

Cavalcade of Gardens - October 2013

Were you one of the more than eighty Strathalbyn Garden Club members and their friends who took advantage of the lovely spring day on October 12th to visit the eight gardens open for your enjoyment?

It proved to be quite a marathon of a day as each garden had so much to look at, explore and exclaim over so that the refreshments offered proved welcome.

Each of the gardens had its own unique character and even though many had similar plants each was presented in their own distinct way.

The stately eucalypts in Karen Michelmore's garden provided an elegant framework for her Mediterranean style garden with gravel paths, well placed rocks, interesting garden art and lavender hedges.

The delight of walking through the deep arched hedge into the Fairweathers' front garden where succulents and salvias grow along side echiums in a blue and white themed garden is only paralleled by the delight of following the path through to the vegetable garden, covered orchard and picking garden out the back of the property. Rob is a master of garden structures to protect and support the plants.

Hamilton House, home of Joy and Chris Bourne, has an enchanting cottage garden with rambling paths, cosy seating nooks, colourful flowers and points of interest at every turn.

A garden which needs to be explored over hours rather than minutes.

The same could be said of Maggie Minchin's garden with its primarily native front garden containing many interesting species which is in contrast to the extensive, lush, colourful back garden where interesting artefacts share garden beds with iris, roses, geraniums and many other perennials.



