

Cavalcade of Gardens - January 2019



Penny Fairweather - a mix of old and new, this garden sits on a sloping block - the house is at the top and natives abound.

Old stately gums are being under-planted and when we visited a load of pea straw had been delivered and was being spread as mulch.

Softly coloured pebbles mulch another open area where succulents have been planted.

This is a productive garden with fruit trees, vegetable beds and chooks.

The pond is ever so restful and best viewed from the master bedroom - I'd never get out of bed with a view like this.



Rob and Helen Fairweather - this large garden sits comfortably behind a 140 year old local Heritage listed hedge and here you will find succulents among the plantings in a parterre at the front of the home.

On the east side of the property is a creek with native plantings.

Fruit trees, vegetable gardens and many natives, with bird baths scattered throughout make this garden most welcoming for birds.

Dense under-plantings hold year-round changing colour throughout the picking garden, with specimen pots adding a nice touch.

Bridget Knight - this garden is so packed full that it overflows out to the footpath.

Bright salvias greet you on the drive and the Low and No Water Zones are admirable, filled with succulents and Mediterranean varieties.

Colourful, practical and productive, every area of this property is planted and organised.

Vegies and fruit trees thrive, some in raised beds and others in pots - all watered with Bridget's brew of liquid manure 'tea'.

The shade house is cool and restful and very well kept - the whole property has quirky creations and decorations around every corner.



Heather and Graham Dean 'Gasworks' - this property was once where Strathalbyn's power for lighting was produced and today it is run as a Bed and Breakfast - guests have a large garden to enjoy, one which is on several levels and slopes right down to meet the River Angas.

Trees offer shade and beds are full of a mix of flowers and foliage - seats are placed so you could sit and dream your day away.

Already, in their short time at the Gasworks, Heather and Graham have been awarded in the Strathalbyn Show Spring Garden Competition as Grand Champions in October 2018.

