

Open 2008 Garden Scheme



Northern Territory



Mahoney's Retreat



Two large traveller's palms at the driveway entrance welcome visitors to this established urban rainforest on a gently sloping block. Meander along winding pathways under shady trees, past colourful beds of bromeliads and cordylines. Situated next to Ludmilla Creek, the garden extends to the park beyond, where orange footed scrub fowl rule!

17 Porter Street, Ludmilla, Darwin. Telstra Map 26 G-12. Turn into Hudson Fysh Ave from Ross Smith Ave or Bagot Rd, look for signs.

OPEN 20 & 21 SEPTEMBER 10am – 4.30pm \$5 admission

Maya's Garden



Our final 2008 garden is a popular repeat from last year. Influenced by the owners' visits to SE Asia, the large suburban garden allows visitors to wander and admire tropical planting designed for contrast, alignment, height and colour, with pots and statues giving added interest. Creatively placed bromeliads are a highlight, and vincas and impatiens flower in shaded areas. 'Maya' was the owners' late miniature schnauzer.

11 Marchant Court, Malak, Darwin.

Telstra Map 19 B-11. From Vanderlin Drv turn into Mueller Rd, then into Dalwood Cr and follow signs.

OPEN 4 & 5 OCTOBER 10am – 4.30pm \$5 admission



Food and Shelter



Shady suburban garden under canopy of palms and fruit trees including mango, mangosteen, sapodilla, lime, jackfruit, guava, avocado and banana. Secluded corners of heliconias, gingers, bromeliads and orchids, with crotons, hibiscus and frangipanis adding flowering colour. Unique multiple 'permi-composting' method and onsite mulching. Music, displays of owner's paintings and solar fruit drying.

5 Undoolya Street, Tiwi, Darwin.

Telstra Map 7 G-15. At beach end of Trower Rd turn right into Rocklands Rd, right Undoolya St and look for signs.

OPEN 30 & 31 AUGUST 10am – 4.30pm \$5 admission

Our Selection

A large and lush garden with pebbled tracks and a boardwalk linking garden areas. The many points of interest are marked with unique timber signs made by the owner. Fish pond, rocks, waterfall, orchard area, and a 'secret room' under a raintree canopy. Understorey plantings of gingers, orchids and bromeliads.



4 Ferntree Street, Nightcliff, Darwin. Telstra Map 16 H-9. From Nightcliff Rd (just past roundabout with Progress Drv), turn left into Ferntree St and look for signs.

OPEN 6 & 7 SEPTEMBER 10am – 4.30pm \$5 admission



Gardening for Seniors

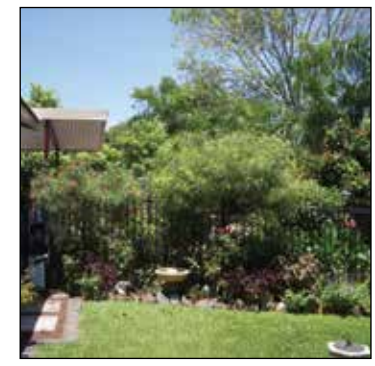


Kurringal Court is a Territory Housing-owned complex for seniors. Each unit has a spacious side and rear courtyard, and the common areas provide a peaceful setting for the units. Several individual courtyards feature natives, tropical exotics, roses and flourishing vegetable and herbs. Teas, produce and craft items will be available from the community meeting room.

A survey conducted by the Council on the Ageing (NT) shows that gardening is one of the most popular activities for our Territory seniors, and this Open Garden weekend will be held as part of NT Seniors Month.



Information about seniors' facilities in the Northern Territory and advice and hints on gardening for seniors will also be available at the weekend.



Kurringal Court, Fannie Bay, Darwin. Telstra Map 26 B-9. From Ross Smith Ave turn into Philip St, right into Waratah Cres and look for signs.

OPEN 23 & 24 AUGUST 10am – 4.30pm \$5 admission (discount for NT Seniors card holders)



Courtyard on Palm



Big ideas for small spaces. The busy owner of this Darwin courtyard has developed a private tropical retreat for her time at home. Palms, shrubs and trees shelter colourful plants. Themed garden beds with French, English, Balinese, Mexican and American influences offer a whirlwind journey around the world. Two courtyard areas provide for relaxation and contemplation.

Unit 1, 4 Palm Street, Nightcliff, Darwin. Telstra Map 16 D-8. Turn right off Casuarina Drv at junction with Banksia St

and look for signs.

