



8 Jill and Richard Simpson – Fishermans Bay Garden. 188 Fishermans Bay Road

Garden. Fishermans Bay Garden is a beautiful garden filled with bright colours and varied textures which offers breath-taking views of the Pacific Ocean and the eastern most tip of the South Island.

For garden lovers or anyone wanting to see a special part of Banks Peninsula while in the Akaroa area this garden is a must visit.

Your hosts Jill and Richard Simpson have turned this once rugged part of the farm into a lush combination of flower beds, native plants and green lawns that still remembers its farming past.

Stop awhile to buy plants from our big plant sale, many hard to get perennials from Fisherman Bay garden and enjoy tea and cake soaking in the ambience of this wonderful garden. A fundraiser for the Banks Peninsula Early Learning Centre. Bring Cash.

9 Suky Thompson and Dick Fernyhough – Pavitt Cottage. 5 Sawmill Road, Robinsons Bay (Pavitt Cottage Trust in association with Robinsons Bay Residents).

Cottage. The Pavitt Cottage is of immense historical significance to Canterbury. The Pavitts and architect Samuel Farr developed the first powered sawmill on Banks Peninsula here in the 1850s, initiating the timber milling industry that would underpin the Peninsula economy for the next 50 years and build Christchurch City on the treeless plains. The cottage, now beautifully restored and surrounded by mature walnut trees, stands as a tranquil reminder of the vast industry that once dominated and transformed the Peninsula. Robinsons Bay residents will welcome you with a historic tour and tea and home-baking available for purchase to support the cottage.

10 Suz and Joe Wyborn. 196 Okains Bay Road

Garden & House living area. When Joe and Suz Wyborn purchased their property in 2020, they bought more than the farm supply business that defines their yard. They also bought an enchanting red house that steps eloquently down the hillside, nestling into the established native garden and home to numerous tui and kereru. An easy care garden that provides privacy from the business, the garden has been thoughtfully designed, wrapping around the home and offering expansive views across the hills and the harbour to Wainui. Appreciative of the garden they came into, Joe and Suz are beginning to make their mark with further native plantings and hard landscaping.

Public Toilets: Can be found at Akaroa (3 places), The Duvauchelle Show Grounds, at the French Farm Waterfront and also at Otanerito Valley, Hinewai Reserve.

11 Trish and Andrew Moon. 137 Barrys Bay Valley Road, Barrys Bay

Garden. Having purchased this property four years ago Andrew & Trish Moon have established this garden utilising the natural features of the property. There is a woodland garden with a large variety of shade loving plants under a canopy of mature kanuka trees. Meandering paths weave their way through a variety of settings from native bush, under planted woodlands, cut flower gardens and a substantial contoured potager vegetable garden. This is a working property that aims to provide the owners and visitors an everchanging vista that delights the eye and palate.

12 Lori and David Balls – French Farm. 104 French Farm Valley Road, French Farm

Garden. The Garden at French Farm covers approximately 11 acres and is bisected by Te Waimangu Stream. Originally designed by Nancy and Bryan Tichborne, it has evolved over time and recently been taken on by David and Lori Balls.

Among the many points of interest is the three-hundred-year-old Pokaka tree, listed as a Notable Tree of New Zealand, which lies within one of the two blocks covered by QEII covenants. These blocks contain a significant number of native plant species.

The meandering paths take you through the upper gardens with their perennial borders, past the living Macrocarpa ‘house’, the swathes of hydrangea bushes, over the stream with its resident long finned eels, and up towards a stand of cabbage trees. Crossing the stream again, you come to the Raupo Pond, and then on towards the fruit and nut orchards and vegetable garden.

