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Welcome!

From the Mayor

The Hurunui Garden Festival 2023 offers the opportunity for a unique chance to visit private gardens across the district. One of the greatest gifts is to be welcomed onto the property by the garden owner and understand how they have navigated the challenges of garden design and maintenance.

Each year the opportunity arises to visit gardens that always delight no matter how many times you visit, along with new gardens some with expansive lawns and garden displays to urban gardens that make the most of every nook and cranny. It never ceases to surprise me the range of outstanding garden displays and the flair of landscape features that work in unison with nature.

Within Hurunui there is an abundance of natural assets, that allows a visitor to be immersed in spiritual, mental and physical wellbeing opportunities, all of these attributes contribute to a compelling reason to visit.

2023 will showcase the “best of the best” and I welcome you to our district to enjoy our country hospitality and generous welcome. If you are a visitor to the gardens from outside the Hurunui, I trust you enjoy your stay and experience many other visitor attractions while you are here. To local resident’s whether you have visited the gardens before or enjoying this first-time unique occasion I thank you for showing your support as I know you will appreciate the opportunity.

I warmly welcome visitors to enjoy the district and know that you will appreciate the time garden owners have taken to present a fabulous product for you.

“We might think we are nurturing our garden, but of course it’s our garden that is really nurturing us”
Jenny Ludlow

Marie Black
Mayor, Hurunui District



From the Hurunui Garden Festival Organising Committee

Welcome to the sixth annual Hurunui Garden Festival, we are looking forward to seeing you in our 18 gorgeous gardens within the extraordinary Hurunui region.

We showcase a range of stunning North Canterbury gardens, each as diverse as their owners.

From the intimate and whimsical, to the grand and formal, we can show you sweeping views, lush over spilling herbaceous borders, naturalist planting, dry gardens, grand avenues, cosy seating areas, cool shade gardens... there is something to inspire every gardener.

Our gardeners may be amateurs... but there is no lack of passion and knowledge in this festival and you have the opportunity to meet them all at their properties.

Our gardens range from Amberley in the south, through the Waipara Gorge with its striking limestone formations, to the beautifully rolling hills and productive farmland of Hawarden, Waikari, Culverden, Rotherham then through to Cheviot and/or Hanmer Springs.

In this guide are all the details of each garden, plus the many events, workshops and tours, food outlets, accommodation options plus much more. This guide is also compostable or why not pass it on to someone else when you have your plans made. All the information is also on our website www.hurunuigardenfestival.com.

Look forward to seeing you 26th – 29th October.

From left to right: Mel Macgregor, Meg Macfarlane (Chair), Karen Forrester, Doreen Dryden, Vicki Collett, and Deb Orr.



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How to use this guide

This guide contains all the information you need to enjoy a weekend visiting 18 gardens in the Hurunui District during this festival. Here are some key points you need to know.

Opening Hours

The Garden Festival properties are open Thursday 26 to Sunday 29 October 2023, from 9 am to 5 pm each day.

Admission Fees

It costs adults \$10 to visit each property, payable on the day as you enter. School aged children, accompanied by an adult, may enter for free. Please have cash with you, as we cannot process electronic payments. You can pre-purchase tickets online until 31st August, when you visit www.hurunuigardenfestival.com.

Events

Some properties are hosting events during the Festival. Owners hosting events have included information on their individual page. Please refer to these pages for details. Some events may have a separate charge.

Planning your visit

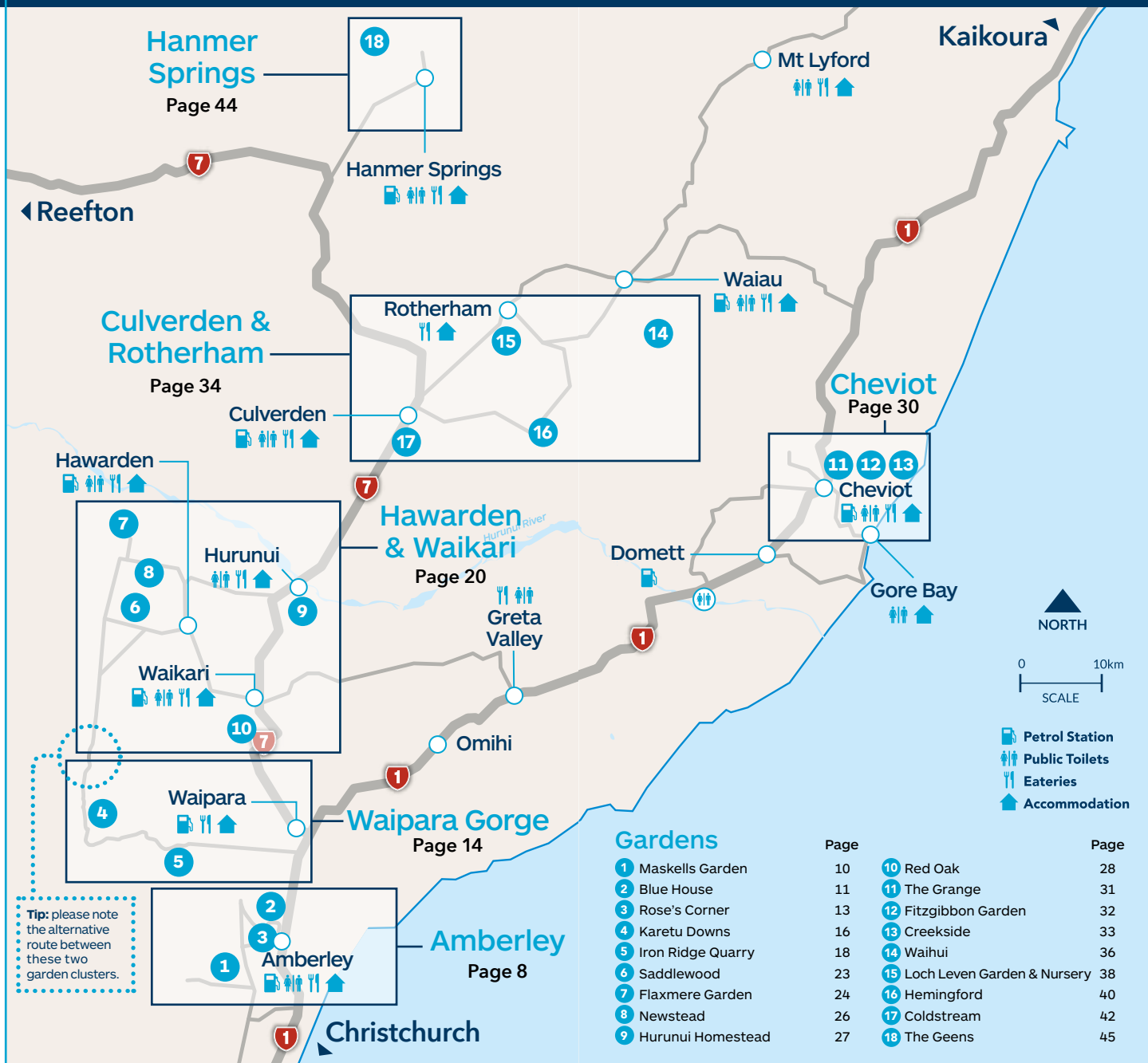
The properties are arranged into 6 geographically based clusters, making it easy for you to plan your visit to multiple destinations. Each cluster has its own detailed map in this Guide, showing you the precise location of the properties along with other useful information, such as the locations of public toilets, petrol and diesel stations, and food outlets.

