

INTRODUCING THE FUN-FILLED...



Throughout history, scarecrows have played a vital role in protecting crops and gardens from pesky birds. While modern methods have taken over, the charm and effectiveness of scarecrows remain. To honour our hardworking agricultural companions, we are excited to announce the Potato Festival Scarecrow competition at this year's festival.

Families, school groups, and businesses are all encouraged to embrace the challenge and let their imagination run wild. Extra points will be awarded for incorporating potatoes into your scarecrow design! Get ready to create eye-catching entries that showcase your creativity and artistic skills.

Crafting a Scarecrow for Your Garden:

Building scarecrows not only keeps birds away but also adds a touch of charm to your garden. The appearance and personality of your scarecrow are limited only by your imagination.

Useful Tips for Making a Scarecrow:

■ Frame:

Frames are usually a two bits of timber cross braced however new creative structures can be used. You can use string, gardening twine, or fencing wire or even a tree branch.

■ Head and Face:

Utilise an old pair of stockings, a pillowcase, or a calico bag. Acrylic paint or waterproof markers can bring your scarecrow's face to life. Straw or other stuffing materials such as foam.

■ Hands and Feet:

Socks, gum boots old stockings/tights, or gloves work well. Fill them with straw, bunches of lavender, soft toy filling, or newspapers.

■ Clothes:

Raid your wardrobe or visit the local Op Shop for spare clothes and shoes.

■ Hair:

Get creative with a wig, raffia, straw, wool, or bunches of lavender.

■ Headwear:

Hats, caps, beanies, scarves, ribbons, or tiaras can add flair.

■ Accessories:

Consider using glasses, scarves, handbags, jewellery, or imitation flowers. Gardening tools like an old wheelbarrow, broom, rake, or spade can be incorporated. Stuffed toys like a toy parrot perched on the scarecrow pirate's shoulder can add character.

Bring Your Scarecrow to Life!

Why limit yourself to human figures? Scarecrow animals can also be a fantastic addition to your garden. Imagine a majestic horse or a loyal dog accompanying your scarecrow. Garden stakes or bamboo poles can serve as frames, while wire netting forms the body. Cover the structure with straw, fabric strips, or wool for a shaggy Shetland or dog-like appearance. Don't forget to dress them up with blankets or coats! You can create heads using wire netting, polystyrene, plywood, or thick cardboard, and paint them accordingly. Let your imagination run wild with accessories for these trustworthy animal companions.

The possibilities are endless when it comes to scarecrow creation. So gather your friends, family, or colleagues, and let the Scarecrow Building competition at the Robertson Potato Festival be a memorable and enjoyable experience for all.

With a first prize of \$300, second prize of \$200, and third prize of \$100, the stakes are high. Viewer's choice \$100.

Join us in celebrating the spirit of creativity, fun, and, of course, potatoes! Installation and removal information will be provided to registrations received.