

INDAH

OPEN 21 & 22 JULY

\$6 admission



Fabulous young garden with Balinese influences complements the award-winning 2011 HIA Home of the Year with its stunning lakeside setting. From the welcoming garden around the entrance portico follow a side path past an outdoor bathroom and arrive in the back garden, where a spacious deck looks out over the water to the golf course opposite. Frangipanis, gingers, cordylines and a wide range of tropical plants share the garden with papawps, bananas and rosellas.

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47 Don Circuit, Durack. LD Map 20-D7. From Woodlake Blvd turn into Majestic Drv, go right at the T intersection and continue to the roundabout, turn left onto The Parade, at the end turn right on to Don Crct.

DAWN'S GARDEN

OPEN 28 & 29 JULY

\$6 admission



Beautifully maintained suburban garden absolutely packed with colourful flowering tropical plants. Desert roses (Adeniums) are a special feature, along with orchids, succulents, bromeliads and begonias. From footpath to back fence, this fascinating garden demonstrates the owner's wide expertise and knowledge. A splendid range of plants for tropical regions.

18 Gsell Street, Wanguri. LD Map 7-D2. Gsell St runs between Vandertin Drv and Henbury Ave, parallel to Trower Rd. Garden is opposite Casuarina Pool carpark.



We are committed to the gardeners of the future: Children under 18 are admitted free to all our Open Gardens.

THE ARTIST'S RETREAT

OPEN 4 & 5 AUGUST

\$6 admission



Artworks and sculptures sit happily in the garden of Top End artist Jasmine Jan, which encompasses a large lagoon, bushland walks and tropical exotic plantings surrounding the house. A studio retreat overlooks the lagoon and provides a perfect place for inspiration and creativity to blossom. Works by Jasmine and glass artist Andrea McKey

will be on display, and visitors can stroll meandering bushland tracks designed for easy access, with named native plants.

75 Herring Road, Lambells Lagoon. LD Map 28-F8. From the Stuart Hwy turn on to the Arnhem Hwy, drive 12km, right into Buckley Rd, left into Herring Rd and look for signs.

FANNIE BAY SENIORS VILLAGE

OPEN 11 & 12 AUGUST

\$6 admission



Fannie Bay Seniors Village 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) showed that gardening is one of the most popular activities for our Territory seniors, and this Open Garden weekend will be held during NT Seniors Month.

Kurringal Court, Fannie Bay, Darwin. LD Map 10-A5. From Ross Smith Ave and Dick Ward Drv turn into Philip St, right into Waratah Crs and look for signs.



CARR HOUSE GARDENS

OPEN 18 & 19 AUGUST

\$6 admission



An original Troppo-designed house in the secluded precinct beside the harbour at Coconut Grove. Pathways wind through the tropical rainforest-themed garden. Flowering gingers and heliconias are vibrant features of the

abundant planting, along with many plants and herbs used for cooking. The garden backs on to a tidal creek, with a stone slab seat for relaxation. Sometimes the owners can throw in a line from their own backyard!

19 Martin Crescent, Coconut Grove. LD Map 6-B8. From Dick Ward Drv, turn into Ostermann St, then left into Martin Crs.

RENE'S GARDEN

OPEN 25 & 26 AUGUST

\$6 admission



Suburban garden tucked in close to the Nightcliff foreshore. Plants, pots, paving and paths combine to make the back garden a secluded retreat, while the front garden has views out to the Beagle Gulf. Decorative elements show the gardener's diligence and keen eye when visiting neighbourhood lawn sales. Very well-designed and well-grown garden.

6 Aralia Street, Nightcliff. LD Map 6-A5. Aralia St runs from Casuarina Drv at the Rapid Creek end through to the waterfront at the Nightcliff end. This garden is at the Nightcliff end.

A COUNTRY COTTAGE

OPEN 8 & 9 SEPTEMBER

\$6 admission



Eye-catching displays of colourful flowers, many of them unusual in the Top End environment, reflect this gardener's desire for a traditional cottage effect. Flowers range from deep red flowering passionfruit to plate-sized hibiscus and freely-blooming roses. Inspirational garden showing what can be achieved growing flowers suited to tropical conditions.

1A Donnington Place, Howard Springs. LD Map 24-C7. From Darwin, follow Stuart Hwy past Howard Springs Rd turnoff. Turn right into Fellows Rd opp. car sales area, follow signs.

THE GARDEN OF SUSTAINABILITY

OPEN 15 & 16 SEPTEMBER

\$6 admission



Weekend event centred around the productive community garden space at Sanderson Middle School. This garden is based on permaculture principles, with produce from the garden used by the Home Ec. classes, and scraps and other recyclables returned to the garden for compost. Features of the weekend will be permaculture and other information sessions, plant and seed sales, recycled garden art display, student art, decorative pavers and a cook book created by students. Sanderson Middle School also has a number of asylum seeker students attending classes while visa applications are processed, and parents of these students will be preparing recipes and dishes for sale during the weekend.

