

Northern Territory 2014 Season

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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 500 private gardens across every geographical region in Australia. The first Northern Territory gardens opened in 2000, and since then more than 230 Territory gardens have opened their gates to visitors.

Open Gardens Australia is totally self-funding, with entry fees divided between OGA to cover its operating costs, and the garden owners or a charity of their choice. Surplus funds are returned to the community via our Grants Program. To date, more than \$1.1 million has been given to around 500 community projects across Australia under this program.

Charities have also benefited to the tune of more than \$5 million thanks to the generosity of garden owners donating their gate share and proceeds from refreshment sales and stalls. Last year, Territory garden owners donated over \$15,000 to charity from their openings.

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Cover: *Aralia Gardens, opening in Nightcliff on 7 & 8 June.*

Map references: LD – Local Directories 2013/2014 edition.

JULIE'S GARDEN

OPEN 5 & 6 APRIL

\$7 admission



This delightful rainforest garden is just a few kilometres from the Darwin CBD. The back garden sits under a canopy of black wattles and features winding paths through luscious groves of towering alpinias and beds of bromeliads and gingers. The poolside garden features raphis palms, crotons, giant philodendron, cycads, and more bromeliads and gingers. The adjacent Ludmilla Creek zone adds further interest and seclusion to this delightful retreat. A wonderful start to our 2014 Open Gardens season.

17 Porter Street, Ludmilla. LD Map 10-C6. Porter St comes off Hudson Fysh Ave, which runs between Bagot Rd and Ross Smith Ave. Look for OGA signs.

PAWL'S RETREAT

OPEN 12 & 13 APRIL

\$7 admission

A welcoming, sheltering, cool and secluded rural garden, with a theme of regeneration. The owner has focused on revegetation with native bushland species, along with productive plants. This Land for Wildlife garden creates a safe haven for birds, bandicoots, possums and insects. Large shaded verandahs give an intimate view of the garden surrounds.



45 Sittella Road, Howard Springs. LD Map 25-B4. From the Stuart Hwy turn into Howard Springs Rd, continue to Old Gunn Point Rd, right into Sittella Rd, and follow the OGA signs.

CYCADIA

OPEN 3 & 4 MAY

\$7 admission



Less than three years since their new home was completed, this garden's owners now have the rural haven they had long planned. Natural bushland surrounds the house, merging with large pockets and garden beds filled to the brim with tropical plants and colour. Cordylines, bromeliads, hibiscus, cycads and many lesser-known

plants provide all-round visual interest. The spacious deck offers a perfect outlook, and a large collection of bonsai has its own display space.

78 Bridson Road, Humpty Doo. LD Map 27-C5. From the Stuart Hwy, take first left after Arnhem Hwy into Millar Rd and follow the yellow OGA signs.

THE ARTIST'S RETREAT

OPEN 10 & 11 MAY

\$7 admission



The garden of Top End artist Jasmine Jan encompasses a large billabong, bushland walks and tropical exotic plantings surrounding the house. A studio retreat overlooks the billabong and a range of garden-themed sculptures and artworks by Jasmine and several other local artists will be on display.



Recent additions to the Artist's Retreat include a large shade garden near the billabong with brightly coloured benches and mosaic-topped tables, and an extended veggie and herb garden incorporating 'Cluckingham Palace' for some very happy chickens.

Lots to see in this brilliant garden, plus delightful spots to enjoy some great refreshments. Visitors can stroll meandering bushland walking trails designed for easy access, surrounded by Top End 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 OGA signs.

YOUNG LOVE

OPEN 17 & 18 MAY

\$7 admission



This lush suburban oasis was developed from an older garden, crammed with overgrown palms. The new owners cleared most of the palms, laid new lawns, set out wide contoured garden beds and began a program of intensive planting. Now, just a few years later, the garden attests to the young owners' energy, enthusiasm,

knowledge and hard work. A myriad of tropical shrubs, flowering plants and ground covers have settled happily into the new garden. Bamboos and tiger grass provide dense privacy screens along the busy road frontage, and bromeliads abound, showing off their leaves and flowers throughout the garden.

32 Francis Street, Rapid Creek. LD Map 6-E7. Garden is on the corner of Francis St and Trower Rd, harbour side of Trower Rd. Francis St is first on left after Nightcliff Rd turnoff.