What you'll find at each garden

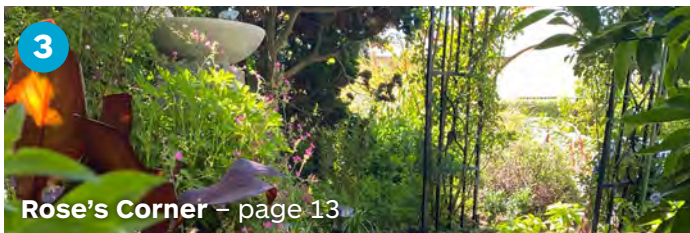
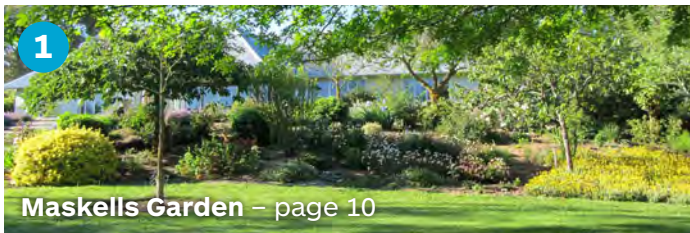
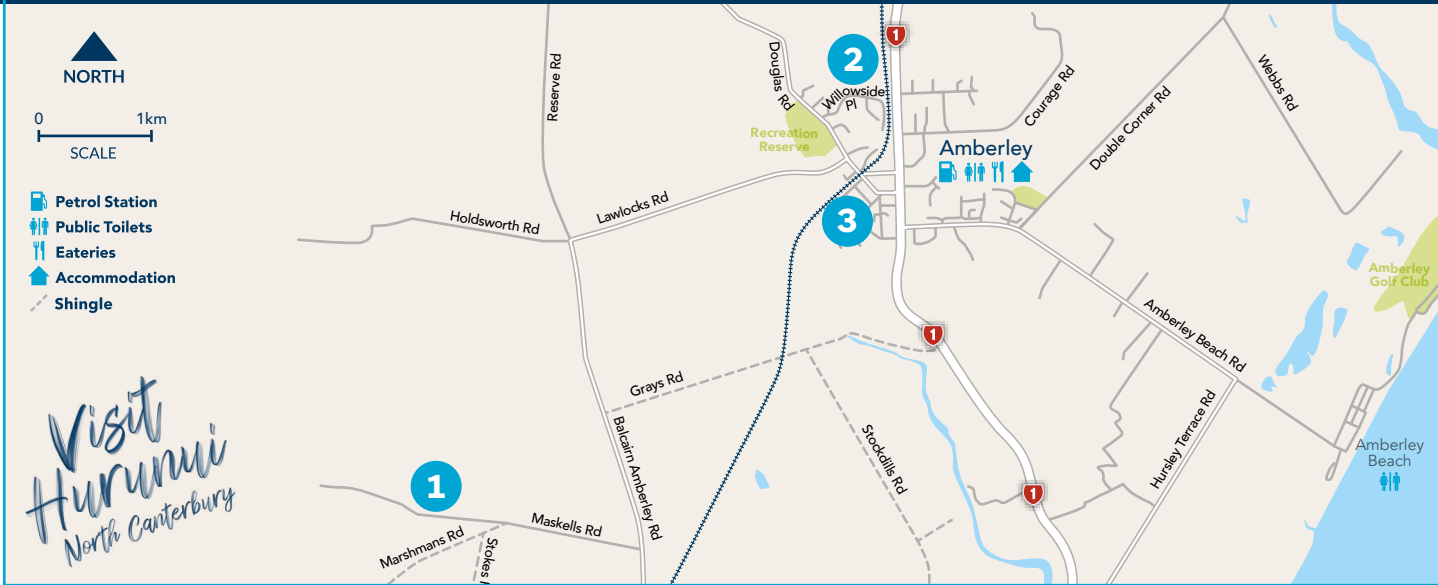
We've designed a series of 'icons' to summarise key details about each garden (such as toilets) so you can see at a glance what to expect when you visit. Here's the list of the icons we're using:

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|  On-site/ Off-road parking available (buses call first) |  Children's play area |
|  Toilets available on site |  Dogs allowed |
|  Wheelchair accessible garden (1.2m wide paths) |  Tours available |
|  Wheelchair accessible toilet |  Nursery/plants for sale |
|  Tea/coffee included in admission fee |  Accommodation available |
|  Tea/coffee available for purchase |  Garden opens at other times |
|  Refreshments available for purchase |  Home producers/ Vegetable gardens |
|  Picnic area available (visitors may bring food) |  Plants/produce stalls |
| |  Motorhomes welcome overnight |

Map of the District



Amberley



BLUE HOUSE
Amberley
www.bluehouseamberley.nz
35 Willowside Place, Amberley



Blooms in Spring



New delights around every corner

1 Maskells Garden

Hosts: Juliet & David Hunter

Address: 180 Maskells Road, Amberley



Our 28 year old garden on gentle rolling downs has a distinctly north-facing aspect with a wide variety of hardy plants. A bank formed during excavation is a major feature and is now well established. The plants have thrived with the excellent drainage and warm sunny aspect it provides. With limited water supply, many of the plants grown here have to tolerate dry and often windy conditions.

Our predominately informal garden has lots of Spring colour and interesting plants. There is a large camellia collection with a shaded loop walk and vistas to the north and Mt Grey. The native area has a collection of diverse plants. Many of the plants in our garden have been selected to provide a habitat and food source for birds and wildlife.

