

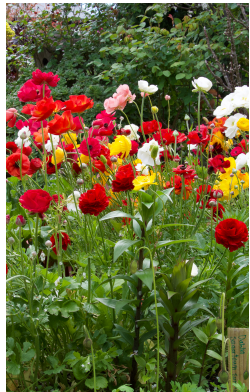
Open Gardens

Mia & Ken's Garden 11 Lakeland Cres, Pt Lonsdale

PLANT & BOOK STALL

Masses of spring colour, hardy natives and exotics, productive plants and whimsical garden art combine to create a quirky garden that will delight any visitor- bird, insect or human.

An indigenous front garden and informal rear garden of bulbs and flowering annuals are



intermingled with succulents and hardy perennials. Creeping Hakea and specimen shrubs are offset by an abundance of colour created by masses of poppies. The result is a drought-tolerant garden Mia describes as 'survival of the fittest', the garden thriving without watering.

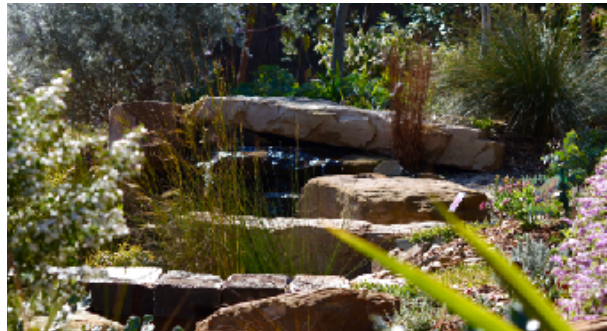
New discoveries are made every turn, with sunken gardens and hidden walk-ways dotted with ornaments and artworks Mia has created.

Productive plants in raised vegetable plots, a cubby house and an enchanting fairy garden are fluently blended into the space. The 'Cooke's Garden Cottage' creates a hub for Mia's creative pursuits and a charming focal point for the entire garden. Lush planting and bold colours, imaginative design and eclectic additions will inspire gardeners to experiment with new plants and new design ideas.

Billabong Garden, 90 Glaneuse Rd Point Lonsdale

LUNCHEES

This large six-year-old garden was landscaped by designer Phillip Johnson. Ongoing curation by owners Neil and Ann Mathison, has developed the garden beautifully since its inclusion in earlier Open Garden days. It features creeks, bridges and a billabong with a gorgeous waterfall. A fire pit, sitting area, and meditation platform are all incorporated into the landscape using large boulders. Meandering pathways lead you through garden beds filled with Australian Native and Indigenous plantings, fruit trees and raised vegetable beds.

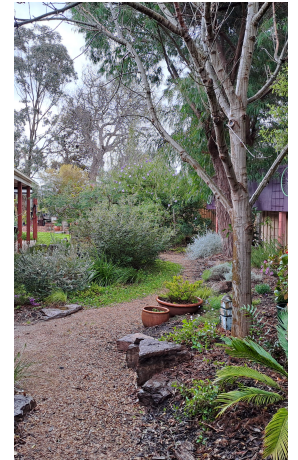


Maddie & Roger's Garden 46 Santa Monica Blvd Pt Lonsdale

DEVONSHIRE TEAS

A beautiful garden sits at the back of Lake Victoria with an open view to pastureland.

Six years in the making, the garden retains existing trees shrubs and stonework, and repurposes found objects. The creatively contoured, mainly native garden features local indigenous plants, exotic species, bush tucker, vegetables, herbs and fruit trees, and is a haven for wildlife, attracting birds for nectar, water and seed as well as pollinators, insects and skinks.



The low-budget garden requires little watering other than produce. Initial challenges were found with alkaline soil and the neighbouring salt marsh. Soil was improved with compost, sulphur and potash and the selection of suitable plant species. Through Roger's extensive experience of working with plants, in his own words, they have 'created an environment rather than a plant collection'. It is their little paradise.