



NATIVE OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 4th September 2011 10.00am - 4.00pm

Warrnambool & District Society For Growing Australian Plants Ph: 5565 1904 or 5568 1797

Here is your opportunity to view private gardens not usually open to the public.

Admission Fee \$10 gives entry to all 3 gardens. Tickets are available from any garden.

Garden 1. Carson garden - 1823 Princes Highway, Rosebrook.

'Moynebrook' is a large garden that overlooks Belfast Lough and coastal dunes, which is often buffeted by strong sea winds. This has influenced the design of the garden and choice of plants.

Major changes have taken place in our 4 years of ownership. We have made use of the established trees and incorporated many indigenous, native and other suitable plants. Our soil is a black sandy loam with a PH between 8 & 8.5 so we are always looking for lime tolerant plants. It is a family friendly garden with areas for fruit, vegetables, children and pets. Property will be signposted. Bring a picnic lunch.

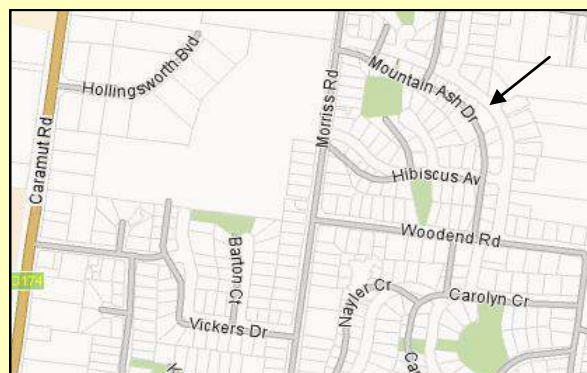


Garden 2. Lemmens garden - 14 Mountain Ash Drive, Warrnambool

Greg & Gail's garden began some 25 years ago. The house was built on part of an old dairy farm. Initially they purchased only a 1/4 acre block but then the 2 acres next door became available, and you guessed it they bought it.

Then started the large task of converting the paddock into garden. Gail attended an SGAP flower show and that was it, their love of natives started.

Nature provided inspiration for the design with small pockets opening up enticing you to the next part of the garden. Wind screening plants now some 20 years old provide a back drop with more recent plantings providing the understory. Larger trees now supply them with firewood, provide new opportunities to replant with bird attracting plants and some of those plants they always wanted. Continually small areas are being redesigned and replanted. As Greg says there is always a project going on.



Garden 3. Mattner garden - 'Wrenhaven' 11 Hervious Lane, Cudgee.

Wrenhaven is an Australian Native bush garden set in five acres, three of which make up the garden. A water hole and wetlands add to the habitat which hosts many species of birds and animals.

The first plantings were sixteen years ago into what was then cow paddocks, planting still continues today by owners Michael and Dorothy Mattner. The soil is predominately heavy clay apart from the higher ground which has underlying buckshot. The garden features Acacias, Eucalypts, Kangaroo Paws, Banksias, Grevilleas and much more.



Sturdy foot wear or gum boots are recommended. **Tea and coffee** will be available all day. Follow the signs after you cross the Cudgee Railway line.

Free advice will be available from members at each garden.