Alongside the canary aviary is a productive vegetable garden with raised beds. A good selection of plants will be available for sale so come and grab a bargain!



2 Blue House

Hosts: Jenny Cooper & Chris Raateland

Address: 35 Willowside Place, Amberley



This is a garden where strong design and a plantswoman's passion go hand in hand. It is a garden that invites you to wander, explore and relax.

Our wide grass paths take you from intimate and cool shade gardens, to sweeps of tussocks and prairie flowers. We have Mediterranean inspired gravel gardens, featuring stunning succulents and aloes. From generous sunny borders filled with unusual and difficult to source perennials, through a gorgeous no-mow meadow, vineyard and charming and productive vegetable garden. Tiny paths meander through arched hedges and down to the creek.

We also provide a map and information about our garden philosophy, honed in the difficult North Canterbury climate. This includes no-dig, bare rooting, limited feeding and encouragement of mycorrhizal fungi.

Come and enjoy a complimentary drink, with baking to purchase, in our new covered outdoor seating area.

For more information and photos, visit

www.bluehouseamberley.nz

Events

Jenny will be giving focused walking tours of the garden with Q & A, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 10 am. She will demonstrate how to plant and care for summer dry gardens which require no additional irrigation, but which are vibrant, flower filled and beautiful. This is a **free session**, no booking required.

The team at CJ's nursery will have plants for sale, which are featured in this garden. This will include some hardy drought loving perennials and other hard to source delights. More details on our website www.bluehouseamberley.nz.

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Small and Inviting



3 Rose's Corner

Hosts: Rose and Geoff Shier

Address: 1 Bankview Place, Amberley



Friends and family comment on the tranquillity of the garden. While it is a small urban garden it has been designed to create a number of outdoor rooms linked by intimate walkways.

The garden was established in 1983 but substantially remodelled and replanted 10 years ago.

The central part of the garden has been designed to facilitate outdoor living and entertainment including a petanque court made out of local Hurunui limestone chip. There is grass for the grand-children and trees, shrubs and flowers for adults. Two pohutukawa thrive in spite of being told they do not grow in Amberley. There are plenty of roses of course: Nancy Steen, David Austin, a line of Iceberg and Cecil Brunner growing over the garden arch. Interest is added with garden art complementing the floral experience and the luscious greenery.

Raised vegetable gardens and fruit trees provide a large amount of home grown produce in season. There are more than a dozen fruit trees including a prolifically mature lemon tree on this small village section.

Come and experience the tranquillity of our little garden.



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Park-like and enchanting



4 Karetu Downs

Hosts: Karen & Bruce Forrester

Address: 1731 Ram Paddock Road, Waipara Gorge

Phone: 03 314 4584 www.karetudowns.co.nz



Karetu Downs homestead sits proudly above a large sweeping lawn surrounded by trees, camellias, rhododendrons, azaleas and roses. Tulips and pittosporum pom poms mark the garden entrance.

Trees like golden elm, dogwoods, magnolia, and Oak provide structure. Lavender edges the rock wall separating the upper terrace from the lawn. Paths lead to a native woodland area with Kereru, Bellbird, Fantail, Quail, and other birds. The orchard has peach-nectarine, quince, pear, apple, plum, and walnut trees. The olive grove features *Olea europaea* Chemlali. Pergolas are covered in wisteria, clematis, and roses. Karetu is a gardeners delight where peace and tranquillity reign.

🕒 Events

Michael Wells Sculptures: Stunning designs made from Corten and Mild Steel. Available to purchase. **When:** daily.

Karetu Downs Gift shop: Plants, preserves, gardening products and giftware. From garden gloves to art prints and beautiful homewares. **When:** daily.

JB Catering: Delicious food, tea, and coffee available to purchase. **When:** Daily 10am -2pm.

Fossils and concretions tour: Discover the history and uniqueness of the Waipara river on a guided tour with geologist Dr Kate Pedley. **When:** 12:30pm Sat 28th and Sun 29th. For bookings and more info refer to the HGF website page or contact karen@karetudowns.co.nz

Karetu Downs

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Karetu Downs Farmstay and B&B is the perfect hideaway for the weary traveller.

Located a one-hour drive north of Christchurch airport in the beautiful Waipara Gorge, this 100-year-old homestead B&B offers a unique country experience en route to Kaikoura, Picton, the West Coast, or Queenstown.

Tourist, travellers, and families can relax and take in the peaceful surroundings of the countryside, all whilst staying on a real New Zealand sheep and beef farm. Karetu garden and gift shop is open to garden groups and independent visitors by appointment. Bookings are essential. Follow us on Facebook.

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karen@karetudowns.co.nz | www.karetudowns.co.nz

Sculpture Park



5 Iron Ridge Quarry

Hosts: Raymond Herber

Address: 707 Ram Paddock Road, Waipara

Phone: 03 3149 198 or 027 254 7507

Email: raymondherber71@gmail.com

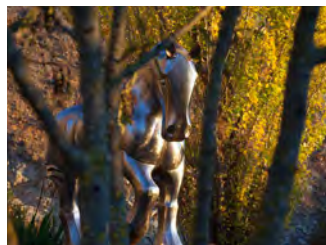
www.raymondherber.com



The ringing of an anvil can be heard high in the hills overlooking the beautiful Waipara Valley. Raymond Herber's workshop is situated in the old Amberley Lime Works, which is now known as Iron Ridge Quarry Sculpture Park. The Sculpture Park is a vast amphitheatre that has been carved out of the limestone over the generations for the local farmers keen to use this fine lime.

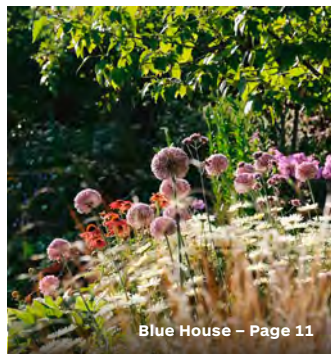
Raymond purchased the property in 1997 and since then he has transformed it from a white dusty derelict quarry into a magical outdoor exhibition space. This was no small task, Raymond purchased a 20-ton excavator and a 10 ton tip truck, moving 350 truckloads of topsoil onto the property from a neighbouring farm. Raymond played with his Tonka toys for many years to create an environment for plants to grow.

Hardy natives are the plants of choice given the tough dry climate. This is a place like no other and people now come from far and wide to picnic, spend time and enjoy this stunning setting.



Raymond's beautiful and sometimes wacky works on display throughout the property are guaranteed to entertain and inspire all ages.