60 Matthews Road, Wulagi. LD Map 8-A6. Follow Matthews Rd from McMillans Rd and look for signs.

RIVENDELL GARDENS

OPEN 22 & 23 SEPTEMBER

\$6 admission



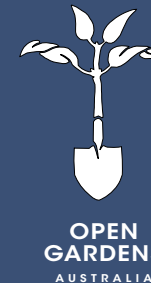
A magical garden with a large 25-year old oasis rainforest, complete with a majestic banyan (*Ficus virens*) and many exotic palms and cycads, sits in the centre of a manicured flower and mangosteen hobby farm. A wide variety of heliconias and gingers, along with many fruit trees, offers plenty of space for visiting children to explore. Two water features add to the

ambience and create a welcome place to sit and relax.

75 Pioneer Drive, Girraween. LD Map 27-E3. From Girraween Rd turn right into Power Rd, then left into Pioneer Drv and look for signs.



Do you know of a garden that could be part of the Open Gardens program? Contact nt@opengarden.org.au for information.



2012 Open Gardens



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Northern Territory 2012 Season

	Date	Garden	Location
APRIL	21 & 22	Wallaby Walkabout	Holtze
MAY	5 & 6	Tropiculture Weekend	Bees Creek
	13	Batchelor Pad	Batchelor
	19 & 20	A Garden in the Bush	Virginia
JUNE	26 & 27	Barramirri	Howard Springs
	9 & 10	Heather's Haven Cook's Corner	Gunn
	16 & 17	Nesu Gardens	Virginia
JULY	22 & 23	Brunette Downs Homestead	Barkly
	8	The Snake Beaners	The Gardens
	14 & 15	The Kernich Garden	Alawa
	21 & 22	Indah	Durack
	28 & 29	Dawn's Garden	Wanguri
AUGUST	4 & 5	The Artist's Retreat	Lambells Lagoon
	11 & 12	Fannie Bay Seniors Village	Fannie Bay
	18 & 19	Carr House Gardens	Coconut Grove
SEPTEMBER	25 & 26	Rene's Garden	Nightcliff
	8 & 9	A Country Cottage Garden	Howard Springs
	15 & 16	The Garden of Sustainability	Wulagi
	22 & 23	Rivendell Gardens	Girraween

Open Gardens Australia is a not-for-profit organisation that opens private gardens and organises garden-themed events for public enjoyment around the country.

Each year we open around 600 private gardens across every geographical region. The first Northern Territory gardens opened in 2000, and since then more than 200 Territory gardens have opened their gates to visitors.

Open Gardens Australia 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 and 65% covers the scheme's operating costs, with surplus funds returned to the community via our Community Grants program. To date, more than \$1.1 million has been given to around 475 community projects across Australia under this program.

Charities have also benefited to the tune of more than \$4.7 million thanks to the generosity of garden owners donating their gate share and proceeds from refreshment sales and stalls. Last year, NT garden owners donated more than \$26,000 to charity from their openings.

Open Gardens Australia is supported by ABC Radio.

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

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Opening for the first time Wheelchair accessible Strollers OK Teas

Food Toilets Plants for sale Water caution

WALLABY WALKABOUT

OPEN **21 & 22 APRIL**

\$6 admission

Two separate and distinctly different gardens are part of a large rural family enclave on the outskirts of Darwin. A colourful tropical garden surrounds a low-set home and a private rainforest sets off a classic pre-war Burnett house relocated from Myilly Point. Ducks, geese, chooks, goats and damara sheep all enjoy their rural lifestyle at Wallaby Walkabout, and young visitors will be able to pat and feed the sheep and goats.



Wallaby Holtze Road, Holtze. LD Map 21-D6. Wallaby Holtze Rd runs off Tulagi Rd behind Finlays Landscaping. Look for signs.



BATCHELOR PAD

OPEN **SUNDAY 13 MAY**

\$6 admission



right into Batchelor Rd, continue 11km, right into Awilla Rd, left into Nurmdina St, right into Pinaroo Crs and look for signs.

A half acre garden surrounds an award-winning open plan house. A large fishpond welcomes visitors to the front entrance and a spacious rear deck provides a seamless link between house and garden. Local native plants blend with tropical fruit trees, bamboos and gingers screen winding gravelled paths and a pergola invites a stroll out to the side garden. The house has won several NT Architecture Awards. This Mother's Day opening coincides with the Batchelor Markets. A great day out.

33 Mardango Crescent, Batchelor. From Coolalinga drive south on the Stuart Hwy 50km, right into Batchelor Rd, continue 11km, right into Awilla Rd, left into Nurmdina St, right into Pinaroo Crs and look for signs.



A GARDEN IN THE BUSH

OPEN **19 & 20 MAY**

\$6 admission



An iconic Troppo-designed house is the surprise in the heart of this rambling rural garden. Explore native plant tracks, a billabong with lilies and a floating pontoon walk, and a deep shaded verandah overlooking the water. Recycled items add interest and there are relaxing bush views from terraces and gazebos. The garden is a haven for native animals, with delicate or tempting plants fenced

as protection from the many wallabies that enjoy its safety.

