



Promoting the enjoyment, knowledge and benefits of gardens and gardening

## Open Gardens South Australia

Welcomes you to

# NOELAINI

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October, 2017    31 Eastern Road, North Shields

Noelaini Cottage garden began early 2000, with nothing more than terrible sandy soil & salt laden south winds. We were new to living by the sea after living inland as farmers all our lives. We wanted to have a casual type of garden and we had quite a few failures, but now keep to reliable type plants.

With the kind help of friends who gave us beautiful rocks the water feature was built, some not so beautiful rocks fell off the back of a truck, which turned out to be an unintended rock garden at the rear of our house. The garden soil is mostly sand, so masses of manure was carted from our farm & the sand just gobbled it up. It has improved a little after a lot of years.

Early 2005, there were fires that burnt many homes, but luckily our fish ponds helped to save our house that had started to burn our back veranda post, we were the lucky ones. So the garden has survived a windy salty front garden to a more serene garden at the rear.

My husband loved orchids so he grew some very nice ones in the shade house and then due to illness the orchids were neglected as was the garden over many years. It's only since my husband Noel passed away 2 years ago that I have got the urge to enjoy the garden again. Noel's water feature is now working, his orchids have been divided & re-potted. Unfortunately only a few flowers, hope next year they will be flowering well again.

There is a little bench under a white cedar tree made out of a very, very old piece of jarrah, originally from the North Shields jetty which was recovered & has been kept to remind us of the times when the Ketches came to North Shields to load up with wheat etc. & then sail on to the next port of call.

I hope you find my garden interesting & enjoy the day.

Thank you for helping to support Bowel Cancer Research.

Lorraine.

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