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Open Gardens South Australia

Welcomes you to Turlatina Wirra

(‘Peaceful Garden’ in Kaurna)

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th January, 2024

Our goal for this garden was to craft a sanctuary that embraces nature's tranquility, fostering opportunities for reflection, relaxation, and sustainable living. Each section, from our hidden veggie haven to the serene meditation corners, contributes to this encompassing ambiance.

The garden is a diverse blend of styles, boasting serene meditation corners alongside vibrant fern and orchid sanctuaries. Spread across a substantial area, it features secluded spaces, meandering watercourses, and an array of tropical and sub-tropical flora. Among the impressive plant varieties are over 12 types of canna lilies, a variety of ginger plants, bamboo, palms, orchids, ferns, succulents, and various flowering species. The pond showcases striking foliage, particularly taro plants, now rapidly regrowing after being recently replanted, some boasting leaves reaching up to 1.5 meters in size. Noteworthy are the butterfly feeding and hosting plants – Stuart can elaborate on these fascinating species.



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Our garden stands out with its distinctive features including three-tiered ponds connected by natural streams, eye-catching red structures like bridges and the Torii gate, a Bali swing, and a terraced area with fruit trees. The front garden hosts a serene Buddha statue, and discreetly concealed within, are our vegetable beds. This space harmonizes tranquility, sustainability, and artistic expression, offering an oasis where nature's beauty converges with creative endeavours.

Though our garden is only three years old, it flourishes due to Stuart's visionary contributions, reflected in the intricate ponds and watercourses. Collaboration from various individuals, each contributing their artistic touch and commitment to sustainable living, has shaped its vibrant character.

Over the years we have encountered challenges with weather conditions affecting plant growth and experimented with a variety of tropical plants. Initially lacking shading trees, the garden primarily caters to sun-loving and drought-tolerant plants. Pest control measures taught us the significance of natural solutions; allowing nature to balance itself, such as using insect hormones to attract ladybugs for aphid control. Our ongoing lesson involves adapting to local conditions while balancing artistic expression and ecological harmony.

Our garden is a tapestry of experiences, making it hard to pinpoint a single favourite spot. Notable highlights include the secluded Fern and Orchid House, the wooden deck overlooking the ocean, the tranquil Buddha meditation corner, the vibrant red structures, and the verdant hidden veggie haven.

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Guests are invited to relish the tranquil corners, admire the fusion of art and nature, explore sustainable living concepts within our veggie beds, and immerse themselves in the garden's creative beauty. We aim for visitors to depart refreshed, inspired, and with a newfound appreciation for the harmonious blend of artistry and nature.

As you wander through the garden, witness the enchanting sight of countless monarch butterflies fluttering around. Stay still, and you might find these graceful creatures landing on you, offering an unforgettable interaction with nature's delicate wonders.

Thank you for joining our tour of Turlatina Wirra, where art, nature, and community converge!

Kinda and Stuart

Art, Charity, Food and Entertainment



Annette Olofson - Textile Artist:

Annie, a maestro of Swedish-Australian origin, weaves extraordinary, one-of-a-kind loom-woven fashion and home items. Her vibrant tapestries, steeped in culture and creativity, stand as a testament to her innovative touch, merging technology with intricate designs.

James Cowley - Glass Artist:

James, a visionary glass artist, sculpts mesmerizing platters, bowls, and art pieces that interact with light, evoking positive emotions. His exquisite fused glass windows for home and office spaces, crafted uniquely and kiln-fired three times, captivate with their ethereal beauty and craftsmanship.



Plant sale

I love plants and they keep multiplying, so I am selling different type of Canna's and other plants. 20% of our plant sales goes to a follow up fund for three Syrian families who lost their homes in the latest earthquake.

Food vendor /Entertainment

Exotic Syrian sweets and food with a western twist, prepared by Maya and Fadi. They have a long experience in restaurant management and food creativity. They are searching for an opportunity to open their own restaurant. This open day will give them the opportunity for you to taste their new recipes.

If it is a hot day, don't forget your swimsuit! It's just a 2-minute walk to the secluded Seacliff beach, nestled near charming cafes and surrounded by the beauty of Pine Gully.

The gardens that open for us are chosen to reflect a great diversity of styles and may even challenge the conventional view of what constitutes a garden. While aspects of a garden may not be to your taste, we urge you to celebrate this diversity. Please remember you are visiting a private home and show respect and sensitivity for the owners who have so generously shared their garden with you. Thank you.