

Garden designfest.

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Four of Euroa's finest gardens open!

Sunday November 16, 2014

10:00am to 5:00pm

\$12 per garden, all proceeds to charities.

See: gardendesignfest.com.au for more details.



"Lakithi"

948 Top Road, Terip Terip. Melways X927 K1

Designer: Gail van Rooyen

This big garden has evolved over the past decade into a blend of formal and informal areas with structures and walls creating several 'garden rooms'. It features long vistas, rose and clematis-covered fences, Spring bluebells by the thousand and an Eastern Lawn with a majestic English Oak. Above the dam, a granite outcrop is home to Olives and masses of different lavenders. Near the orchard is an arbor, bench and a mixed planting of Elvins Prunus, Crab apples, Hawthorn and Flowering Quince. A simple mass of daisies lead you to the pool and parkland of exotic trees beyond. Allow time to explore the myriads of features.



The Gurry Garden

267 Longwood-Gobur Road, Creighton's Creek.
Melways X921 H9

Designer: Paul Bangay

Bryan and Paula Gurry purchased 320 acres of the Killeen sheep property in 2000, establishing a thoroughbred agistment property to complement their nearby family owned "Fulmen Park". In 2009 Paul Bangay designed their garden of three acres, partly inspired by Paul's then property St. Andrews farm, Woodend. The main drive is flanked by horse paddocks and a scenic lagoon before a long avenue of plane trees leading to a forecourt bordered by a retaining wall hedged with rosemary. The residence overlooks a large lawn with views to the lagoon, horse paddocks and the distant hills. Paul Bangay will be there to chat to visitors.

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"The Falls"

142 Longwood-Gobur Road, Longwood.
Melways X921 J9

Designer: Robert Boyle

'The Falls' is a working pre-Depression homestead below a spectacular Strathbogie granite ridgeline. It nestles in an eclectic old garden that overlooks a natural waterfall with views out to the 'Boyd-esque' landscape beyond. Several generations of pastoralists have added their touch, including a stately Ginko, Chinese elm, Macadamia, Avocado groves, vineyards (the first to be established in the Strathbogie Ranges) Cork Oaks, Birches and many large native trees. It has become a cool and welcome refuge from the summer's heat. The current owners, Joan and Ian Ball have extended the garden to 9 acres including an enhanced vegetable and flower garden, local stone walls and terracing, fountains and elevated pools, and an ornamental lake.



"Killeen" Homestead

224 Longwood-Mansfield Road, Creightons Creek.
Melways 921 J9

Designer: Rick Eckersley

Established in 1838, just three years after the settlement of Melbourne, Killeen Homestead, established 1838, is one of Victoria's first farming properties. The 4500 acres of prime sheep country have seen more than 150 years of gardening. David and Joan Fowles of Fowles Wine bought the run-down homestead in 2003. They commissioned Rick Eckersley to create a landscape that knitted the previous eras of the garden to a contemporary Australian interpretation. The oldest and largest recorded Wisteria in Victoria drapes across the façade of the Homestead. Three of the largest known Irish Strawberry Trees (*Arbutus unedo*) arch across the eastern terraces with a stately grandeur. There is even an exposed part of the original wattle & daub building carefully preserved.

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About Our Town Euroa

Euroa (pop 3200) in the Goulburn Valley is 164km north-east of Melbourne on the Hume Highway, a two-hour drive. Explorers Hume and Hovell passed through here in 1824 en route to Port Philip. In 1836, Thomas Mitchell cut a track nearby for drovers and their stock.

Much of our wealth once came from sheep but now it comes from horse studs. We also produce quality cool-climate wines, available to try at cellar doors.

Ned Kelly's gang robbed our National Bank on 10 December 1878, seizing £2000 worth of cash and gold. The gang's base was at Faithfulls Creek Station and they held bystanders hostage in the storeroom. After the robbery, the gang forced the bank staff back to the station so they couldn't raise the alarm. They treated their hostages to a trick riding show before galloping away.

Euroa's the birthplace of cricketer Merv Hughes and home of three Victoria Cross winners from the Boer and First World Wars.

To Euroa by special bus from Fed Square!

We have laid on a special Euroa bus departing Federation Square and returning Federation Square. The cost of \$200 per person includes entry to three gardens, worth \$36, lunch pack, snack and drink, garden booklet and notes. The large, spectacular gardens are designed by Paul Bangay, Robert Boyle and Gail Van Rooyen, and well worth the drive!

Pickup point is NOT Flinders St but Russell Court, the riverward extension of Russell St on the Parliament-house side of Fed Square.

Please arrive at the departure point no later than 8.15am. The bus will depart on time at 8.30am and return at about 6.00pm. The drive is two hours each way.

We suggest a visit to the toilets inside Federation Square (ground level, just past the cafes) since there is no on-board toilet on the bus.

Car Parking: The Federation Square multi-level Car Park is accessible from Russell Street or Batman Ave (Exhibition Street extension – City Link) and quick access to Fed Square. The cost of all day secure parking is \$16.

Emergency contact on the day: Bus guide Margaret Thomas 0438 045 904

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