A PALMERSTON PAIR

OPEN 24 & 25 MAY

\$10 admission for 2 gardens



A pair of excellent gardens in neighbouring suburbs, with heaps of inspiration and good ideas. An intriguing array of shrubs, flowers and small trees surrounds the houses, providing year-round interest, colour and delight for the green-fingered owners, their families and visitors.

large rural block, but certainly did not abandon her active gardening traditions and ambitions.

17 Cabman Court, Bakewell. LD Map 23-D3. Cabman Crt comes off Hutchison Tce, which runs between Lambrick Ave and Forrest Pde. Look for yellow OGA signs on Lambrick Ave and Buscall Ave.

LYN'S GARDEN

Tucked away on a leafy street leading to a tranquil lake, this garden on a compact block has areas of lawn, rock mulch, and privacy planting. A lily pond with solar-powered fountain is a focus in one corner, colour comes from impatiens, desert roses, hibiscus, and cordylines, and pawpaws and sugar cane add to the tropical theme.



5 Ashburton Way, Gunn. LD Map 23-D1. Ashburton Way comes off Wingate Circ, which comes off Lakeviev Bvde, which comes off Buscall Ave and Chung Wah Tce. Follow OGA signs.

ARALIA GARDENS

OPEN 7 & 8 JUNE

\$7 admission



This bright and colourful garden features mature cycads, a superb variegated pandanus and iconic Bismarckia palms. The generous block has provided room for large-scale and verdant plantings of frangipanis, crotons, dracaenas, gingers, cordylines, hibiscuses and

bougainvilleas. Lush lawns, a wonderful family pool, and a colourful fish pond with mosaic feature panel complete this striking, stylish – and slightly crazy – garden!

33 Aralia Street, Nightcliff. LD Map 6-A5. This garden is towards the western (Nightcliff) end of Aralia St, which runs parallel to Casuarina Drv.

SI KECIL

OPEN 14 & 15 JUNE

\$5 admission



A courtyard garden filled to the brim with thriving tropical plants – in the ground, in pots and in baskets. Look up! This garden maximises available space with bromeliads attached to mature palms, and a vertical lattice garden with an eclectic mix of potted plants. This delightful garden is enhanced by a sheltered resting corner, fish ponds and a spa. This is a terrific example of how to create a secluded, tropical garden atmosphere in a restricted space.

LITTLEPOND.COM

OPEN 28 & 29 JUNE

\$7 admission

This charming garden maximises the available space, featuring rocks and ornaments, vertical arrangements, paths and corners, and extensive planting, creating an intimate outdoor environment for family and visitors. A large pond in the front garden is packed with water-loving plants, offering a safe habitat for birds and frogs. In the back garden, a handsome lion's head spills water over a rock wall into another pond, adding to the tropical ambience of the garden. The vegetable corner is well worth a visit.



17 Kilfoyle Crescent, Nakara. LD Map 7-C2. Kilfoyle Cres comes off Goodman St, which runs between Nakara Tce and Dripstone Rd.

NESU GARDEN

OPEN 19 & 20 JULY

\$7 admission



Beautiful park-like rural garden slopes gently down to the wet season creek bounding it on two sides. Mature spreading trees shade beds of understorey plants with bromeliads, caladiums, ferns, birdsnest ferns and anthuriums. Orchids abound in this garden – in shadehouses, on trees and racks, and in pots. Recent additions include a bridged extension of the original garden

over the creek, to large-scale orchid planting and native trees. A wonderful garden.

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

Opening for the first time Wheelchair accessible Strollers OK

Teas Food Toilets Plants for sale Water caution

ANTHILL GARDENS

OPEN 26 & 27 JULY

\$10 admission



The Top End's largest private display garden has 10 acres of linked shaded walkways through thousands of lush tropical plants. Numerous garden rooms, each with a different character, and themed collections feature bamboos, bougainvilleas, succulents, desert roses and fragrant plantings.

Visit the extensive edible garden packed with veggies and herbs, a collection of rose bushes and archways laden with vines, including the amazing and beautiful jade vine.



Recent additions include a large pond, and a new garden room of beautiful young salmon gums, while an old car garden, and many vintage and interesting relics, will fire the imagination.

445 Cox Peninsula Road, Berry Springs. LD Map 33-F3. From Darwin, turn onto Cox Peninsula Rd from Stuart Hwy (12 km after Arnhem Hwy turn-off). Garden is 4.5km on left.