We welcome picnics.



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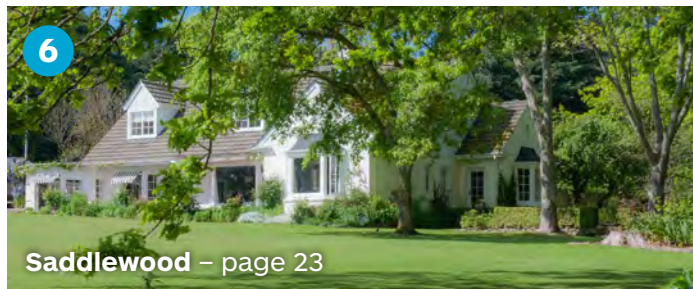


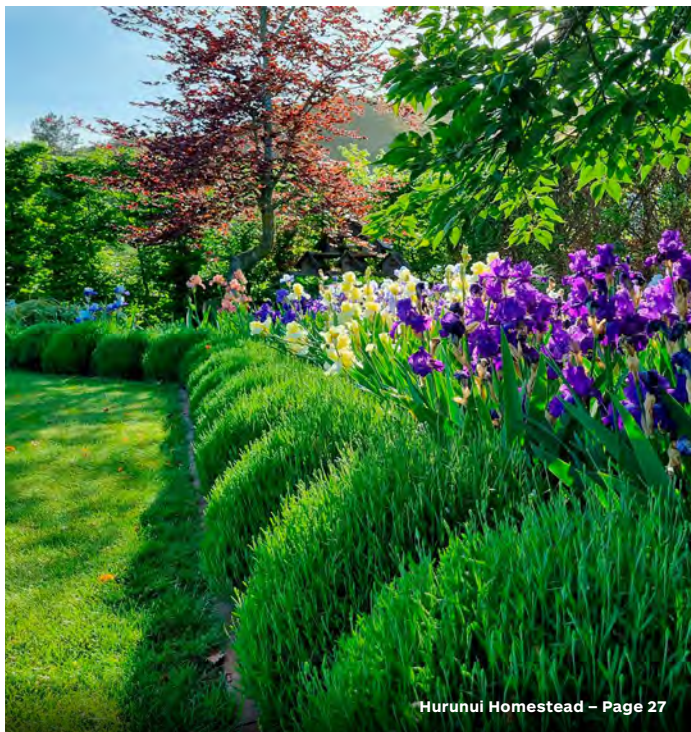
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Classic and elegant



6 Saddlewood

Hosts: Anita & Richard Todd

Address: 342 Allandale Road, Hawarden

Phone: 03 314 4090



A long avenue of poplars lines the driveway towards this classically designed English styled home and garden. This property is nestled amongst an array of deciduous trees that include oak, ash, birch, plane, elm, and lime.

Garden paths lead to areas of woodland, ponds, white garden, and borders full of specimens of lovely old-fashioned shrubs and perennials. A wide lawn leads to a ha-ha and the views open north to a spectacular perspective towards Mt Tekoa and the foothills west of the Amuri Basin.

This garden has a beautiful elegance that invites visitors to linger and rest. The house and garden compliment each other, displaying classic, tasteful features that reflect the English theme for which it was originally intended.

Events

Watermark Gallery & Gift Shop: A beautiful range of fine art photography by local artist Lucy Hunter-Weston
www.watermarkphotography.co.nz

Busy Biddys: Home grown garden plants, produce & gifts.

Legacy Furniture: Display of exquisitely hand crafted garden furniture. www.legacyfurniture.co.nz

Hurunui Farms: Locally sourced prime meat, meat products & Omega eggs for sale. **When:** 11am – 2pm, Thurs 26th, Fri 27th & Sat 28th. www.hurunui-farms.nz

Heathstock Apiaries: Local, premium honey. Beeswax items for sale. **When:** Thurs 26th & Fri 27th. www.heathstock.co.nz

Saddlewood Plants: Special selection available for purchase.

Timeless and ever-changing



7 Flaxmere Garden

Host: Penny Zino

Address: 128 Westenras Road, Hawarden

www.flaxmeregarden.co.nz



Fifty-seven years after it all began, Flaxmere remains inspiring with its appealing vistas and innovative design. The 3-hectare garden features distinct garden areas using different cultivars, connected by a series of ponds with their own personality. Native evergreens contrast with deciduous plantings that change with the seasons, with a focus on trees and shrubs providing interest for spring and autumn colours.

Stone walls and classically inspired timber pergolas entwined with clematis and roses in the swimming pool and rose garden, provide contrast to the gracefully arched bridge which leads your eye to Mt Tekoa. There are new experiences as in the perennial and grasses garden inspired by Piet Oudolf and the whirlpool garden created after a heavy snowfall. Vistas and gardening here are recognised as art forms. **Eftpos is available.**

Events

Art in the Barn: Artworks available for purchase. Exhibiting artists: Sharon Earl, Lisa Grennell, Corina Hazlett, Jane McIntosh, Svetlana Orinko, Julia Atkinson Dunn and more.

Photographic exhibition: Flaxmere Garden through the seasons and timeline.

Plant sale: Huge range of Penny's favourite plants for sale.

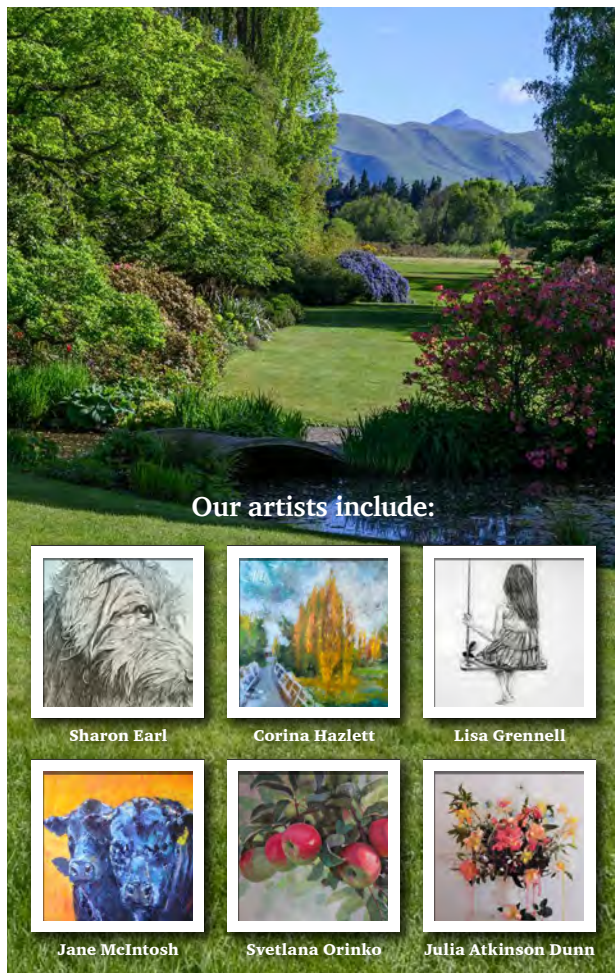
Angel cakes, artisan soap & books: Available for purchase.

