill.*

*Directions with booking; \$60 entry includes morning tea. (02) 6230 3143; [opengarden.org.au](http://opengarden.org.au)*



**COME CLEAN** GARDENERS WILL LOVE THIS HAND SCRUB WITH WALNUT SHELL AND ROSEMARY. \$6.95, FROM CASTILLE DE FLEUR. (03) 9857 7117.