

'ASHRIDGE PARK'

Our 2 acre allotment was purchased in 1979 for our retirement. It was treeless, having been part of the original Blacklaw Dairy Farm. We had fallen in love with the view and because the land was relatively flat. The house was built in 1991, 2 years prior to our retirement.

Cutting the grass was the only priority until 1981 when we planted the fiddlewood windbreak trees along the western boundary, as well as the citrus trees. Further plantings of fruit trees followed over the next 5 years - macadamia, pecan, tropical stonefruit, fig, apple, persimmon and mulberry. These trees supply us with our fresh fruit to this day.

Eucalypts, backhousia citidora, quandong, grevillea robusta, evodia, and buckinghamia trees were planted along the front fence to attract birds and koalas. This today is our Forest Walk.

The remainder of the garden over the next 10 years just 'grew like Topsy'. The first garden was the conifer bed followed by the southern bed of sasanqua camellias and beds of azaleas, hydrangeas and japonica camellias along the driveway.

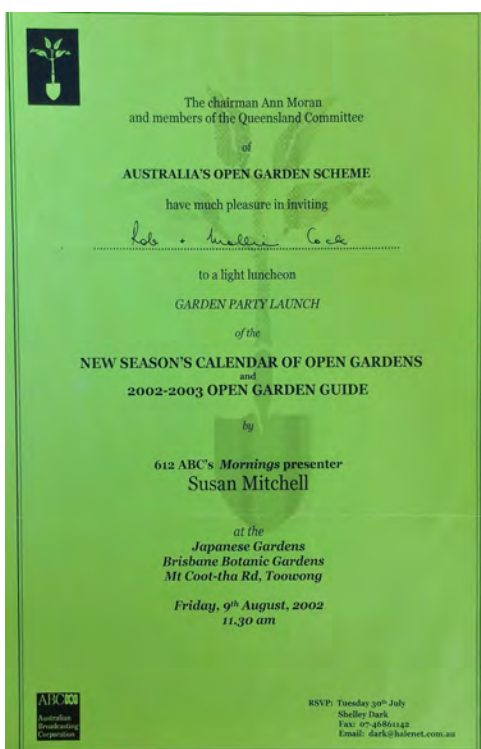
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Arches covered by perfumed Jasmine creepers lead into garden rooms containing japonica camellias and vireyas in the shadier areas, and into a sunny area containing a large bed of heritage roses, planted 5 years ago. Underplantings of perfumed shrubs, herbaceous perennials, and seasonal annuals add to the ambience of the garden. Borders of perfumed violets encircle many of the beds.

A bridge linking small ponds and sweeping lawns overlooks the Conondale Ranges.

We welcome you to our garden and hope you find some enjoyment out of what our garden offers you today, despite the drought.

Mollie and Rob



Rob and Mollie have opened their beautiful garden to the public on five separate occasions twice for the Australia's Open Garden Scheme, once for the Lions Festival of Colour and twice for Gardening on the Edge. A wonderful shared contribution to the Community of Maleny, the folk who love gardening and have made the journey to the Hinterland, the many charities, churches that have been a beneficiary of their love of gardening.



Maleny Shows its Open Garden

Australia's Open Garden Scheme has provided much enjoyment to garden lovers throughout South East Queensland, especially since it was adopted by the A.B.C. through their "Gardening Talkback" show on ABC Radio 612 4QR featuring Annette Mac Farlane.

On May 1st and 2nd one of Maleny's gardens will be featured. It is the garden of Molly and Rob Cock at Ashridge Park, 60 Kenilworth Road, Maleny.

The garden was first established about 15 years ago when Molly and Rob first purchased their land which was part of the original Blacklaw dairy farm. They started planting trees long before they built their house and today the Cocks are reaping their rewards with wonderful displays from deciduous trees such as Japanese maples, pecans, pistachios, flowering plums and Mancurian pears. The land

offers superb views of the Conondale Ranges and by carefully selecting their plantings Molly and Rob have ensured that they still make the most of those views.

Rose covered archways reveal spacious lawns and beds lush with perennial plantings. The ambience of the garden with sweeping lawns can be enjoyed whilst lunching in this delightful haven of gardenias, azalias and covered archways.

The local Palliative Care Group will benefit from the weekend. The garden is open from 10am to 4.30p.m. each day and admission cost is \$3.50. Local artist and author, Lisa Plucknett will provide entertainment. Craft items and plants will also be for sale.