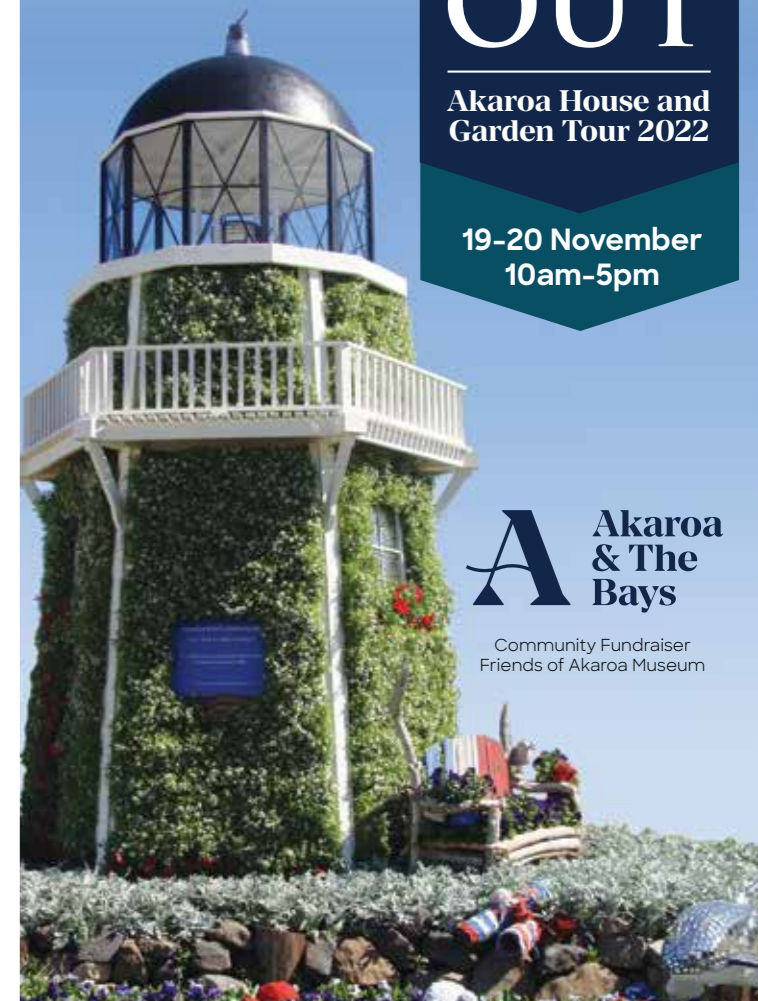
Care needs to be taken crossing the stream, as the bridges may be slippery, and not all have rails.

13 Lyn Baynes – The Gables. 11 Warnerville Road, Wainui

House ground floor, garden & Studio. Built in the 1850s The Gables is a colonial cottage that was bought by the Warner family in 1867 and run as a dairy farm by 3 generations until 1959. As a holiday home for 40 years The Gables became overgrown and rundown until Chris Broome and Lyn Baynes purchased it in 1998, restoring the house and creating the cottage garden, pond and potager with wonderful views to the Akaroa Harbour heads. The old cow shed is now the commercial kitchen and pottery studio. Please note the pond isn’t fenced so not suitable for children. Only about 8 cars fit in the car park.

Tickets: \$45 per person. Available from: Akaroa Museum and the Akaroa i-SITE (purchase instore and online www.visitakaroa.com/tickets), Eventfinda

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POINTS OF INTEREST ALONG THE WAY:

- Akaroa Museum
- The Akaroa Lighthouse
- The Giants House & Mosaic Garden
- Barry’s Bay Cheese
- Wineries - French Peak & Akaroa Winery
- Akaroa Craft Distillery
- Shamarra Alpaca Farm
- Akaroa Night Market (Nov 19)

MORE INFO: www.akaroa.com/events

Look out for the signs marking the garden tour properties



1 Sharon Rees-Thomas and Noel McGuigan – Beaufort House. 42 Rue Grehan, Akaroa

Garden & inside ground floor of house only. 11.30 to 5pm Saturday only. Beaufort House was built in 1878 for the English solicitor Mr George Nalder and since 1903 has been a boarding house, guest house and now a luxury Bed and Breakfast property. The garden includes large specimen trees, Rhododendrons, Roses and Camellia's with a terraced lawn and white shell paths. The large Bunya Bunya tree planted circa 1880 is a listed tree and one of only two large specimens in the South Island.

The owners Sharon Rees-Thomas and Noel McGuigan are currently establishing an Avocado orchard on a north facing slope behind the historic house. The Servants quarters though rather dilapidated are still at the rear of the property. Beaufort House furnishings reflect Sharon's interest in history and antiques, with Noel's sailing memorabilia complimenting the decor. Devonshire tea will be available, utilising Sharon's collection of fine china.