OPEN 26 & 27 JULY 10am – 4.30pm \$4 admission

Wicking's Territory

The garden of Darwin-based cartoonist Colin Wicking and his wife provides the backdrop for their renovated house and his spacious studio. This opening celebrates Wicking's 20 years of cartooning – and 20 years in this garden. A spacious elevated deck looks down on a custom designed Indonesian mosaic circle and paved under tree area. Whimsical ceramic and pottery items both local and imported add a quirky note, and a garden shed gives a punch of primary colour.



11 Mills Street, Millner, Darwin. Telstra Map 17 A-11. From Vanderlin Drv turn into Sabine Rd, then into Mills St opposite primary school.

OPEN 16 & 17 AUGUST 10am – 4.30pm \$5 admission

ADELAIDE RIVER

Adelaide River School



Adelaide River Primary School is in a secluded setting opposite the river reserve. Its parklike grounds feature spreading shade trees, palms and cool swathes of grass, with developing rainforest patches. Colour comes from hibiscus, acalyphas and crotons. The grounds also encompass the community library.

After your garden visit, enjoy the many facets of the historic township of Adelaide River. Down the road from the school is the tranquil War Cemetery containing graves of those who died in military activities in the Top End in WW2. The Railway Museum has a fascinating display of railway memorabilia (and enjoy a Devonshire tea as well), and the Adelaide River Show is also on this weekend, with rodeo and gymkhana events. The Adelaide River craft markets are held on Saturday morning.

Memorial Terrace, Adelaide River. Turn into Adelaide River township from the Stuart Hwy 120km south of Darwin and look for Open Garden Scheme signs.

OPEN 7 & 8 JUNE 10am – 4.30pm \$5 admission

KATHERINE

Dom's Garden

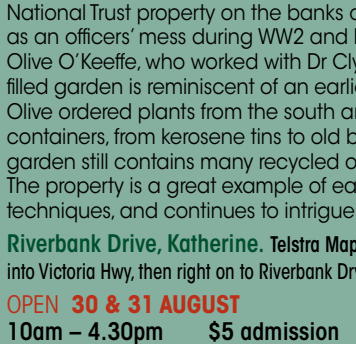


Idyllic rural retreat offers gentle walks between beds packed with roses, frangipanis, palms, muscaendas and many other subtropical flowering and foliage plants, all sheltering under thriving native and exotic trees. Grasses and colourful perennials provide extra interest. Delightful shaded areas to sit and enjoy the garden, a cup of tea or lunch.

Lot 4883, Mahony Road, Katherine. Drive 5.5km north of Katherine on Stuart Hwy, look for signs.

OPEN 26 & 27 JULY 10am – 4.30pm \$5 admission

O'Keeffe House



National Trust property on the banks of the Katherine River, built as an officers' mess during WW2 and later occupied by Sister Olive O'Keeffe, who worked with Dr Clyde Fenton. The character-filled garden is reminiscent of an earlier era of gardening, when Olive ordered plants from the south and utilised any suitable containers, from kerosene tins to old bed pans, as pots. The garden still contains many recycled objects used innovatively. The property is a great example of early 'make-do' building techniques, and continues to intrigue visitors.

Riverbank Drive, Katherine. Telstra Map 109 C-13 From Main St, turn into Victoria Hwy, then right on to Riverbank Drv. Turn right and look for signs.

OPEN 30 & 31 AUGUST 10am – 4.30pm \$5 admission

Northern Territory 2008 Season

Date	Garden	Location
MARCH	15 & 16	Gondwana
	29 & 30	Marilyn's Garden
APRIL	12 & 13	Teresa's Tranquil Garden
	26 & 27	Productive Gardening
MAY	10 & 11	On the Lagoon
	24 & 25	Pauling Garden Revisited
JUNE	7 & 8	Adelaide River School
	14 & 15	Melaleuca Homestead
	21 & 22	Retired
JULY	28 & 29	Dawn's Garden
	12 & 13	Ming's Kingdom
AUGUST	19 & 20	Nature's Way
	26 & 27	Courtyard on Palm Dom's Garden
SEPTEMBER	16 & 17	Wicking's Territory
	23 & 24	Gardening for Seniors
OCTOBER	30 & 31	Food and Shelter O'Keefe House
	6 & 7	Our Selection
	20 & 21	Mahoney's Retreat
	4 & 5	Maya's Garden

Australia's Open Garden Scheme is a not for profit organisation founded in 1987. Its mission is to promote the knowledge and pleasure of gardens and gardening across Australia by opening inspiring gardens to the public. Each year the Scheme opens around 650 private gardens across every geographical region. The first Northern Territory gardens opened in 2000, and this year gardens will open in Darwin, Palmerston, the rural area, Adelaide River and Katherine.