This garden is suitable for prams, pushers and wheelchairs. To get to this superb garden travel 3.7 km along Kenilworth Road from Maleny township.

Further information on this and other gardens in the Open Garden Scheme is available from Barb Wickes on 5445 5177 or 1900 155 064.

Ashridge Park Open Garden

MOLLIE and I would like to register sincere thanks to the generous people who helped make our recent Open Garden so successful.

A special thankyou to Leonie Loch who organised her merry bunch of willing Hospital Auxiliary ladies and Maleny Garden Club who worked tirelessly to cater for the many visitors. Money raised will go to the proposed Maleny Hospital Palliative Care Unit.

Thanks also to those who provided additional interest by having stalls and entertainment in the garden. We especially thank Ron and Judy Hankinson for allowing off-road parking on their property, without which Kenilworth Road traffic would have been chaotic.

Raffle winners were Nancy Schaffer, Pam White, Mark Sierkowski and Margaret Dingle of Maleny, Wendy Bernoth of Caloundra and Laurie Wood, Redcliffe. Each received a camel-lia kindly donated by Bill and Winna Day.

ROB & MOLLIE COCK, Kenilworth





Australia's Open Garden Scheme

presents

Ashridge Park 109 Kenilworth Rd Maleny

This well structured country garden displays ~~abundantly flowering~~ old-fashioned roses with underplantings of herbaceous perennials and a strong framework of well-chosen specimen trees displaying foliage, texture and shape. Featuring rose-covered archways, sweeping lawns, and a bridge linking several small ponds with magnificent views to the Conandale Ranges.

10am-4.30pm
**SATURDAY 26TH 7 SUNDAY 27TH
OCTOBER**

ADMISSION: \$4.50 (Children under 18 admitted free)

**The Uniting Church of Maleny will provide lunches and teas.
There'll be plants for sale including vireyas and a display of china
painting.**

**DIRECTIONS: From Maleny Information Centre travel 3.7km NW along
Kenilworth Road. Please note street number has been changed.**

*Since 1987, garden owners opening with Australia's Open Garden Scheme have contributed
nearly \$2 million to charities of their choice.*

**For more information on gardening openings anywhere in Australia call the 24 hour
Information Line on 1902 261 026**





Garden grandeur open to the public on the Sunshine Coast.

Cottage, country gardens on show

THREE Sunshine Coast gardens will be open to the public this weekend, two "just around the corner from each other" at Maleny and one at Kandanga.

Ashridge Park is a well-structured country garden which displays abundantly flowering old-fashioned roses with under plantings of perfumed shrubs, herbaceous perennials and seasonal annuals which add to the ambience of the garden.

Borders of perfumed violets encircle many of the beds.

Directions: From Maleny Information Centre travel 3.7km north west along Kenilworth Road to 109 Kenilworth Road (previously 60 Kenilworth Road) Maleny.

Admission: \$4.50 (Children under 18 admitted free).

Open: 10am to 4.30pm.

The Uniting Church of Maleny will provide lunches and teas. There will be plants for sale

including vireyas and a display of china painting.

Rosacea, a thriving cottage garden in a peaceful rural setting, features an extensive collection of old-fashioned roses including teas, chinas and noisettes, many trained on pillars, archways and arbours.

Directions: From Maleny Information Centre travel 6km north west on Kenilworth Road to Witta Road; turn right and travel approximately 2.5km to Lot 1, The Retreat 255 Witta Road (previously 54 Witta Road) Maleny.

Admission: \$4.50 (Children under 18 admitted free)

Open: 10am to 4.30pm.

Refreshments available.

Visit a grand country style garden at Kandanga. Garden-lovers should not miss the opportunity to visit Oakwood, nestling in the picturesque Mary Valley with superb views of the

surrounding mountains.

The beautiful jacarandas at their peak are a stunning sight and the expansive lawns and flowering borders, exuberant with colour, are wonderful.

Directions: From Gympie take Kandanga Road to Kandanga; garden further 27km west on Kandanga Creek Road. Travelling north on Bruce Highway turn left 18km north of Cooroy turnoff at Imbil-Lake Borumba sign; travel 6km and turn right across Mary River; travel 4.5km to T-junction; turn right into Kandanga-Gympie Road; travel 6km to Kandanga turnoff on left; travel 1km to Kandanga; proceed as above.

Admission: \$4.50 (Children under 18 admitted free)

Open Times: 10am to 5pm.

