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Welcomes you to

Cherrywood Garden

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We are very happy to welcome you to Cherrywood here in the beautiful Adelaide Hills. This area was developed by Arthur Hardy of Mount Lofty House fame and was named by him as the Cross-Fell Township, one of his daughters was Ethel, hence Ethel St. His other daughter was named Mable and that is the adjoining street. The original house was a large cottage which has been added to over the years.

As can be seen from the photograph Cherrywood is built on a very steep slope which has necessitated extensive terracing and there are many steps. We have been very careful to keep all the paths clean and in good repair; however, please be careful as there are many trip hazards.

We purchased the property in 1998 almost by accident. Sometime after we visited the Cherrywood Open Garden, we needed some ideas for a garage which we intended to build. Remembering that Cherrywood had a very nice garage, we revisited to look at it from the road and was surprised to find that the property was not only for sale but that it was an open day. We went inside and were very

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impressed especially when looking down at the garden from the deck. To cut a long story short we went in to find the agent and bought Cherrywood; that was 27 years ago.

The garden, as far as the terracing goes, is essentially the same as it was then. Over the years some plants and small bushes have died and there was a lawn surrounding the pond. However, the lower lawn could not compete with the pine trees for sunlight. Accordingly, we developed a gravel path around the pond inside a 'forest' of Agapanthus which, in summertime, provide vibrant colour to an otherwise green garden. There was also a very large pine tree which was alongside the garage and as the years past it leaned dangerously towards the house until eventually it had to be removed. You will see the stump, which we use for a potted plant table, when you visit the Memorial Nook. In the last couple of years right at the bottom of the garden and accessed by an entrance near the gazebo we are developing 'Fern Gully'. Fern Gully is in an early stage of development and always provides a lovely shady environment on a hot day.

Cherrywood garden invites you to rest in a number of shady 'garden rooms' which we call 'Nooks'. There is the 'Spa Nook' on a platform which covers a disused spa, the 'Memorial Nook' where there is a memorial plaque to David's Mum and Dad, the 'Gazebo Nook' and 'Fern Gully'. On the hottest day there is always a shady seat somewhere in Cherrywood Garden.

This garden has always been a challenge with intense competition between the many large pine trees and practically any other plant. At various times of the year especially in windy conditions, it practically 'rains' pine needles. This together with extensive shading has made the selection of plants quite difficult. Don't ask about the water bill!

We consider ourselves to be very lucky to be able to live in such a tranquil garden setting. It provides a peaceful refuge from the troubles of the world.

We hope that you also find that peace during your visit to Cherrywood Garden.

We must give our thanks to The Hedgeman Pty Ltd, for without their excellent professional services Cherrywood Garden could not have been maintained and developed over recent years.