



Promoting the enjoyment, knowledge and benefits of gardens and gardening

## Open Gardens South Australia

Welcomes you to

# ROSEVIEW

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 October, 2019      205 Presser Road, Tanunda

Roseview is named after our love of Roses and our view of the Barossa Ranges. We purchased the 8-hectare property in 1982, starting with a blank canvas after pulling out the vineyard back in the vine pull days. We were able to use an old international AW7 front end loader which helped us with lots of the earthworks. The property is on a hilly slope, meaning lots of retaining walls have been crafted by Lyell from old bluestone ruins. During our 37 years at Presser Road, the garden has developed from a natives theme to more of a cottage type garden, filled with drought resistant cat mint, bearded irises, salvias, lavender, rosemary of all different colours. Iceberg (floribunda) roses constantly give an abundance of flowers right through until winter. Beautiful deciduous trees, golden elms, silver birches, gold and claret ashes and an avenue of oriental pear trees provide an oasis of shade and multiple quiet places to sit under.

Our main difficulty in the Barossa is the heavy frost in late autumn and early spring. Spring and Autumn are our favourite times in the garden. In spring we prepare the garden for the hot dry summers and try to minimise watering. During the two droughts we have to let the lawns die whilst maintaining the rest of the garden.

The front garden is made up of a variety of coloured rose 'rooms' with mass plantings of one colour (red, pink, yellow, white) each with a theme and surrounded by an English box hedge. Collectively, the whole property has over 320 roses varying in types and colours. Mintaro paths wander through the garden, hand-picked from the Mintaro Quarry by us.

We believe in the minimum use of sprays and use gypsum, compost, manure and pea straw to constantly improve our heavy clay. Over the years there has been an increase in native birds including Honeysuckles, Finches and the families favourite, Blue Wrens. It's the most beautiful time in the early morning and towards evening when they congregate in one place at the trickling foundation.

Our favourite David Austin rose is a beautiful tightly cupped Mary Rose. Corinne loves to pick and share bunches of roses when in bloom for others. Her philosophy is 'the more you pick to share, the more you have'.

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Roseivew has two entertaining areas, one being a formal setting with an old world 'Cecile Brunner' rose and a climbing iceberg rose nestled against the rendered wall leading out of the French doors into a Tuscan inspired entertainment space. The second setting has a rustic appeal with old church pews and an old wooden table. Above a barn crafted with aged gum tree logs, engulfed with a climbing *Lorraine Lee Rose* and Jasmine, providing a rustic shelter. A rusty chandelier adorned with candles hangs from the rafters.

Our orchard is a new addition planted in spring 2018 and we will continue to add to this as we keep improving the soil with mass plantings of herbs and vegetables.

The garden will always have ongoing projects, like revamping the 25 year old woody rosemarys and diosmas in the top garden. Next on the list is working on the lawns, building a deck off the games room and a new chook shed and the list goes on!

We had the privilege of featuring in *SA Gardens and Outdoor Living Magazine* in Autumn 2018, starting our journey to hosting an Open Garden. It's been an honour to host family weddings, wedding photos and many other memorable occasions.

Thank you for visiting, we hope you've enjoyed our garden, the tranquil setting and the beautiful view of the Barossa Ranges.

Lyell & Corinne

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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.