Guided talks: With Penny Zino. Meet outside barn daily at 10.30am – Oct 26: Garden Walk. Oct 27: Trees and Shrubs with seasonal interest. Oct 28: How to plan and create a naturalistic garden. Oct 29: Native plantings suitable for Canterbury.



Art in the Barn 2023

Stunning exhibitions from wonderful local artists.
All art is available for purchase.



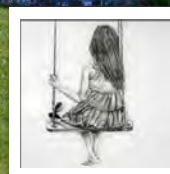
Our artists include:



Sharon Earl



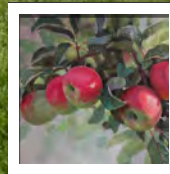
Corina Hazlett



Lisa Grennell



Jane McIntosh



Svetlana Orinko



Julia Atkinson Dunn

Learn more about Flaxmere Gardens

www.flaxmeregarden.co.nz

Forever evolving -
always peaceful



8 Newstead

Hosts: Ruth & John Appleby

Address: 285 Lake Sumner Road, Hawarden



Newstead is a garden that embraces you and makes you feel welcome. Its mature trees are limbed up and create a soft green light over everything. They overarch many of the garden beds, which are deep and lush and overbrimming with beautiful treasures. The generous curved beds feature lovely traditional plants, many of which are for sale and hard to find elsewhere. There is gorgeous colour from rhododendrons, azaleas, viburnums, irises, aquilegia, and the very first roses, all at their peak. The mature trees are a special delight, including wonderful white stemmed birch trees and double apple blossoms.

Of special interest is the newly created rock and crevice garden showcasing a growing collection of alpine plants in a cleverly created area resembling a mountain ridge. Newstead also has generous curved sunny lawns, lots of winding paths deep into the planting, and a huge sunny border with grasses and sun-loving plants. There is a stunning meadow studded with daisies, and a large productive vegetable and berry garden. It is a clever mix of colour and calmness, a mature garden which shows the result of 25 years of love and nurturing by a passionate plantswoman.

🕒 Events

Sharon Earl: A talented sculptor and artist Sharon is exhibiting in the Newstead Garden. **When:** Daily.

Garden Walk: With Ruth Appleby.

When: Thursday 26th Oct, 12.30pm and Friday 27th Oct, 12.30pm.

Homestead Transformation



9 Hurunui Homestead

Hosts: Ann & Matthew Newton

Address: 1296 Karaka Road, Hurunui

Phone: 027 309 0396 www.hurunuihomestead.com

Directions: Entrance to our garden is on the corner of State Highway 7 and Hurunui Bluff Road. Please be careful when turning off the Main Road.



When we brought the property in 1999 you could not see the house from the road. It was surrounded by large macrocarpas, with no garden to speak of. The house has been completely renovated and was opened for Bed and Breakfast guests in 2018.

Extensive tree planting has been carried out over the years to give a parklike entrance. The scarlet oaks lining the drive are spectacular in the autumn. There are two large lawn areas including a croquet green. Hedging is giving privacy and framing the cottage style garden surrounding the house. Irises are a favourite, peonies, roses, and lavender edging make a very pretty spring garden.

The large potager style vegetable garden has been partly turned into a picking garden. We became Biogro Certified in September 2022 and so our vegetable patch has moved out to the field with the garlic. The glasshouse has increased the variety of vegetables able to be grown and a small orchard provides all the fruit we need most years.

We have a relaxed country garden that is a pleasure to share and enjoy with visitors.

🕒 Events

Matthew Newton Joinery: A range of quality outdoor furniture, obelisks, and birdhouses.

Growing Organically: – Come and listen to Paul O'Donnell talk about the importance of Soil and Plant Nutrition for Organic gardening. **When:** Fri 3.00pm & Sat 11.00am.

For The Love of Gardening



10 Red Oak

Hosts: Debra and Rick Orr

Address: 32 Ferguson Road, Weka Pass Loop Road, Waikari

Directions: From SH7, turn onto Old Weka Pass Loop Road, in 700 metres turn right at Red Oak gateway.



Red Oak is a 2.5 acre established garden of mature oak and walnut trees scattered throughout the garden providing a canopy for the array of colourful garden beds. Rhodos, hydrangeas, hostas, roses, day lilies, calla lilies, dahlias, are all inter planted with no real plan or design, just as long as they survive!

All these plants need to survive our challenging hot, dry, windy, conditions. The garden surrounds the Glen Ida schist homestead built in 2007 on the original site of the 1900's homestead. It has wonderful views of the garden and surrounding limestone hills and glimpses of the Weka Pass train meandering through the pass and stopping at Frog Rock.

The limestone walls built in the early 1900's have also been retained in the garden and with mostly flat terrain has enabled a large variety of easy walking avenues and vista few points to sit and enjoy the tranquillity and peaceful surroundings.

Whimsical artwork, sculptures and a few gardening quotes on display through out the garden will make you smile.

Not to be missed is the garden gift shop and plant nursery. A complimentary drink and food to purchase also available. We look forward to meeting you all.

🕒 Events

Paverpol Workshop: Come and join Theresa at Red Oak and make a beautiful figurine, or birds for your home or garden. No experience necessary, just come and have fun and discover the artist within you. **When:** Sat 28th and Sun 29th October 9am-3.30ish. **Book:** Email sensationsbytheresa@gmail.com or Facebook Theresa Hart to book your spot!



Red Oak

North Canterbury, New Zealand

Open by appointment only and throughout the Hurunui Garden Festival 26th-29th October 2023



EVENT: Paverpol Workshop



Join Theresa at Red Oak and make a beautiful figurine, or birds for your home or garden. No experience necessary, just come and have fun and discover the artist within you.

Learn more at hurunui.gardenfestival.com/red-oak

redoakstud.nz/gardens

Cheviot



11 The Grange

Hosts: Sue & Steve Coleman

Address: 44 McQueen Road, Cheviot

Directions: Turn off SH1 at Cheviot Lions park into McQueen Rd, continue past 3 roads on your left & our gate is the 2nd property on the right.



