

Murray Bridge Garden visit 20th March 2015

Although only a few members of the Strathalbyn Garden Club were able to accept the invitation of the Murray Bridge Social Garden Club to visit some of their gardens it was quite a cavalcade of cars that set out from their club rooms on Friday 20th March.

Members of the Mawson Lakes Garden Club had also accepted the generous invitation.

First stop, which included a very welcome morning tea, was to a compact but very full garden on a sloping site. One feature of the garden was a self sown cherry tomato growing remarkably well between paving bricks in a very inhospitable area.

Next stop was 'Serenity Nursery' where Crystal gave us a potted history of her family and the nursery before we were let loose to browse and buy.

Lunch was eaten at the property of Jan and Ray Hutchinson.

Bought as a windswept bare five acre paddock in 2001, it has been planted out with native and non native trees grown from seed.

Many of the plants in the lush garden around the homestead had been grown from cuttings.

The soil around Murray Bridge is dry and sandy and not conducive to easy gardening while the weather conditions with wind, heat and cold, coupled with a low rainfall are equally discouraging.

Their neighbour, also a member of the Social Garden Club invited members into her colourful garden where roses, diosma, geraniums and gaura made a lush display.

Many visitors were envious of the large covered veranda devoted to succulents and shade loving plants.

Final stop was Kittande, another five acre property where a beautiful garden with many interesting features including an extensive water garden had been created.

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