The Open Garden Scheme is totally self-funding, with entry fees divided as follows: 35% of the gate fee is returned to the garden owner or to a charity of their choice; 65% covers the Scheme's operating costs, with surplus funds returned to the community via our Community Grants program. To date, more than \$870,000 has been given to community projects across Australia.

Charities and local causes have benefited to the tune of more than \$4 million thanks to the generosity of garden owners donating their gate share and proceeds from refreshment sales and stalls. (Last year, Northern Territory garden owners donated more than \$20,000 to charity from their openings.)

Australia's Open Garden Scheme is supported by ABC Radio.

Visit our website - www.opengarden.org.au - to find out about gardens open across Australia. For local information, including updates on Northern Territory gardens, call the NT Co-ordinator -

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DARWIN and LITCHFIELD SHIRE

Gondwana

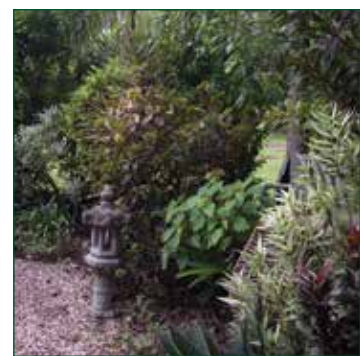
A wet season opening for the popular Gondwana showcases Top End plants combined with exotics in a water-efficient garden, packed with interesting plants, including many cycads. The garden owner, Dale Dixon, is in charge of the NT Herbarium and will give regular informative talks during the weekend. Visitors can bring plants for identification. The Top End Native Plant Society will be on hand to provide local plants and advice.



12 Triller Court, Bakewell, Palmerston. Telstra Map 52 G-10. From Chung Wah Tee turn into Buscall Ave, then Shearwater Drv and follow signs.

OPEN 15 & 16 MARCH 10am - 4.30pm \$5 admission

Marilyn's Garden



Tucked away behind a belt of monsoon vine forest is a private rural haven full of flourishing plants. An acre of garden linked by gentle walks gives way to a seasonal billabong at the rear of the block. Stroll beside beds of colourful flower and foliage plants, including tall cannas, fragrant ylang ylang trees, a tamarind tree and massed lilies and bromeliads.

294 Trippe Road, Humpty Doo. Turn into Arnhem Hwy from Stuart Hwy, then travel 10km to Trippe Rd on the right. Follow the signs.

OPEN 29 & 30 MARCH 10am - 4.30pm \$5 admission

Teresa's Tranquil Garden

A compact villa block garden brims with plants, providing privacy and a haven for birdlife. The front garden has a secluded sitting area surrounded by massed cottage style planting, a sunny side garden features thriving vegetable and herb pots, and the back garden has a spa that looks out over a creek reserve. Less than three years old, but already a lush oasis.



4 Latram Court, Palmerston. Telstra Map 61 A-11. From Chung Wah Tee turn into Lakeview Bvd, then Rose St, and look for signs.

OPEN 12 & 13 APRIL 10am - 4.30pm \$4 admission

Productive Gardening

Just in time to get those dry season crops planted, this weekend offers an opportunity to learn productive gardening techniques from the experts. The Tropical Horticulture Group at Charles Darwin University is hosting half day talks and workshops on vegetables, herbs and fruit for the Top End. Sessions start at 9am and 1.30pm on both days. Topics will include soil preparation, best varieties, fertilising, pests and diseases. Check out permaculture and aquaponics techniques, ask those tough gardening questions, discover different herbs for our climate.



Then enjoy a wander round the campus grounds, and be sure to make time to visit the wonderful Chinese Garden. Call 8932 9922 for more information on the program for the weekend.



CDU Campus, Ellengowan Drv, Casuarina. Telstra Map 17 F-3. Look for signs.
OPEN 26 & 27 APRIL 9am - 4.30pm \$6 admission

On the Lagoon



Gracious rural garden looking over picturesque McMinns Lagoon. An avenue of native cyprus pines (*Callitris intratropica*) leads past paddocks that are home to Haflinger horses. Stands of *Ficus virens* give way to expansive lawns and gardens. Lush foliage and flowers, including bromeliads and roses, surround the house.

64 McMinns Drive, McMinns Lagoon. Telstra Map 66 H-9. Turn into Girraween Rd from Stuart Hwy

after Coolalinga shops, into McMinns Drv 2.5km on the right, follow signs.

