

fence has been a labour of love for Margaret Croser as she regenerated the neglected garden around the elegant stone home.

The deep back yard features wide garden beds holding a treasure-trove of colourful and unique plants interspersed with terracotta pots holding yet more unique and colourful plants - mass plantings of salvias and geraniums add to the texture of the garden.

The silvery leaves and mauve flowers of the teucrium in matching pots attracted attention.

Out past the racecourse at Matrice Court the garden is a testament to the value of horse manure as a soil improver and mulch.

Roses, geraniums, salvias, pelargoniums, and callistemon all add colour and texture in the garden beds where lizards of all sizes take refuge and in a sheltered corner camellias thrive.

Out on Old Bull Creek Road at Serenity the afternoon tea was a welcome restorative before tackling the final garden where white lavender was much admired along with the baby lambs and young alpacas.

The vibrant blue flowers of the ceanothus, alive with foraging bees, attracted attention while the recently developed 'western garden' also drew favourable comments.

Many thanks to Jenny Thomas for organising the day and to the garden owners who shared their efforts and cuttings so willingly. We will be looking for four or five different gardens next year - what about volunteering yours?

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*Margaret's Garden*



*Rose's Garden*



*Norma's Garden*