The house was built in 1896 from Kauri and Rimu shipped from the North Island to Port Robinson.

It is positioned on a rise overlooking Cheviot township surrounded by sloping lawns and a variety of mature trees some of which are over 100 years old. They provide shelter and privacy as well as being a haven for birds including wood pigeon, bellbirds, fantails and quail along with many others.

The gardens as you see them today were developed during the 1990's and early 2000. Both the previous owners were very keen gardeners and planted over 120 roses throughout the many garden plots they established.

During the 16 years we have lived here we have added another orchard area, citrus and asparagus while continuing to enhance the gardens and start to develop some of the areas that over time had become over grown.

Friends and family comment on the tranquillity of the garden setting – an oasis within the township. We are custodians of this beautiful, historic property.

🕒 Events

Morning and afternoon tea provided by the Cheviot Cancer Support Group, served on verandah. Tea, coffee, cold drink with Slice \$5. Daily.

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Our Retirement Corner



12 Fitzgibbon Garden

Hosts: Maureen & Michael Fitzgibbon

Address: 2 Robinson Street, Cheviot

Directions: Corner section of McQueen Rd and Robinson St. East side of main highway.



Our corner double section was part of the original Cheviot Maternity Hospital grounds. The house was built around 1991 and we are the 4th owners being here 18 years.

The garden layout is the original design but changes have gone from rose gardens to native trees and grasses. On our first winter here, June dealt us a heavy snow storm smashing many of the trees. That was our opportunity to redevelop a more colourful area, hence there is now a lot more colour and picking flowers, daffodils along the roadside, tulips, roses, dahlias, penstemons, hellebores to name but a few.

In summer annuals are used as fillers. The three Robinia (Lacy Lady) area later addition to give us summer shade, but interesting form during their bare winter months. The flowering cherries along the roadside replaced three huge Deadars.

With yearly layers of pea straw, sheep manure and grass clipping the soil is becoming more viable, it can also get very wet in winter.

The garden is Maureen's go to relaxing place and she enjoy sharing plants with other gardeners. Michael, the man of the house, maintains and mows the lawns.

We hope you enjoy your visit to our garden and beautiful district.

🕒 Events

Home made relishes for sale. **When:** Daily.

Town and Country



13 Creekside

Hosts: Chrissy & Mark Spalding

Address: 13 Robinson Street, Cheviot



Although in the heart of Cheviot this garden has a rural outlook as it borders a local reserve containing sheep (which we laugh and say "they're ours") and exotic trees planted over 100 years ago as part of the Cheviot Hills Station.

When we came here, mid '16 there was a remnant of the garden that was planted when the house was built in the early '70s. With help from a garden hose to get the right shape and a lot of digging we sculptured out new areas of garden and gave width and shape around the borders. Some of the mature trees we have pruned and saved but all the under planting and ornamental gardens we have done in the last 7 years. So, it is still a young garden.

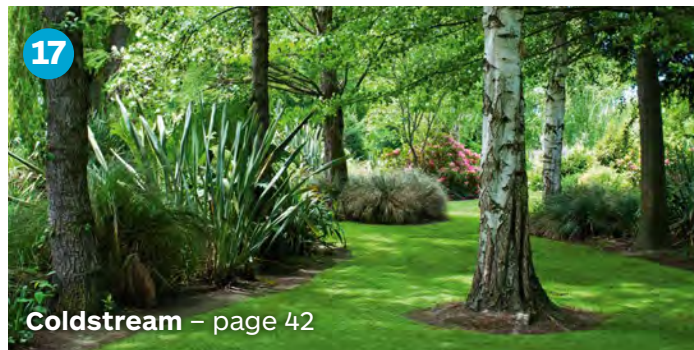
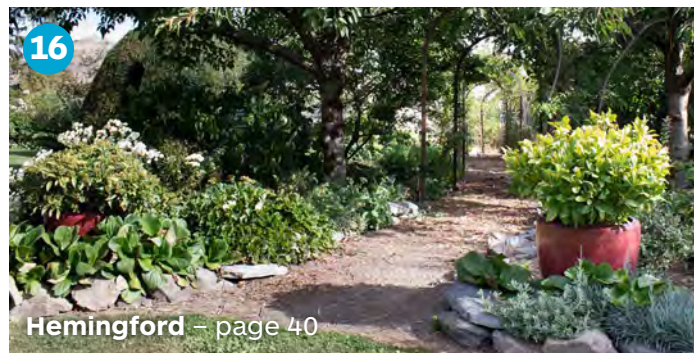
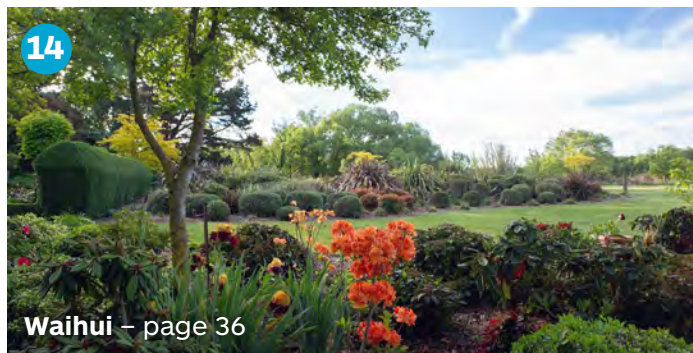
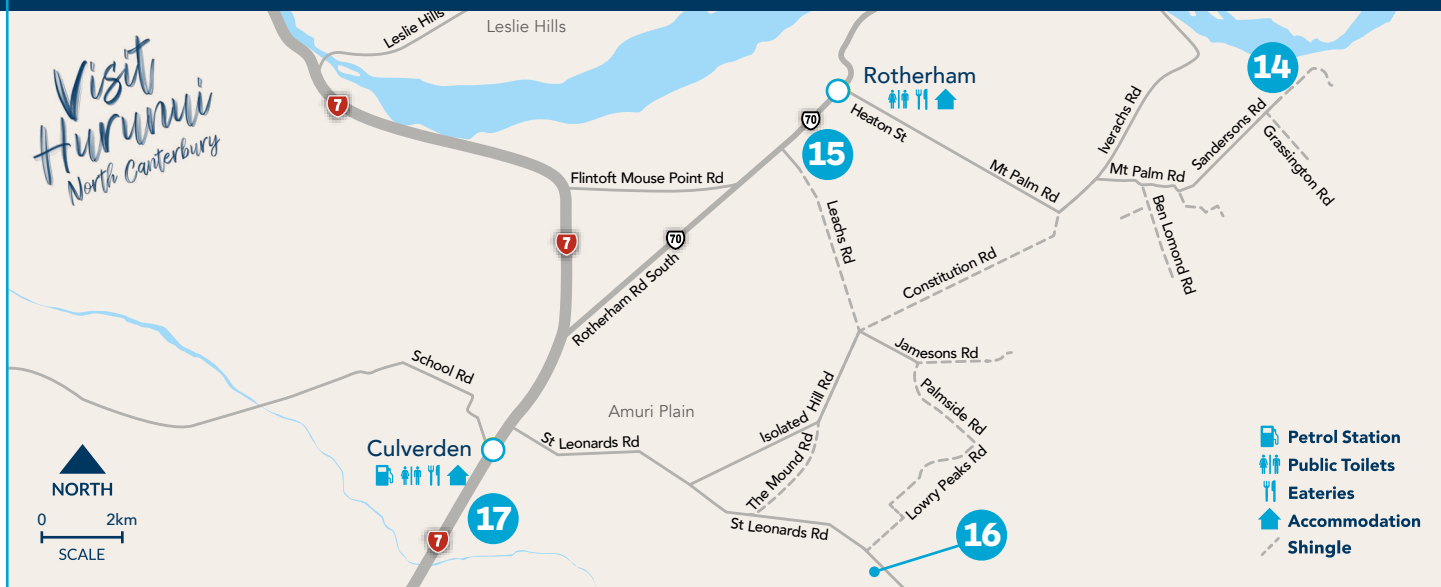
We can have incredible frosts here right up to November, maybe a bit of snow even. Then, come summer, drought conditions so it makes gardening interesting especially when there is a water shortage!