OPEN 10 & 11 MAY 10am - 4.30pm \$5 admission

Pauling Garden Revisited

After popular openings a few years ago, the Pauling Garden is being revisited after a major transformation necessitated by the removal of some large trees. The tropical jungle feel and Bali-Hindu influence remain in the front courtyard with its trickling fountain and the back garden with pottery studio and pool. Tom's current role as NT Administrator means that the couple's formal residence is at Government House, and their private house and garden at Philip Street is occupied by family members.



32 Philip Street, Fannie Bay, Darwin. Telstra Map 26 A-8. From Dick Ward Drv turn into Philip St, follow signs.

OPEN 24 & 25 MAY 10am - 4.30pm \$5 admission

Melaleuca Homestead



Delightful rural haven with many features of interest including a large lily pond with arched bridge and a rainforest gazebo designed for contemplation, entered through a curlicued gateway. Comfortable paved paths lead visitors through the gardens, and two secluded cottages provide guest accommodation looking out across the pond. Unusual statues, objects and ornaments.

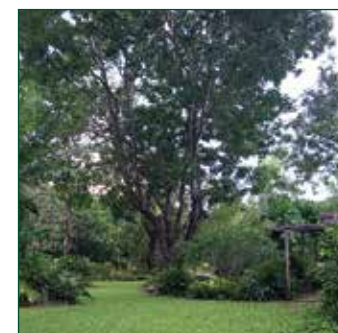
163 Melaleuca Road, Howard Springs. Telstra Map 62 F-10. Turn into

Howard Springs Rd from Stuart Hwy, veer right into Gunn Point Rd, then into Melaleuca Rd on the right, look for signs.

OPEN 14 & 15 JUNE 10am - 4.30pm \$5 admission

Retired

Expansive rural garden with a cool and refreshing feel, the perfect retreat for a retired couple. Vista through to a billabong with water fowl, innovative and humorous use of recycled materials, and large bird aviaries. A thriving mix of native and exotic planting frames lush lawns, and sheltered corners abound. Lotus, sandpaper vine, callistemons, and a variety of fruit trees.



50 McIntyre Road, Howard Springs. Telstra Map 66 B-1. Turn into Girraween Rd from Stuart Hwy after Coolalinga, take Mahaffey Rd on the left, then right at end into McIntyre Rd, look for signs.

OPEN 21 & 22 JUNE 10am - 4.30pm \$5 admission

Dawn's Garden

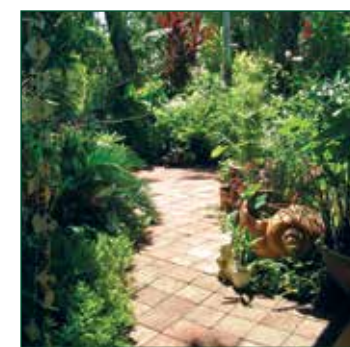
This beautifully maintained suburban garden has been a focus of admiration from those passing by for many years. Swags of yellow allamanda on the front fence draw the eye, and brilliant bougainvilleas, clipped hedges, desert roses of many shades, *Euphorbia millii*, orchids, succulents and bromeliads fill every corner of the garden. Waterlilies flower in a small pond.



18 Gsell Street, Wanguri, Darwin. Telstra Map 18 B-4. Gsell St runs between Vanderlin Drv and Henbury Ave, parallel to Trower Rd. Garden is opposite Casuarina Pool.

OPEN 28 & 29 JUNE 10am - 4.30pm \$5 admission

Ming's Kingdom



A very special and secluded garden, full of interesting plants and unusual decorative items. Paved paths wind past fascinating corners and plant groupings. Look up, look down - there's lots to see in this delightful space. A feature is a secure run and outdoor cage for the family cats. Owner Mike Foley is a well-known local jazz musician and there will be live music on the weekend, along with demonstrations of glass bead making.

46 Witherden Street, Nakara, Darwin. Telstra Map 17 J-4. From Dripstone Rd turn into Goodman St, right into Kilfoyle St, and look for signs.

OPEN 12 & 13 JULY 10am - 4.30pm \$5 admission

Nature's Way

Outstanding rural garden with Asian influences, features exotic statues and ceramic items from the owners' world travels. Orchids, bromeliads and palms provide great tropical ambience. Bougainvilleas are at their best and add vibrant colour, along with other flowering plants. Excellent hanging baskets.



3 Edelsten Road, Howard Springs. Telstra Map 66 A-3. Turn into Girraween Rd from the Stuart Hwy after Coolalinga shops, then left into Edelsten Rd, look for signs.

OPEN 19 & 20 JULY 10am - 4.30pm \$5 admission