



However there is much more to be done and with the garden work force reduced to one man, work is slow.

In the early days of the property the garden was required to feed all the workers and their families hence the need for an extensive vegetable garden, orchard and glasshouses to grow out of season items.



Anlaby Station was prosperous, riding high on the profits from the wool trade so the garden also included many ornamental features including a 'folly' which disguised a water tower, a rose garden, maypole and pond as well as various fountains, carriage ways and statues, plus the obligatory tennis court.

Like many wealthy people of the era the Duttons were keen collectors of exotic and rare plants so, the garden is also home to a number of significant trees.



We enjoyed lunch in the vast converted Clydesdale stables which in the past must have housed 20 or more horses, each with their own, named stall.

The time we spent there was all too short but there was the long journey home to consider and with the late afternoon turning cool it was time to board the coach and return to Strathalbyn, via a different route which proved to be no shorter.

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The old eucalypt drive