I try to have some colour right up to early Autumn when nature takes over for me and it's a constant surprise and joy for me to have a garden that reflects all 4 seasons as my previous garden had been a sub-tropical one.

Thankfully my garden art that I bought from the last garden has fitted in well and has been added to by some talented local artists. I hope you all get as much pleasure out of this garden as I do.



Culverden & Rotherham



A play on colour and form



14 Waihui

Hosts: Meg & Tom Macfarlane

Address: 395 Sandersons Road, Rotherham



Welcome to Waihui gardens – a garden established over the last 30 years purely with entertainment in mind! Come and see what a young novice gardener and her reluctant husband have been able to establish from the bones of an original site established in 1962, to give them the entertaining spaces they so badly wanted when funds were tight.

Fast forward to 2023 and we now have a series of garden rooms – each suitable for different wind conditions and to provide entertaining spaces for friends and families for the many parties, weddings and other functions we have hosted. Learn the trials and tribulations of dealing with wind, livestock, rain, floods and snow.

Truly worth the short trip from Rotherham and well sign posted – we look forward to meeting you in our garden on the peninsula – surrounded by the Waiau river – a very scenic drive.

🕒 Events

Corina Hazlett design: Art Class Saturday - visit tours and collections on the Hurunui Garden Festival website.

Alpine echoes: Easy listening jazz. When: 11am-3pm Sat.

Brents Country Furniture – Unique furniture and much more, crafted from recycled NZ native timber.

When: Saturday 28th October

Marinas Medialunas – mouth-watering Argentine cakes and pastries for sale. When: Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th

Kumusha NZ: Shona (African) stone sculptures for sale. When: Thursday 26th - Saturday 28th



Expansive and Tranquil



Loch Leven



15 Loch Leven Garden & Nursery

Hosts: Doreen & Mike Dryden

Address: 714 Rotherham Road South, Rotherham

Phone: 027 220 5186 www.lochlevennursery.co.nz



Loch Leven started 34 years ago from a blank canvas. This 3 acre garden is set on a small farm in the Amuri Basin. The structured and restful garden is filled with creative plant combinations that give a year-round display.

Some of the features within the garden include; native areas that provide shelter and an evergreen back drop, hedging which has been used extensively, large borders filled with a rich array of plants giving ever-changing vistas, deciduous trees and shrubs providing beautiful spring and autumn colour, wire art and locally sourced boulders, a summerhouse nestled between peony beds and espaliered fruit trees, potager raised vegetable beds and a berry garden.

There are many areas to rest and enjoy this tranquil garden. The nursery has a wide selection of plants, which the owners propagate, and will be available to purchase.

A passionate gardener with the help of an enthusiastic husband have enjoyed creating this ever-evolving garden.

🕒 Events/Workshops

Loch Leven Nursery: A huge selection of plants that are all propagated from the garden. **When:** open daily 9am-5pm

Propagation Workshop: Learn how to propagate to replenish your own garden with Doreen. **When:** Friday, Saturday, Sunday 11.30am. **Cost:** Free with admission

Rotherham Home & School: Offering delicious food, tea & coffee to purchase. **Contact:** Stacey 027 462 6962. **When:** Daily 10am-2pm

Sloe Gin making: Learn how to make this British liqueur. **When:** Saturday 1-4pm. **Cost:** Free with admission.

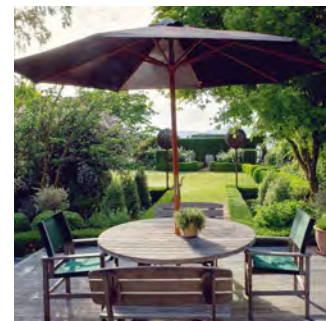


LOCH LEVEN

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Nursery & Garden
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An Artist's Garden



16 Hemingford

Hosts: Lissa & Al Holland

Address: 938 St Leonards Road, Culverden

Directions: From Culverden, turn off SH7 at Farm Source. Please note that St Leonards Road is often confused with nearby St Leonards Street.

Phone: 021 180 5997



Come and see what an artist's eye can do to a North Canterbury farm garden and admire the fantastic views. Enter through the John Rutherford designed and made gates and see the romantic Cecil Wood designed house built in 1952, backed by 65 year old cedars and nestled at the foot of the Lowry Range. To the right is an archway walk from a dismantled garden on Clifton Hill, Sumner, which was a gift originally made in the Lyttelton shipyards.

These have added walkways and a structure on which roses, clematis and jasmine climb and often feature in Lissa's artwork. On emerging from these you will see Lissa's studio where her exhibition will be displayed or turn right and follow the path around the pool to a new area of NZ native plantings where you can sit and look over the creek to the 955ha sheep and cattle farmland beyond.