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incrEDIBLE WEEKEND

OPEN 2 & 3 AUGUST

\$15 for both days



A brilliant weekend featuring Darwin community gardens and an inspiring productive garden surrounding a tropical home. Find out about the enormous range of wonderful edible plants that can be grown in the Top End, learn from guest speakers, buy new plants and fresh produce, sample some tasty treats - and meet fellow gardeners.

Saturday 2 August (Rapid Creek & Alawa) - 9am start: \$10

Start your incrEdible Weekend with a visit to the inspiring *Aweganic Gardens* at 32 Cummins Street, Rapid Creek, with more than 180 varieties of edible plants. Then head over the road to *The Mulch Pit* at the Uniting Church to see their community patch, and enjoy a meal prepared by an Indonesian community group. From 3pm, visit the *Lakeside Drive Garden* in Alawa to hear talks on permaculture and other productive gardening topics, then stay on for dinner and the solar-powered cinema showing of the brilliant multi-award-winning documentary 'Dirt: The Movie', starting at 7pm. (An insightful film that tells the story of the glorious and unappreciated material beneath our feet.)



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be presented during the day, including creating a productive garden for balcony and courtyard spaces, vertical gardening, compost production, fruit tree pruning, biochar information and wet season soil management.

For full details and more information on the incrEdible Weekend program, talks and activities, contact nt@opengarden.org.au

Sunday 3 August (Jingili) - from 10am: \$7

Day 2 of your incrEdible Weekend takes you on a visit to the *Jingili Community Garden*, the NT's original community garden, which is next to the Jingili Watergardens. Adjacent is the new *City of Darwin Community Orchard*, featuring a wide range of tropical fruit trees. Also in the Jingili precinct is *Jingili Primary School*, which has recently joined the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. A range of talks will

KELLY'S HIDEAWAY

OPEN 9 & 10 AUGUST

\$7 admission



Established gardens shelter this house on all sides, featuring traditional tropical plantings of palms, heliconias and gingers, all growing under spreading shade trees. The owners are orchid fanciers, so these beautiful plants are dotted everywhere around the garden, along with bromeliads, begonias, succulents and many others. Innovative use of recycled objects, along with bargain buys used in special ways.

4 Helio Court, Woodroffe. LD Map 23-A3. From Emery Ave turn into Harrison Circ, then into Gunter Circ, and then into Helio Crt.



SERENDIPITY

OPEN 16 & 17 AUGUST

\$7 admission



This garden is a relaxing and peaceful haven for its owner, a welcome break from her busy working life. A shaded terrace looks out on to a pool area surrounded by selected palms and shrubs, while orchids and bromeliads add to the cool green ambience. A stand of softly rustling black bamboo leads to the back garden, where beds of cycads, a large and fragrant murraya, and a series of raised vegetable beds back on to farmland behind. Serendipitous indeed!

2 Sanford Street, Leanyer LD Map 8-A3. From VRD Drv turn into Rosewood Cres, and look for

Sanford St. VRD Drv runs between Lee Point Rd and Leanyer Drv.

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

OPEN 23 & 24 AUGUST

\$7 admission



Rural garden with a fascinating focus on Top End native plants, along with exotic specimens and tropical fruit trees. Many of the natives are unusual and rarely available, and were grown from seed collected by the owner on frequent trips around the Top End. The rare Burmese 'Queen of Flowering Trees' (*Amherstia nobilis*), with its pendant blooms, could also be in flower during this Open Garden weekend. This garden thrives on tough treatment, minimal water and fertiliser.



6 Barker Road, Howard Springs LD Map 24-F8. Barker Rd runs between Hillier Rd and Smyth Rd. Look for yellow OGA signs.

SIX OF THE BEST

OPEN 30 & 31 AUGUST

\$7 admission for six garden areas



Good gardening neighbours in this block of six Territory Housing units have joined to open their individual garden areas. The units each have a different theme - succulents, classic tropical, productive and everything in between. Each townhouse unit has a rear courtyard and front garden area, along with a side access. The units have a strong tropical design, enhanced by the various garden styles. A classic car display is an added attraction.



3 Moorhen Circuit, Bakewell LD Map 23-C3. Moorhen Circ. comes off Shearwater Drv, which runs between Lambrick Ave and Buscall Ave.



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