Enjoy a tasty venison lunch, morning and afternoon teas and working dog demonstrations in this idyllic setting.

FLORAL FANTASY

All the magic of a romantic English cottage garden and a wonderfully rambling country garden is captured in two of the newest gardens in Maleny to be added to Australia's Open Garden Scheme, writes Anne Moran.

With their heavenly fragrance, myriad of blooms and array of species, Ashridge Park and Rosacea in Maleny are a delight awaiting the garden connoisseur and curious alike. A breathtaking labour of love for both owners, the gardens are to be opened this weekend as part of Australia's Open Garden Scheme.

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"We aimed for a strong framework of well-chosen specimen trees displaying foliage, texture and shape," says owner Mollie Cock. "The rose-covered archways, sweeping lawns and magnificent views to the Conondale Ranges add to the atmosphere and really make it feel like a country garden."

The well-ordered garden is a collection of 'rooms', allowing on-lookers to move around in anticipation of the next delightful discovery.

Mollie and her husband Rob bought

the two-acre allotment in 1979 for their "retirement".

"I've never worked so hard in all my life," jokes Rob. "I'm in the garden all day, every day."

Ashridge Park has been open once before, as an autumn garden. Deciduous and evergreen trees such as magnolias, jacarandas, liriodendron, lagerstroemia, robinia, dais, Japanese maples, and pistachio chinensis, as well as conifers dominate the garden and display seasonal foliage, shape and colour.

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The heavenly blooms at Ashridge Park and Rosacea will be on display this week as part of Australia's Open Garden Scheme.

PHOTOS: Sarah Jane Chalk



The garden, plantings and buildings are all less than three years old and the overall theme (and passion) is tropical vibrancy with colour all year round and a natural home for frogs, for which this garden was built. An area of small individual aesthetic spaces was created, where colour, texture and form took their own

identities and grew into the visual cacophony you will see when you visit. A sense of old was achieved by aging all of the materials that were used in the garden. As a devoted lover of the theme park, the area allowed me a sense of adventure and fulfilment.

Garden 1, 21 Treehaven Way, Maleny (07) 5499 9952



At Maleny Agapanthus Farm you can see 16 of our 25 varieties flowering in massed plantings along driveways, around trees, in large pots and hanging baskets and blended in our informal beds with Montville roses, lavender, salvia, lousiana iris, hydrangeas, forget-me-nots and many other perennials. Stunning clivias thrive in shady areas. Rural and Glasshouse views, a small rain forest planting, weathered old dairy bales and yards add interest to this rambling, shady garden. Visitors are welcome at any time - please call first. Refreshments will be served on the verandah. (07) 5494 2755

Garden 5, Maleny Agapanthus Farm, 187 Mountain View Road



The name Ashridge was chosen for this garden nostalgically as Rob's grandfather had emigrated from Devon, England from Ashridge Farm. The entrance is along a driveway bordered by Azaleas, Hydrangeas, Impatiens, and Pentas all growing under a canopy of Jacaranda. It arrives into an open carpark area featuring a Magnolia

Garden 6, Ashridge, 60 Kenilworth Road, Maleny



An interesting garden with rain forest walks, a lily pond and beds of native and exotic flowers and shrubs. The prominent feature is a rock-walled lily pond with surrounding border of palms and flowers. Daylilies are prominent throughout the garden. The garden will also feature Lindsay's Green Theme displaying and selling a range of plants suitable for ponds and other garden areas, including lilies, waterlilies, and aum lilies. Work by artist Larium Sloan and sculptors Margaret Goleedge Jenna Pamejier, and Mary Nornie will be on display throughout the garden.

Garden 2, 101 Treehaven Way, Maleny



This somewhat unusual combination of interests is situated in Mary Cairncross Avenue, set in a garden featuring daylilies. Opals from South Australia and Queensland and a range of semi-precious gemstones and minerals from Australia and overseas are displayed. This weekend there will be the added interest of a working

display of quilt and doll making by the Maleny Arts and Crafts Group along with a display and sale of pottery.