Colourful borders have been planned with Lissa's artistic eye in order to capture the scene on canvas. The 1ha garden has a weeping elm, a copper beech, flowering cherries, roses, peonies, irises and many other herbaceous perennials. Fruit trees, a herb area and a large vegetable garden has an artistic surprise in store!

Events

Lissa Holland Art Exhibition of paintings for sale.
www.lissahollandart.co.nz When: Daily Cost: Free

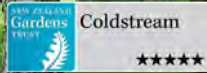


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Lush oasis



17 Coldstream

Hosts: Vicki Collett & Andrew Dalzell

Address: 197 Culverden Road, Culverden



The creek flowing through Coldstream garden is the secret to the spectacular growth of the garden established approximately 34 years ago. The one-hectare garden wraps around the homestead, with a series of interconnecting lawns and pathways that led you from one area to the next.

Mature oaks and silver birches provide height and a canopy to protect the large garden beds of established roses, camellias, and rhododendrons that together with mass plantings of daffodils, tulips and peonies put on a magnificent display in the spring. Between the canopy and under-planting you'll see enticing views across the surrounding farmland to distant mountains.

Coldstream stream is put to good use naturally filtering the waters of a large pond surrounded by extensive planting. The jetty is a great spot to feed the eels that come and visit. You'll find plenty of restful spots to take in the grandeur of the garden.



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Hanmer Springs



Garden for high-flyers



18 The Geens

Hosts: Dorothy & John Geen

Address: 19 Coleridge Street, Hanmer Springs



At 16 the garden is now showing its maturity. Set against a backdrop of the Hanmer Range, the garden brings together a mix of both formal and informal design ideas, planted with a mix of exotic, native, flowering and foliage plants to give year-round colour and texture. You'll find combinations of plants layered to give depth to the garden and to bring in amazing views and complimented with lots of pots, tubs and garden art throughout the garden providing added appeal for visitors and birds alike!

We gave lots of thought to the use of trees and shrubs that offer habitat and a food source for the birds which live around here, with bellbirds, fantail, tui and kereru all regular visitors along with all the exotic species, with some even nesting in the garden each year. Last year, along with the bellbirds, tui nested in the top of a Wellingtonia. We also have a pair of falcons in the area which visit most days and sit in the tops of the trees.

Can you find all the ornamental birds, there are over 35? Each year we make a few changes, some plants outgrow their usefulness, or we prefer others, so those of you who have been before will see some changes. We hope you can go home with some new ideas for your own piece of paradise.

Events

Hey Hey It's Christmas: Come and be inspired by our Christmas Grotto – a magical experience for all ages.
When: Open daily **Cost:** Free with admission to garden

Art Exhibition: Artist Peter Geen of EarthSea Gallery. Renowned for his landscapes and bird paintings, Peter has exhibited both here and Australia. *"I love to paint the mountains and the sea, our natural environment free from man-made modifications."* Peter paints with acrylic and his work is known for its detail and light. **When:** Open daily **Cost:** Free with admission to garden.



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- Paris Café
- Amberley Hotel

Waipara

- Greystone Wines

Greta Valley

- Greta Valley Tavern

Cheviot

- Number 8 Café

Hanmer Springs

- Monteiths Hanmer

Culverden

- Red Post Café

Waikari

- Waikari Kitchen

Hawarden

- The Hogget

Recommended Accommodation

Here are places we suggest you consider booking with during your stay in Hurunui. Some of our properties provide accommodation. Please refer to their individual page for contact details.

Amberley & Leithfield

- Amberley Hotel
- Leithfield Beach Holiday Park

Waipara Gorge

- Karetu Downs B&B – Page 16

Hawarden & Waikari

- The Hogget
- Flaxmere Garden – Page 24

Hurunui

- Hurunui River Retreat
- Hurunui Homestead – Page 27

Cheviot & Gore Bay

- Broadview Motel
- Cathedral Cliffs B&B

Greta Valley & Scargill

- Tipapa Historic Homestead

Hanmer Springs

- Settlers Inn Motel
- Amuri Estate
- Hanmer Springs Top 10 Holiday Park

Motor Home visitors

All visitors in a motor home are welcome to visit our properties. Entry to the property is \$10 per person.

Those visitors in motor homes who wish to overnight at a specific property:

- If overnighing – please ring the owner in advance and pre-book to ensure there is enough space.
- Overnight fees are \$15, and this goes towards our Student Scholarship Fund.
- Please pay cash to the property owner at the gate.
- Must be self-contained and take all rubbish with you.
- Must follow and abide by all health and safety rules (most are working farms)
- Please check to see if the property allows dogs or not. Dogs need to be treated for sheep measles (Drontal worm tablet or similar)
- Welcome to stay for the duration of the festival only – Thursday 26th to Sunday 29th Oct.

Gardens allowing overnight motor home stays are:

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Terms & Conditions

1. The Hurunui Garden Festival gives you a rare opportunity to visit properties in the Hurunui District.
2. One of the conditions of entry to these properties is that all visitors accept responsibility for their and their family's own health and safety while there.
3. Many of the properties are part of working farms, with livestock, dogs, electric fences, and watercourses. Care must be taken, and visitors are advised to not wander outside the designated property areas, for their own safety. Do not open farm gates or approach animals for any reason. Parents must supervise children around waterways.
4. Within property areas there are potential hazards that could detract from your visit. Many properties include streams and ponds that are not fenced, so please always supervise young children. Where there are fenced swimming pools the gates must always remain closed.
5. Many gardens contain sloping or uneven surfaces including bricks, wooden sleepers and grass that can be slippery when wet. We encourage all visitors to wear appropriate footwear and exercise caution on steep slopes. Be alert for low hanging branches when walking underneath tree canopies.
6. Please ensure you remove any of your belongings you bring with you into the properties. Owners are not responsible for disposing of rubbish or collecting and returning lost property.
7. Please remember these are all private properties. While you're welcome to explore within the designated property areas, the homes are not open, unless the owners are running tours. Please respect the owners' privacy.
8. No smoking or vaping is permitted at any of the properties.

A note for dog owners – Most of our gardens are on working farms. If you plan to visit any garden which welcomes dogs, your dog must be treated for sheep measles. (Drontal worm tablets or similar)

Ticket refund policy

Refunds of tickets will be considered on a case-by-case basis, due to extenuating circumstances, and at the discretion of the Committee, and must be claimed within a month of the event, together with proof of purchase. Options are available to donate your refund to the Scholarship fund also.

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