

U3A Cygnet Term 3, 2025

Garden & Gourmet

What	Visits, talks and workshops on gardens and food, with plenty of opportunity of look, discuss and ask. You don't have to attend every session.
When	When 10am to noon Thursdays each week, except for Hobart Show Day on October 23, and Blackbird Cottage visit on October 2 - this visit will start at 11am and go to lunch at the Old Bank in Cygnet at 12.15pm. If you would like to come to this lunch please let Elaine know by September 29 on chairperson@u3acygnet.au .
Where	See below, and the links to Google Maps for each session.
Leader	Elaine Reeves 0427 172 179
	If you were enrolled in this group in Term 1, there is no need to re-enrol.
Note:	There is no need to let organisers know if you are coming to a garden or not.
Note:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you can, please share rides to garden visits – parking can be a problem if 20 cars arrive at once. • Use your own discretion if weather is bad. On the actual day, we have no means contacting everyone. In the main, we are a hardy bunch and have enjoyed gardens in appalling weather. • Please bring your own mug for morning tea, except for Blackbird Cottage.
18 Sept	Bishop garden Nichols Rivulet Simon and Rowena Bishop and their young family moved to what were four overgrown paddocks 10 years ago. After seeing neighbour Kevin Regan's garden, they planned a woodland and began by planting 700 trees. A variety of evergreens, including pine, spruce, fir and cedars have just gone in. All the rocks used in the retaining walls around the garden were dug up by hand from the property. Address: 28 Joes Road, Nicholls Rivulet U3A facilitator Jan Marciano
25 Sept	Helms Bay Cottage, Gardners Bay This is Jenny Hasset's small, but multi-faceted business. At the front gate is an honesty box stocked with tomato sauce, kasundi, onion jam and more. She has private dinner parties for six at her home. And there is self-contained accommodation for hire in the park-like garden of big trees. On Thursdays, Jenny volunteers with two others to make eighty take-away meals for sale at the RSL, to raise funds for the league. Address: 6863 Channel Hwy, Gardners Bay U3A facilitator Elaine Reeves
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2 Oct	<p>Blackbird Cottage, Cygnet</p> <p>Gavin and Lindy Rahn bought this 1870s cottage in May 2023 and began working on restoring it – within the constraints of its heritage listing. The house and garden continue to evolve. Pebbled walkways connect the formal garden with many boxed areas to define the visual appeal of the ornamental trees, fruiting espalier trees and flowering plants.</p> <p>Please note starting time for this visit will be at 11am. We won't have morning tea but please let Elaine know if you would like to join us for lunch at the Old Bank at 12.15pm.</p> <p>Address: 6 Charlton Street, Cygnet (next to the service station at the roundabout). Please park in Burtons Reserve and walk to the cottage.</p> <p>U3A facilitator Jan Marciano</p>
9 Oct	<p>Baird garden, Huonville</p> <p>Di and Dave Baird have been at this 6-acre property for twelve years, and in that time they replaced thirsty roses and perennials with low maintenance natives, watered by grey water. A long line of pines was planted to give privacy. A King Billy pine and a Wollemi pine are doing well. In and around the outdoor entertainment area, Di has lots of interesting succulents.</p> <p>Address: 24 Cajun Court, Huonville</p> <p>U3A facilitator Wendy Barker</p>
16 Oct	<p>Short garden, Franklin</p> <p>Trudy and Adrian Short bought their very flat property 23 years ago and commenced to clear the blackberries. You can no longer take in all the garden in one glance, instead paths wind through different rooms. Many birds are attracted to the native trees. There are ferns and a dam was incorporated into the garden. Fruit trees and elderberries are dotted throughout the garden rather than all being in an orchard.</p> <p>Address: 64 Chittys Rd Franklin - go beyond the main part of Franklin and turn right into Braeside Rd. After 850m turn right into Chittys Rd. No 64 is on the right.</p> <p>U3A facilitator Elaine Reeves</p>
23 Oct	No garden Hobart Show Day
30 Oct	<p>Coad garden, Cygnet</p> <p>Emohruo (Our Home spelt backwards) has been home to Phillip for more than 30 years. He describes it as "neat and tidy and different". The garden is a delight to wander through with so many roses and bulbs, especially 200 tulips recently planted. Children delight in the garden's many ornaments and coloured pots. The garden is an easy, flat walk.</p> <p>Address: 17 Dances Road, Cygnet. Street parking available.</p> <p>U3A facilitator Jan Marciano</p>
6 Nov	<p>Coad garden Lymington</p> <p>Greg and Maureen have lived on this property for 58 years! The garden emerged and expanded until Greg refused to move any more fences. Today there are rhododendrons, roses, irises and some old, sentimental plants. You might remember the Coads from their successful time breeding and selling daffodils. Many gardens in the Huon have Coad daffodils. The garden is gently sloping with designated paths to make walking easy.</p> <p>Address: 284 Forsters Rivulet Road, Lymington. Limited parking so share rides please.</p> <p>U3A facilitator Jan Marciano</p>

13 Nov	<p>Mohr garden, Franklin</p> <p>Kevin and Jane Mohr's garden is made up of garden rooms - a terracotta shelter room, grasslands, a fernery to a large pond before the Zen room. A conifer passage leads to the rose, azalea and vegetable gardens. There is also Wonderland and a secret garden. At the back are a variety of conifer, and a young forest room. And there's a cottage garden complete with white picket fence with bird houses.</p> <p>Address: 3686 Huon Highway, Franklin</p> <p>U3A facilitator Jan Marciano</p>
20 Nov	<p>Cygnets Flower Farm, Cygnets</p> <p>Christine Galbraith and Olaf Weerts began developing the garden before they built their house eleven years ago. With a gardening background, Christine decided to experiment with flowers, mainly perennials, on a small, promising patch at the back of the property. Roses bought from renowned Bluey sparked a passion and now they have 240 roses, with a strong focus on David Austin varieties. The garden includes peonies, hydrangeas and perennials. Bespoke bouquets are supplied to various cafes and occasionally flowers for weddings and special events.</p> <p>Address: 93 Woodcock Road, Cygnets. Please share rides if possible.</p> <p>U3A facilitator Jan Marciano.</p>