Garden 6, Maleny Orchids & Opals, 30 Mary Cairncross Avenue (07) 5494 2003



Randy DeGraw uses his 28 years of woodworking experience to create furniture from salvaged logs, root systems and burls. He uses burls and slabbed timber to make a variety of tables as well as working with milled timber to make fine furniture. Enjoy the scenic atmosphere from our tea house overlooking the

Conondale Ranges and Valley. You are welcome to view our current collection of creative furniture and decor, paintings, jewellery and sculptures. Garden 7, Valley View Woodwork, 290 Maleny-Kenilworth Road, Maleny (07) 5494 4222



The oldest part of this garden are nine years old. There are a large variety of plants with a mixture of exotics and natives, including Ginkgo biloba, dawn redwood (Metasequoia), a grafted grevillea (Nudiflora), Daphne odorata, several vireya rhododendrons and another popular plant, Bistillia striata (Chinese ground orchid). The south-easterly aspect with the wet summer and autumn winds does not suit roses apart from standard freesia and 'Montville Roses'. I will be happy to show you around the garden or you may wander on your own - I hope you enjoy it.

Garden 3, 80 Stanley River Road, Maleny



Set on one and a half acres the garden features many Australian natives as well as exotics. The bush walk created through the wind break on the west side of the property is underplanted with ferns and shade plants. It is very therapeutic to take a stroll and view the vista over the mountains and towards Caloundra. A rose arbour with Renae and Pinkie roses has been erected as were the arches with the cottage rose and the Solanum jasminoides (potato vine) growing over them.

Garden 7, Coatsfield, 26 Nadi Lane, Maleny



The Nursery provides a rare opportunity to see how plants grow and mature on the Blackall Range. Located a short distance off the Maleny-Kenilworth tourist drive, the nursery features many examples of deciduous plants, from stately liquid amber to delicate maples. Tony and Gail Turner have just completed six years as owners of the nursery, which specialises in camellias, magnolias, michelias and deciduous trees.

Garden 10, The Range Country Garden Nursery, Lot 2 Berganns Road, Witta



"Heathberry" has evolved over 16 years by trial and error with many clearances and replanting, and is still an ongoing garden to play in. There are some well established areas and a newly planted rose patch. The garden is very informal and there are a few surprises as you stroll around the pathways, and catch glimpses of the spectacular views of the Glass House Mountains. The artwork of Heather Jones and June Kelly will be on display and for sale. Heather's bark pictures and June's watercolours of wild flowers and Australian scenes have been featured in "The Australian Garden" Magazine.

Garden 4, Heatherberry, 174 Mountain View Road, Maleny

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Maleny Daylily Nursery began to take shape eleven years ago. Like all avid gardeners Jim and Noela change the design and contents of the garden regularly. The garden mixes cottage, native and sub tropical. The daylilies with their multitude of colours and shapes bind the garden together. During the flowering season, there are thousands of flowers in the garden creating a phenomenal site. The gardens are a must see for avid Daylily collectors and interested beginners. Should you wish to visit during the flowering season please phone us first. (Open Sunday only)

Garden 11, Maleny Daylily Nursery, Ansell Road, Witta. (07) 5494 4268

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2002



Pictures: Graeme Parkes.

high ON A HILL

by CECELIA MCNAMARA



IN 1979, Rob and Mollie Cook purchased a two acre (0.8ha) allotment in Maleny for their retirement.

Even though the property had no trees — it had been part of a dairy farm — they fell in love with the view.

Today, the garden is well structured with old-fashioned roses and under-plantings of perfumed shrubs, herbaceous perennials and seasonal annuals. Borders of perfumed violets encircle many of the beds.

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The garden certainly has grown since 1981 when about the only work done was mowing the lawn. The couple then planted fiddlewood windbreak trees along the western boundary, as well as citrus trees.

Fruit trees were planted over the next five years and now the Cocks have a plentiful supply of macadamia and pecan nuts, and fresh fruit such as fig, apple, persimmon and mulberry.

The couple also created a forest walk with eucalypts, backhousia citrodora, quandong,

grevillea robusta, evodia and buckinghamia trees which were planted along the front fence to attract birds and koalas.

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Another section features archways covered by perfumed jasmine creepers which lead into "garden rooms" containing japonica camellias and vireyas in the shadier areas.

And, of course, there is the sunny area which contains a large bed of heritage roses, planted just five years ago. A bridge links small ponds and sweeping lawns which overlook the stunning Conondale Ranges.

Ashridge Park at 109 Kenilworth Road, Maleny will be open October 26 and 27 from 10am to 4.30pm as part of the Australian Open Garden Scheme. Admission is \$4.50. Also open the same weekend in Maleny is Rosacea at Lot 1, The Retreat, 255 Witta Road.



