

Open Gardens

**Local Gardening
Enthusiasts
are excited to present
a series of open gardens
for your enjoyment.**

**10am - 5pm
Saturday 22 November**

A special treat is on offer for gardeners and those who enjoy beauty and the outdoors. **Five** diverse and inspiring gardens around Point Lonsdale are open to the public.

Raffle tickets, food, drinks, plants, books, and more! are available to purchase at various gardens.

This event is hosted by
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'Wirilda by the Lake'
592-670 Shell Rd, Point Lonsdale

**BIRD WATCHING & WALKS
HUGELKULTUR TALKS
HOT & COLD DRINKS**

Bordering Lake Victoria, this remarkable property features old growth original Moonah Woodland, understory plants, the rare Coast Wirilda wattle, a Saw-sedge field, coastal saltmarsh containing a variety of succulent herbs and shrubs, and a growing native seed production business. The planting and farm practices are regenerating the landscape and providing habitat for wildlife.

There are closely mown walking tracks and visitors are encouraged to go for a wander. Beside the lake there is a bird hide where one can rest a while. We have about 20 resident bird species, but in the shed a list names 111 different birds that have been spotted above, or on, the farm.

West of the farm shed is a fenced vegetable garden of Hugelkultur construction.. this method creates a self-sustaining garden bed that retains moisture like a sponge.



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Kirks Place
11 Kirk Rd, Point Lonsdale

**RAFFLE PRIZES ON DISPLAY
CUPPAS & SLICES, SIMPLE
LUNCHES, WINE, ART ACTIVITIES,
BOOK STALL, AND MORE!**

A welcoming community garden, established in 2020 and lovingly cared for by local volunteers.

Bursting with colour and creativity, Kirks Place offers veggie beds and fruit trees, flowers, shrubs and peaceful spaces to rest.

Enjoy a cuppa and home-made slice throughout the day. Simple lunches will be served 11.30am - 2.30pm. Join in art activities including painting rocks and contributing to a community artwork.

We are looking forward to a lovely day.. a joyful celebration of nature, creativity and connection.



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Mia & Ken's Garden
11 Lakeland Crt, Point Lonsdale

PLANT STALL

Step into a lush, whimsical garden bursting with creativity and charm. Twisting paths and leafy archways lead to walled and sunken gardens filled with vibrant natives, exotics and edible plants. A true feast for the senses that will delight any visitor- bird, insect or human.

An indigenous front garden and informal rear garden of flowering annuals are intermingled with succulents and hardy perennials. 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 walkways 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.



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A Bush Garden for Wildlife
50-52 Fellows Rd, Point Lonsdale

SWAN BAY ENVIRONMENT ASSOC. PLANT STALL & INFO. COFFEE, TEA & SLICES

The block comprises two homes with a shared indigenous and productive garden. There is no lawn. Instead, there are establishing plantings of local grasses, shrub, trees and wildflowers. A pond was installed 18 months ago and has become a magnet for insects, birds and frogs. The aim is to provide food and shelter for both humans and animals, an engaging endeavour for all concerned.

The **Queenscliffe Indigenous Nursery** will have a small plant stall and visitors can learn about the work of the **Swan Bay Environment Association** and their local *Gardens for Wildlife* programme.



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Suma Park Estate
2121-2155 Bellarine Hwy, Marcus Hill
DEVONSHIRE TEAS



Set amongst vineyards with views across Swan Bay and The Rip, this lovely homestead was built in 1887 by James Wilson. Wilson was the owner and trainer of Briseis, the only horse to win the Victoria Derby, Melbourne Cup and Oaks in the one week – 1876. The Historic Stables, now an events space, are open to wander as part of your garden experience. Expansive green lawns lead out from the Stables and across to the Cottages which are adorned by climbing roses. The Homestead, surrounded by a classic wide wooden veranda overlooking Swan Bay and Port Phillip Bay, is set in a formal garden with clipped hedges, vast lawns and mature trees. Pathways lead to beds filled with flowers, the original mistress's cottage, cricket field and orchard. At the back of the homestead, mass planted Euphorbias frame the Conservatory.

Follow the Echium Candicans (Pride of Madeira) into the Conference Centre where Devonshire Tea will be served (10am-3pm).