2 Joc and Stew Howden – Potters Croft. 57 Rue Grehan, Akaroa

Garden. Potters Croft was established about 35 years ago and evolved over time into the 2 acre garden you see today. The current owners have been here for 12 years and have made a lot of changes including planting around the house, creating a vegetable garden, removing some roses and planting more natives and rhododendrons to ease the work load. They have also established an accommodation unit overlooking the stream which feeds the large pond on the property.

3 Jane and Ben Heart – Libeau Cottage and Garden – A work in progress! 60 Rue Grehan, Akaroa

House & Garden. This cottage was built during the 1850s as one of three small cottages and a brick kiln on land owned by Joseph Libeau (1807-83) who arrived in Akaroa in 1840.

Prior to us purchasing in 2021, the cottage had been extended, altered, and decorated on several occasions. We are now slowly working our way through, reintroducing wallpaper and cottage features doing as much ourselves as possible...try wallpapering ceilings!

Our other work in progress is re-planting a cottage garden. After a major clear out, much of the current garden is made up of cuttings from friends and family and foraged plants. The plan is to continue with planting a scented garden for picking, some fruit trees and planting to attract native birds.

4 Judy and Allan Curnow – Mill Cottage. 81 Grehan Valley Road, Akaroa

Cottage & Garden. Explore Mill Cottage's two acres of garden paradise, filled with birdsong, with pathways and hidden nooks and crannies beside the surrounding stream that once powered Canterbury's first water-driven flour mill.

Nestled in the garden is the romantic and rustic 1850's cottage

that has been lovingly preserved and refurbished in recent years with designer furnishings, soft textures and linens. There will be a market stall in the garden with quirky and collectible treasures for that little bit of retail therapy. Parking on the roadside on Grehan Valley Road.



5 Marie and Tony Rhodes – Highfield Garden. Rue Chalot, Akaroa

Garden. Highfield Garden has been created over 20 years a work in progress. As we embrace our 70s the garden is in transition as we mass plant some areas for lower maintenance. Enter the garden through the woodland following steps below towering Kainuku trees underplanted with ligularias, renga renga, flaxes, grasses and rhododendrons. Winding your way along the hillside peep into the children's picnic place.

Crossing the gravel car park inspect Tonys strawberries grown in bags then follow the balloons down to the Hump -a large pile of clay. he Hump is the sunniest part of the garden . To begin we planted anything that would grow in clay over the years this has been refined but it is still a riotous jumble of colour and texture. Vegetable beds enjoy the warmth a berry cage lining the back fence. A final climb to the 'Front lawn' which is edged with perennials and rose to frame the view to the harbour and hills.

The Garden rooms are linked with a series of stairs, often uneven ground so a good level of fitness is required. Parking is very limited so park in Rue Balguerrie and walk up.

We have Devonshire teas available on Sunday all proceeds to the Guardians of Akaroa Health. Hand knitted peggy square blankets are displayed throughout the garden, pieces of art crafted by women of Banks Peninsula to raise funds for the Guardians of Akaroa Health who provide support for the staff and residents of the Akaroa Health Centre.

6 Pip and Aaron Goldsbury – The Goldsbury's Glen Bay Home. 16 Hempleman Drive, Akaroa

House & Garden. Reimagining the family bach into a family home has seen this 1980s build transformed into a relaxed and sociable house with a focus on calm and tranquil living. Interior designer, Pip Goldsbury, has retained the history of the home while adding her personal flair to the design, and husband and engineer, Aaron Goldsbury, has focused on the landscaping. A formerly steep and unusable bank has been overhauled with a living retainer wall to create a welcoming entrance, while stepped paths continue down the hill to the lower accessway. Still in its infancy, the garden is designed to be lower maintenance with native plantings and local birdlife in mind.



7 Linda Alldinger 33 Morgan's Road, Akaroa

Garden. 33 Morgan's Rd is situated above Akaroa tucked behind Laurel hedges. The garden has a cottage feel but with a lot of clipped box hedges to give structure to soft plantings. The garden is divided into areas with their own pots and garden seating to suit. Giant Manuka fern areas with lovely under plantings and an area of interest of ground ferns and Clivias .The potager and lime areas are also of interest .Lots of interesting pots and garden ornaments makes for a bit of fun.