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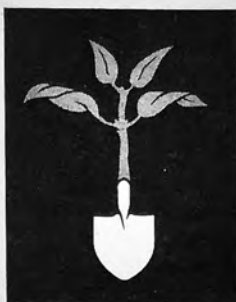
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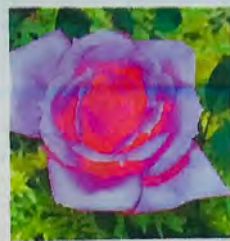
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Open day for Maleny gardens

Inspiring gardeners to share delights with all



THIS weekend many of you will have enjoyed visiting this year's first Sunshine Coast Open Garden and we're sure you picked up some good ideas for yourselves. We did.

Now we have another three! And they'll all be open on October 26 and 27 giving us all even more enjoyment. Rose lovers will be in their element in the two Maleny gardens, which will be open between 10am and 4.30pm daily.

Ashridge Park at 109 (formerly 60) Kenilworth Road, Maleny, is the well designed two acre garden belonging to Mollie and Rob Cock, who began planting many of their trees in 1981 and moved into their newly built home in 1991. That early planting has provided the wonderful canopy that gives their garden such character.

In fact, Ashridge Park could be called the garden of plenty, as the orchard contains many citrus, as well as macadamias, pecan, tropical stonefruit, nashi pears, persimmons, figs and much more. Then they have some 110 Camellias, over a 100 roses, a lovely walkable rainforest, and a well developed conifer bed.

Many delightful deciduous trees are blossoming and displaying new spring foliage, while pretty annuals such as Larkspurs, Aquilegias and Dianthus, a large collection of Alstroemerias and a bed of everyone's favourite Montville rose are in full flower.

There'll be plants for sale including Virgatus, a display of china painting, and the Uniting Church of Maleny will provide lunches and teas.

A little further out on the same side of Maleny is "Rosaceae" at Lot 1, The Retreat, 255 (formerly 54) Witta Road, Maleny. This one acre garden belongs to Rhonda and Steve Budden, and it really is a rose lover's paradise.

Visitors will be amazed at the growth they have achieved in only two and a half years, and the colour throughout is delightful. Their love of roses can be seen in many

different settings, with their extensive collection numbering in excess of 150, including old fashioned, tea, china and noisettes — several growing over pillars and arches.

Rhonda grafts her own roses, and has some beauties she calls "flowering machines" due to their non-stop flowering ability. Ask her to show you where they are.

The beds of perennials and roses make a lovely display, and the rambling paths make this a pleasure to view.

Visitors are asked to please note that the number of these two properties differs from the Open Garden Book due to council changes. However, they are clearly marked.

The third garden next weekend is "Oakwood" at Kandanga Creek Road, Kandanga. This one is another not-to-be missed beauty, open between 10.30am and 5pm daily.

"Oakwood" belongs to Elaine and Ian Hart and the one acre garden is part of their much larger property, where their large herds of deer can be seen as you drive along.

The extensive country garden nestles in a valley with magnificent views, and spacious lawns containing beds of shrubs and perennials. Why not take a day and enjoy this lovely property where you can wander around with friends, enjoy morning and afternoon teas, view the working dog demonstration with sheep and cattle, and look forward to a delicious venison lunch.

Proceeds from the weekend will benefit Gympie Rotary.

With a bit of good planning you could make this a gardening weekend to remember.

TOP LEFT: What about this pretty Dianthus.

SECOND FROM TOP: A delightful pink rose still has the dewdrops on it.

SECOND FROM BOTTOM: A magnificent Iris stand tall besides the colourful Achilleas in the Budden garden.

BOTTOM LEFT: A perfect setting for this peaceful dove birdbath in the Cock Garden.



Delphiniums make a stunning display.



Hart's Oakwood

Our Open Garden

We have an open Garden, that is
visited every day

It's open to the Koalas, who like to
have their way

It's open to the Possums, that come
and feast at night

It's open to the Flying Fox, that eat
everything in sight

It's open to the Lorikeets, that eat the
ripening fruit

It's open to the Echidnas, and to the
bandicoot

It's open to the Spiders, that spread their
jewelled web

It's open to the Kookaburra, who often looks
to be fed

It's open to the Dandelions, and to every
^{unusual} ~~toxic~~ weed

It's open to the Poppies, that spread their
tiny seed

It's open to the red back, that can make
us very sick

It's open to the Juggi, aphid, mite and
tick.

It's open to the Scrub Turkey - of major
disrepute

It's open to our Wagpie - he really is
a beaut