1A 3 Stabback Street | Catherine Renshaw
500 m from HQ

This small garden has slowly evolved from bare lawn and agapanthus in 2022, into an inspired English-style cottage garden.
Lavender hedges frame a cosy corner, complemented by a red currant tree with scented blossoms. Garden beds are filled with foxgloves and budding roses.
Pots of colourful spring bulbs are scattered throughout, and an ornamental grapevine provides shade for the alfresco area and a perfect frame to this little piece of paradise.

DAHLIA WORKSHOPS

1B 3a Stabback Street | Robyn Alexander
500 m from HQ

My garden started three years ago with a blank canvas and a yard full of dead lawn tufts.
I broke the soil down with cardboard and mulch, and today I'm creating a cozy, messy environment featuring trees, roses, and lavender, surrounded by a lush laurel hedge.
Scattered amongst the garden are pots of fragrant herbs to complement the other plantings.
In a very small oasis, I aim to create a tapestry of blooming plants and trees to enjoy.

2 32 Crowson Street
Kelly Hopcraft and Nick Anagnostaras
500 m from HQ

Originally a four-room double-brick home dating to the 1890's, we extended in 2020 to fit our family of six. This kicked off the next phase of our never-ending landscaping project. This year we created a new BBQ area.
We have applied significant effort into maintaining the heritage style whilst redeveloping the property to a modern standard.
We love spring and summer flowering perennials. Our garden explodes into bloom at Christmas, but has something of interest in all seasons.

3 35 Crowson Street *(access from Stabback Street)*
Pip and Richard Southwell | *500 m from HQ*

If only we could have started with a blank canvas when we moved in 9 years ago! Concrete paving everywhere (we're still finding more), and ivy, blackberry, and privet.
Our garden ticks lots of boxes: part native, room for vegies, space for the kids, habitat for birds, bees, and bugs, as well as enjoyable outdoor spaces protected from unfavourable weather.
The challenge of gardening inside our yard was not enough, so we expanded onto the verge. Being on a corner, we wanted the garden to contribute to the streetscape. It is still a work in progress (is a garden ever finished?), but we are now enjoying the fruits of our labour. We are loving our blossoms, the colours and textures of foliage, and the movement of the grasses.

4 "Birchgrove" 1187 Millthorpe Road
Toni Matthews and Richard Cook
Please park on Glenorie Road | 1.0 km from HQ

"Birchgrove" is a continuation of the garden we fell in love with and purchased two years ago.
The property is about 5 acres, and whilst it's not fully complete, we have created a garden to walk through on grassy pathways lined with birch, colourful bulbs, and grasses. The original garden is filled with iceberg roses and formal hedges.
The house's elevated position provides superb views over Millthorpe and west to Orange.

5 "Berwick", 44 Charles Booth Way
Sue and Stephen Johnston | *2.9 km from HQ*

Entering through the lynch gate, the hedge opens to a view of Mt Canobolas, which drew us to purchase this property in 2015.
The house footprint is terraced with local rock, and incorporates Lipstick Maples, lilacs, and dogwoods, underplanted with perennials, succulents, and natives for year-round colour.
We created the dry creek bed, a walled garden, and the orchard and vegetable garden which provides either feasts or famines. The cottage garden allowed the grandchildren to kick a ball without too much garden damage.
The front teardrop driveway features weeping cherries, maples, ash, and gingkos.

6 "Maple Lane", 80 Pittman Drive
Alison and Craig Ratcliffe | *15.4 km from HQ*

The garden generally is only about 1½ years old, and is mostly perennial.
The orchard features a variety of apples, cherries, peaches, nectarines and stone fruits. We also have a 14-bed vegie patch. A Japanese-inspired garden leads you down to the dam.
We have planted at least 140 Buxus balls throughout the garden, including a new topiary walk with 18 Buxus balls and two large Buxus topiary pieces. We'll also be planting some larger conifers that Craig will cut into new topiary pieces, taking inspiration from the Clipsham Yew Tree Avenue where he has been working this year.

BBQ: BLAYNEY HIGH SCHOOL

7 144 Nyes Gate Road
Virginia Higgins | *2.1 km from HQ*

This garden has evolved over many years. Many native trees have been planted, along with beautiful spring-flowering blossom trees such as crab apples, flowering cherries, and Manchurian pear. Fruit trees, including delicious apples, pears, quince and plums, add to the abundance.
The native birds which visit at different times of the year are very special. A fire pit is a pleasant place to sit, admire the birds, and take in the view.

8 "Whitesprings", 560 Glenelg Road
Libby and Jamie McFeeters | *8 km from HQ (via Vittoria Road and Glengate Road)*

"White Springs" was established around 1880. When we purchased it 20 years ago, it had been reduced to 7 acres, with a a beautiful gum, a quince, a huge cotoneaster, and a few pines, but no established garden.
We engaged Margaret and Rob Fallon, an architect and landscape design team Jamie had worked with in the Blue Mountains, and built the garden from the ground up, with rock walls and hedging.
The garden has evolved as we became familiar with Millthorpe's climate. It has been lovely to watch the oaks and Golden Elm establish themselves within the landscape.

COFFEE AVAILABLE

9 "Boambee", 102 Glengate Road
Jenny and Michael Millner | *6.7 km from HQ (via Vittoria Road and Glengate Road)*

"Boambee" became our home 12 years ago after building a new house beyond an old garden with few existing trees.
Sue McClymont was engaged to design and help plant an "easy care" garden (Is there such a thing?)
Stand-out features include an olive tree thought to be one of the oldest in the district, and bluestone stables built in 1881, now converted to guest accommodation. The result reflects a large parkland area with hedges and perennial plantings surrounding the home.

10 "Millvale", 39 Bowd Road
Melissa and Gordon Maccallum | *3.4 km from HQ*

As you enter, a mature blue spruce welcomes you, and leads you on to a tranquil birch grove and a dense native area now fully established, with meandering paths that invite you to wander.
The garden unfolds into distinct rooms. A Leylandii hedged tunnel draws you to the lower garden, where a formal pond provides a peaceful place to pause or sit.
The garden forms a tapestry of native and deciduous trees underplanted with shade-loving species. Metal sculptures and artistic features add visual interest.
A generous potager garden next to the chook yard supplies flowers and vegetables for family and friends.

REFRESHMENTS

STALLS In gardens as indicated
NO PETS PLEASE
TOILETS Gardens as indicated
Accessible toilets, Oval, Museum and Station