60 Florenz Court, Virginia. LD Map 26-E2. From the Stuart Hwy turn into Virginia Rd, look for Florenz Cr 3km on the left.



SPECIAL EVENT

TROPICULTURE WEEKEND

OPEN **5 & 6 MAY**

\$10 admission



This long-established Top End nursery and orchard specialises in all aspects of tropical fruit tree and food plant cultivation. It produces hundreds of fruit varieties including citrus, mangos, figs, avocados, bananas, bamboos, guavas and rambutans, and has developed a number of

cultivars, fertilisers and production methods. Vegetable and herb plants and seedlings suitable for local conditions are also produced.

Demonstrations by knowledgeable guests over the weekend include Cooking with Local Produce, Vegetable Planting, Grafting, Propagation, Orchard Tours, Fertilising and General Gardening Advice. For program details call 8932 9922.

110 Horne Road, Bees Creek. LD Map 27-A6. From Darwin, turn right into Bees Creek Rd at Freds Pass Reserve, drive 6.5km to Horne Rd on the right and look for signs.



Two Great Gardens in Gunn

OPEN **9 & 10 JUNE**

\$6 admission each (\$10 for both)

Neighbouring and complementary gardens, one featuring exotics, the other natives, share an outlook onto a large grassy park which will be the location for refreshments during the weekend.

No 2 & No 5 Gager Way, Gunn. LD Map 23-C2. From Chung Wah Tce turn into Lakeview Blvd, then right into Bryant Tce and left into Gager Way.

HEATHER'S HAVEN



This garden spills out on to the nature strip and the park with massed plantings of flowering and foliage shrubs, perennials and ground covers. Under the elevated house, shade-loving plants - ferns, begonias, spathiphyllums and many more - thrive in beds and baskets, and provide a tropical view for the owners' very special cats in their comfortable cages.



COOKS' CORNER



This garden is dedicated to native plants from around the Top End, many of which are rare or little known. The garden is adjacent to the Palmerston escarpment reserve, and its owner has been involved with maintaining the area and keeping it weed free for many years. Guided walks will be conducted throughout the weekend.



NESU GARDENS

OPEN **16 & 17 JUNE**

\$6 admission



Park-like rural garden slopes gently down to the wet season creek bounding it on two sides. Mature spreading trees shelter beds of understory plants including bromeliads, caladiums, ferns, birdsnests and anthuriums. The owners are orchid enthusiasts and these brilliant tropical plants are everywhere in this garden - in shadehouses, on trees and racks, and in pots.

70 Hinton Road, Virginia. LD Map 24-D9. Turn off Stuart Hwy into Virginia Rd, then first right into Hinton Rd.

All gardens are open from 10am to 4.30pm except Brunette Downs Homestead (see above).



BRUNETTE DOWNS HOMESTEAD

OPEN **Fri 22 & Sat 23 JUNE**

\$5 admission

Note: Fri 22 - 9am-12 noon, Sat 23 - 9am-11am **ONLY**



The homestead garden of the 1.2 million hectare Brunette Downs cattle station is a lush and welcoming oasis in the heart of the Barkly Tableland cattle country. Cool lawns wind under large sheltering trees, with duranta hedges, colourful bougainvillea, hibiscus, daylilies and cannas. Opening as part of the annual Brunette Downs Race meeting.

Tablelands Highway, Barkly Tableland, 350km NE of Tennant Creek. From Barkly Hwy, turn north onto Tablelands Hwy at Barkly Homestead (follow signs to Borroloola), drive 130km, look for signed turn-off to right. From Hi-Way Inn at Daly Waters, turn east onto Carpentaria Hwy (follow signs to Borroloola), 270km to Cape Crawford, turn right onto Tableland Hwy. Drive approx. 260km, watch for signed turn-off to the right.

THE SNAKE BEANERS

OPEN **SUNDAY 8 JULY**

\$6 admission



The George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens is home to the 'Snake Bean Gardeners', who look after a small number of chickens and grow an abundance of organic vegetables, herbs, fruit trees and companion plants using the principles of permaculture. The gardeners will be on hand during the day to talk about their gardens, crops and planting methods. Tasty home-baked treats and ready to grow seedlings will be available.

George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens. LD Map 16-F1. Approach from Geranium St entrance off the Stuart Hwy and look for signs.



THE KERNICH GARDEN

OPEN **14 & 15 JULY**

\$6 admission



This garden, situated on a busy suburban corner, demonstrates how clever planting, boundary fencing and soothing water features combine to create a tranquil space for family enjoyment. The front garden features a pair of stylish ponds, a great entertaining area and an old aviary cleverly converted into a Bali-style pavilion, while the back garden is home to a worm

farm, vegetables, herbs and fruit trees.
2 Lakeside Drive, Alawa. LD Map 7-A4. On the corner of Trower Rd and Lakeside Dr, and park on Lakeside where signed.

