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# Open Gardens South Australia

## Welcomes you to

# The Chestnuts

Saturday 24 October and Sunday 25 October, 2020 46 Waverley Ridge Road, Crafrers

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We hope you enjoy your visit with us and share some of the pleasure the garden brings us – it is designed to be restful and romantic.

Built in the late 1870's by Fred Price, the home was originally a summer residence. Over the years a number of owners have loved and shaped the garden. We are especially grateful to those who planted the trees, the real wealth of the garden, which we enjoy in their maturity. Make sure you look up as you walk round.

When we bought the property 31 years ago, onion weed and ivy had invaded widely and the understory was very overgrown. Much of the garden has been re-designed by landscaper Mark Barnett and gradually developed by us over the years.

As you enter down the drive, the large island is dominated by a huge original atlas cedar, which Robert climbed to the top of after we purchased the property, in order to remove ivy!

Hedging nurtured from tiny Portuguese laurel seedlings we found in the garden encloses the terrace. This was once the site of horse stables and a chicken run. The view is to Brighton and the Gulf beyond. The large urn and pot filled with iceberg roses, as well as the birdbath in another area, are the work of Adelaide ceramic artist Mark Heidenreich.

The wild garden bursts with massed daffodils and other bulbs in spring. Scabiosa and daisies follow in summer until it is slashed in autumn to await the bulbs. All species need to be drought-tolerant in this area as it gets no added water. The horse chestnut here was planted because of the name of the property. An original row of sweet chestnuts bordering the drive was destroyed by disease in the 1930's. Dominating here is the magnificent cork oak. Having removed an old hills hoist, we now have a lovely view from the seat out to sea.

Storm damage tore branches from the huge radiata pine by the tennis court and destroyed most of the English oak tree. We decided to retain the ¼ that remained and being vigorous, it is re-growing. The area from the oak terrace up the sandstone and gravel steps to the shrubbery is planted in blues and yellows; its display changing, but colour scheme remaining through the seasons.

The wisteria arbour is clothed in Wisteria japonica 'Macrobotrys' and is a superb sight in early spring. Behind this is an unusual feature – a ring of mature laurel trees, which were planted many years ago to hide piles of wood and compost and now creates a hidden surprise in the garden.

The purple rose garden beside the house features old and David Austin roses. Perennials have been chosen in rich, royal colours.

The hot border in front of the house is planted in hot, sunset colours. I had originally planted it out with perennials but competition from the shrubs now gives them the primary focus with drifts of more able competitors providing colour highlights.

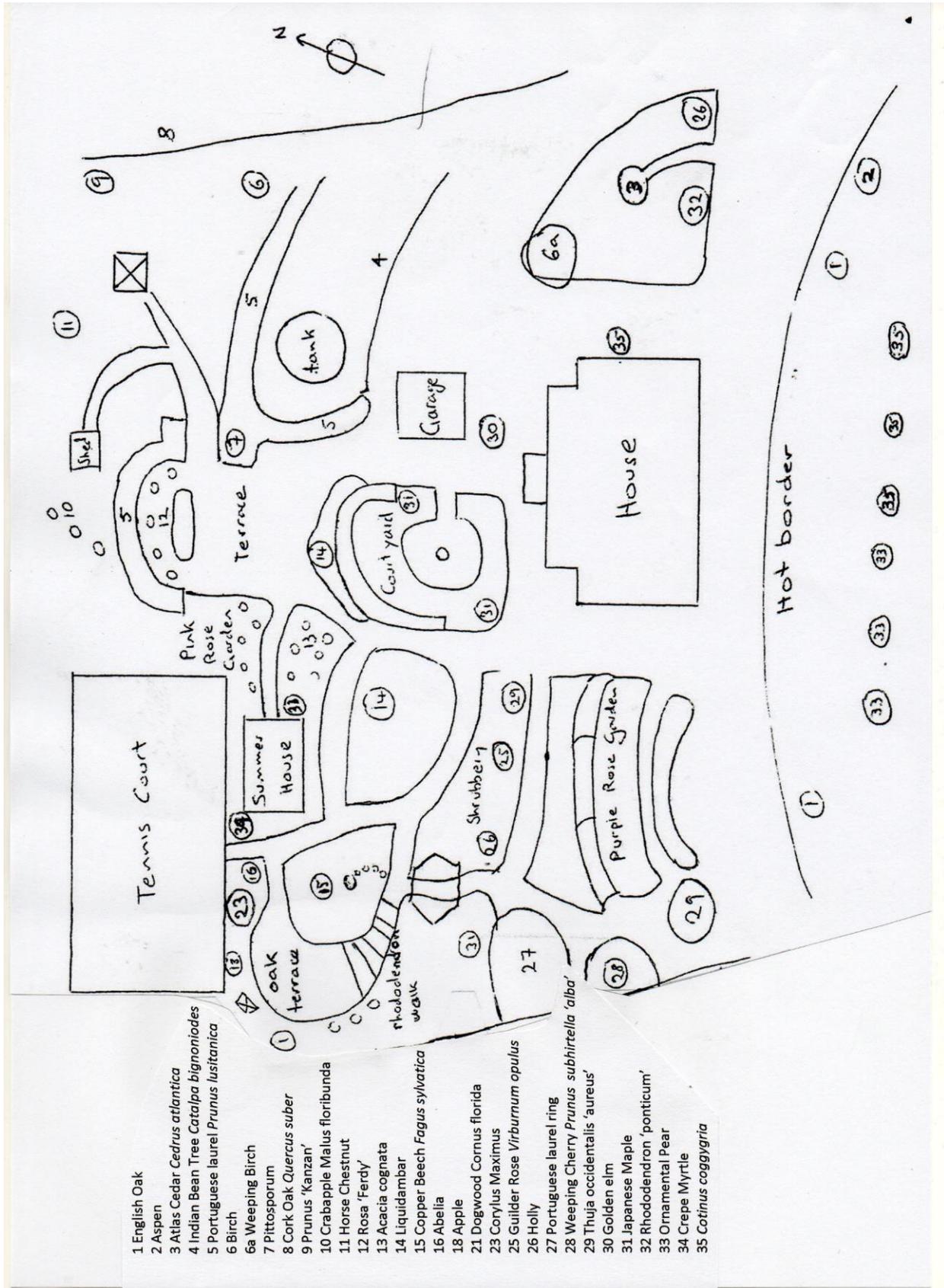
Thank you for coming today– we hope you enjoy your visit  
Lyn Edwards and Robert Bryce

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