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# Open Gardens South Australia

## Welcomes you to

# ROSEWOOD

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 1 Lawson Drive, Port Lincoln

My husband, Bevis and I (Sharon) welcome you to our property which we purchased in November, 2017 after making the decision to have a sea change and retire in Port Lincoln where Bevis originated from. We lived in Queensland for 30 years prior and enjoyed tropical gardens. Wet summers with warm sunny winters a great recipe for flourishing gardens.

ROSEWOOD was only the second property that we inspected in Port Lincoln. Sharon immediately fell in love with the existing gardens and ambience of the property before even looking inside the house. Sharon came up with the name ROSEWOOD when Bevis decided the property was worthy of identification.

It has been a big learning curve for both of us (particularly Bevis who had no previous interest) in adjusting to a very large garden in a South Australian climate. Learning about roses, both existing, and planting bushes and their nurturing. We have been surprised and pleased by finding a variety of bulbs popping up with the changing seasons and then planting some of our own selection. Our rose education has been helped by Lyle and Jenny Howard who have a rose farm at Koppio near Port Lincoln.

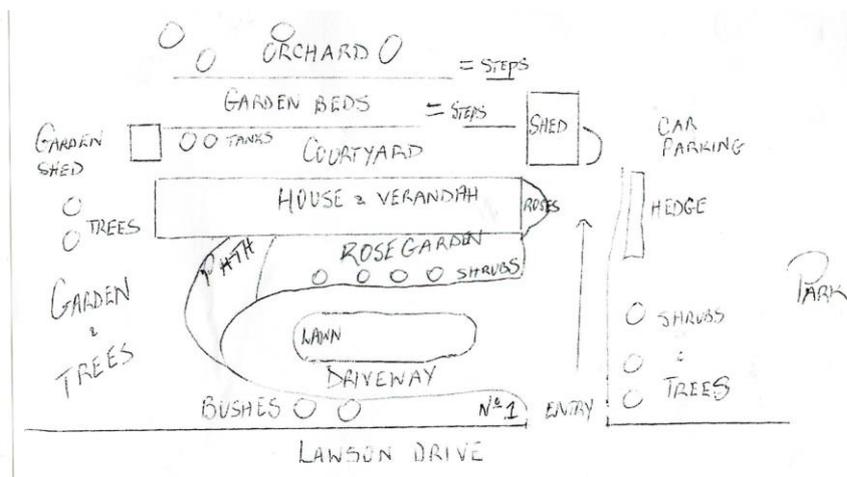
Furthering our own handprint on ROSEWOOD we have established a sealed driveway, native plantd, various flowering plants, a large array of succulents, extensive mulching (wood chip), and covered an existing vegetable garden into four individual gardens with extensive paving.

Over a 12 month period we have enjoyed making ROSEWOOD a low maintenance property of many different garden areas including an orchard (Quince, Apple, Plum, Apricot trees and a grapevine) that we may enjoy in our retirement and still be able to leave for extended holidays.

Our favourite relaxing area is the Courtyard at the rear of the house. It features a pergola which is covered by a pink flowering Glory Vine providing welcome shade in the summer ... we call it nature's air conditioner! The front of the house has a bull nose verandah which is extensive an provides a comfortable viewing area over the front gardens and out to sea.

Sharon is now a member of the Port Lincoln Garden Club and has been able to purchase a wide variety of plants from the fun auctions and receive useful information about feeding plants such as Neutrog fertilizers. We have also been helped in our gardening endeavours by Joy Cunningham (friend), Andrew Frick (Garden & Maintenance), Trevor Marshall (Rose Pruning) and Jason Fauser (Origin Landscaping) over the past 20 months.

We hope that you enjoy our Open Garden days.  
Proceeds are going to Melanoma Research.



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