



Promoting the enjoyment, knowledge and benefits of gardens and gardening

Open Gardens South Australia Welcomes you to **Edenwood**

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Welcome to Edenwood - opening for the first time.

This is the third garden we have created since moving to the Adelaide Hills in 1986. First was a 3 acre property at Aldgate and secondly an acre property in Mylor which is now a Bed and Breakfast. On moving to Woodside we had no intention of developing a large garden and thought we would just plant the area around the house. However, over the years it has evolved into something much bigger.

We bought the property in 2008 from a family member who moved to Queensland. He personally built the house and planted many large deciduous trees and conifers as the block was very windy. Some of the trees are very rare, like the Indian Bean tree and a huge Korean oak. We have since put in many more trees and have underplanted with bulbs, ground covers, shrubs and roses etc.

We have created raised beds using rock walls to create interest as the block is very flat. Wildlife habitat was important to us, so we created a native area with a large pond with a small island accessed by a boardwalk. Two smaller ponds compliment the larger one and provide a haven for turtles, goldfish, water skinks and a variety of insect and birdlife. It creates a very tranquil setting to relax and watch nature in action. We have built a conservatory using old leadlight windows, recycled weatherboards and slate tiles.

The block has two recycled gazebos and a stone ruin, which leads to a secret garden. A rainforest walk runs along the western side of the property, with ferns, stone walls and a large stone grotto. There are arbors with trailing wisteria and climbing roses.

Also, we have a putting and chipping area which overlooks the neighbour's vineyard, a large enclosed fruit tree area with chickens and a recently enclosed vegie garden to keep out the blackbirds. A vibrant succulent garden occupies the rear of the block.

The garden creates interest all year round, with plenty of autumn colour, spring blossom and shade in summer with expanses of cool grassy areas and plenty of seating to rest.

We hope your visit to Edenwood is relaxing and inspiring.

Our benefitting charity is Freedom Hill Sanctuary.

Open Gardens South Australia Inc: is a not for profit organisation opening private gardens to the general public. The purpose of Open Gardens SA is to educate and promote the enjoyment, knowledge and benefits of gardens and gardening in South Australia and to build strong public support for the development of gardens.

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