

1. 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.
Where	See below, and the links to Google Maps for each session.
Leader	Elaine Reeves 0427 172 179
Note:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit to Phoenix Castle on April 9 costs \$10, which is payable on the day. There is no need to let organisers know if you are coming to a garden or not. 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.
5 March	<p>Gascoigne garden, Glen Huon</p> <p>Tracey Gascoigne and her partner moved from Perth, Western Australia and settled here in 2018. Just shy of 3 acres, the property faces north and most of it is on a gentle slope. Gardening and building projects with recycled materials are hobbies that merged in a very rustic style. There is an area of raised beds, no-dig gardens, a poly tunnel, food forest and cottage flowers. Sharing the garden are 40 plus bantam chickens, three ducks, three sheep, four guinea fowls and a dog!</p> <p>Address: 20 Seventh Day Road, Glen Huon. Parking available opposite the property.</p> <p>U3A facilitator Jan Marciano</p>
12 March	<p>Males garden, Cygnet</p> <p>There was an area of established English trees and conifers, when Samantha and her partner bought this seven-acre property seven years ago. Since then they have created a series of enclosed gardens around the house, including a courtyard, vegetable area and fruit orchard, all protected from wallabies and possums. About half an acre is now cultivated. They also have chickens and sheep.</p> <p>Address: 7724 Channel Highway, Cygnet</p> <p>U3A facilitator Wendy Barker</p>
19 March	<p>Frog Fields, Kettering</p> <p>Over twenty years, the 3.5 acre property has been transformed into a peaceful oasis. It is dotted with seats, bridges and sculptures created by the owners, including bespoke metal gates and a resident dragon. Edible produce and cottage gardens are full of annuals and perennials. Near the creek line, where there is a platypus, Tasmanian natives surround a bush hut. A Japanese tea house overlooks a dam filled with lilies.</p> <p>Plants and produce for sale – bring cash.</p> <p>Address: 86 Saddle Road, Kettering</p> <p>U3A facilitator Jan Marciano</p>

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26 March	<p>Firetail Garden, Kettering</p> <p>Ruth Downham has a life-long passion for gardening, a certificate in horticulture and an artist's eye, which have all gone into Firetail Garden over the past twelve years. Starting out as a private garden to provide food and pleasure for the house, Ruth then began a business propagating and selling dahlias. There is a wonderful selection of fruit trees, a fantastic circular vegetable and berry cage as well as many beds dedicated to dahlias, daffodils and other flowering plants.</p> <p>Address: 196 Saddle Road, Kettering</p> <p>U3A facilitator Tanya Lawson</p>
2 April	<p>No garden visit before Good Friday</p>
9 April	<p>Phoenix Castle, Geeveston</p> <p>Artists Francis Shepherd and Christina Kent are working on their biggest project. Castle Phoenix stands at 17 metres high and has four levels, one below ground. They are covering the rooftops and inside with tiles and mosaics. Surrounding the castle are sculpture gardens and a lake. Colourful flowers abound. The sculptures use glass bottles, steel and concrete. Sculptures are also being covered in mosaics. Entry on the day is \$10 per person for the garden, and \$10 more if you want to see inside the castle. All paid on the day.</p> <p>Address: 336 Arve Road, Geeveston</p> <p>U3A facilitator Jan Marciano</p>
16 April	<p>A food garden, Cygnet</p> <p>Only the big trees (including a blackwood) and a hedge were here when Linda Champine and Nick Weetman moved to this half-acre block six years ago. Now it is proof you can feed a family on a small block without looking the least like a farm. Grandchildren, fruit and nut trees, herbs, vegetables, flowers and chooks all find space in this packed garden with lots of secret spaces.</p> <p>Address: 12 Garthfield Ave, Cygnet. Park on street near the art gallery, or go into the oval via Guys Road, from where you can drive towards Garthfield Ave, park and then walk across the road.</p> <p>U3A facilitator Elaine Reeves</p>
23 April	<p>Bishop Garden Nicholls Rivulet</p> <p>Ten years ago Mandie and Derrick started with a blank canvas. They wanted a park-like garden. This has certainly been achieved with beautiful silver birch, cherry birch, liquid amber, golden elms, Japanese maples and many other deciduous trees. Lots of garden art also adds to the interest in this garden.</p> <p>Address: 1 Joes Road, Nicholls Rivulet</p> <p>U3A facilitator Wendy Barker</p>

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30 April	<p>Hill House garden, Cygnet</p> <p>A lone hydrangea was the only plant besides gorse on this property when John Diment and Elizabeth Haworth started gardening thirteen years ago. Now it includes a formal garden area, vegetable garden, a peony patch, a rose garden, a medieval garden, a Leucadendron and protea area and lots of rocks. Perhaps it was over ambitious for a couple who do not want to devote all their time to the garden.</p> <p>Address: 185 Jetty Road, Cygnet. At the top of the drive, turn to the left of the first house you see and park near the second house or along the drive.</p> <p>U3A facilitator Elaine Reeves</p>
7 May	<p>Crocombe garden, Deep Bay</p> <p>In the 1980s Valda Marchant established this large garden with sweeping lawns. After purchasing the property in 2003, Ann Crocombe, with a little help from her husband, Len, converted it to a cottage garden intermingled with fruit trees and Australian natives. There are three netted vegetable patches attached to a chook shed with doors to each patch, allowing the chooks to graze each patch during different seasons.</p> <p>Address: 6615 Channel Highway, Deep Bay</p> <p>U3A facilitator Wendy Barker</p>