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- *These gardens can be at least partially accessed by wheelchair. Please note that there is no charge for people confined to wheelchairs.*



Message from the President

Welcome to the 55th Leura Gardens Festival and we hope your visit allows you to fully experience the magic of spring in the beautiful Upper Blue Mountains.

The first Leura Gardens Festival was held in 1965 (see History page 36) and since then the Festival has grown to be one of the Mountain's most loved events, attracting visitors from Australia and overseas.

This year there are 10 beautiful gardens on show that offer a wide range of styles and sizes to provide food for thought and inspiration for all gardeners. A Festival favourite, The Braes, returns this year. Please make sure you allow enough time to explore this very large and glorious garden.

Other Festival attractions include the Music in the Gardens program held each Festival day in the beautiful gardens of Nesuto Leura Gardens, the ever-popular Art Show presented by the Society of Mountain Artists featuring work created in the gardens during the Festival, plus our not-to-be-missed Festival Plant Sales Centre, which this year will offer a great range of plants and garden accessories for you to take home. The Art Show and the Plant Sales will be open for nine days from 5 to 13 October 2019.

Since its inception, the Festival has raised money to purchase equipment for the Blue Mountains District ANZAC Memorial Hospital and to support other local health-related organisations. We are proud to announce that so far over

\$3 million has now been raised, making our hospital one of the best equipped of its size in the state and providing much-needed assistance to a number of local health-related organisations.

I thank our garden owners without whom there would not be a Festival. We are very fortunate to have such public-spirited and generous people in our community who work so hard to prepare their gardens.

Thanks also to our large band of volunteers without whose assistance, energy and valuable support we could not run the Festival. As the result of a partnership between the Festival and Blue Mountains Grammar School, this year we are delighted to welcome senior students who will be volunteering on our garden gates.

Also, thanks to our sponsors whose financial support offsets some of the considerable cost of running an event of this magnitude and to our Committee members who work so tirelessly throughout the year.

We thank you for coming and hope you enjoy your time with us at this year's Festival.

Brooke Broughton
President

Acknowledgement to Country

The Leura Gardens Festival acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country and their continuing connection to land culture and community. We pay our respects to elders past and present.

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We would like to sincerely thank the following for their wonderful support of this year's Festival.

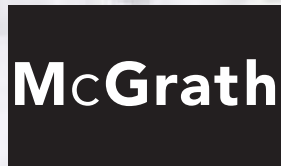
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Leura Gardens Festival at a Glance

Saturday 5 Oct	Sunday 6 Oct	Monday 7 Oct	Tuesday 8 Oct	Wed'day 9 Oct	Thursday 10 Oct	Friday 11 Oct	Saturday 12 Oct	Sunday 13 Oct
All gardens open	All gardens open	All gardens open	Three gardens open	Three gardens open	Three gardens open	All gardens open	All gardens open	All gardens open
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Plant Sales	Plant Sales	Plant Sales	Plant Sales	Plant Sales	Plant Sales	Plant Sales	Plant Sales	Plant Sales

Important Information

The 2019 Leura Gardens Festival is held for six days over two long weekends:

Saturday, 5 Oct. to Monday, 7 Oct.

Friday, 11 Oct. to Sunday, 13 Oct.

The gardens are open from 9:30am to 4:30 pm on the six Festival days.

Ticket costs:

All gardens ticket: \$30pp. valid for the duration of the Festival.

School children are free.

Single garden ticket: \$8pp per garden.

Tickets are available at every garden except Nesuto Leura Gardens (no.2) and Fairmont Resort & Spa (no.4), at HQ location indicated by the red star on map pages 24/25, and at our stand near Leura Station.

Group tours:

All groups should check in at HQ. Garden prices are as above with free entry to Coach Captain and Tour Leader.

Credit and debit card facilities:

Visa and Mastercard are available at four locations: Festival HQ, Leura Mall opposite the Station, The Braes garden (Grose Street entrance) and at the Plant Sales Centre.

Finding the gardens:

Trains for Leura depart from Central Station. When you visit the gardens use the 'hop-on, hop-off' Festival bus, which leaves from Leura Station. (For details of train timetables please contact Transport NSW on 131 500 or visit transportnsw.info.)

If you are driving from Sydney pass through Wentworth Falls, turn left into Scott Avenue and follow the signs.

If you are driving from the west, take the Leura exit and turn right at the roundabout. Ticket sales and Information are at the top of The Mall.

Transport between gardens:

The Festival 'hop-on, hop-off' bus runs every 30 minutes. An all-day ticket is \$10. The first bus leaves Leura station at 9.30am and the last bus departs the station at 4.30pm. Bus timetables are available at each garden.

Important message for all visitors:

The Leura Gardens Festival Committee and the Festival garden owners have taken reasonable precautions to make the gardens safe for visitors. However, there are possible dangers in all gardens, including paths, steps, walls, borders and other features that may present hazards.

We ask that when climbing, descending or crossing any part of a garden, you act only within the limits of your fitness and take particular care to prevent tripping, slipping, falling, striking or colliding with objects in the gardens.

Please ask about stroller access as some gardens are not stroller-friendly.

Children must be accompanied by and under the supervision of an adult.

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Music in the Gardens 2019

Music in the Gardens performances are held on each of the six Festival days and entry is by way of a donation.

All performances will take place in the grounds of Nesuto Leura Gardens, 20-28 Fitzroy Street Leura or under cover in the event of wet weather.

All performances commence at 1.00pm.

Saturday, 5 October:

The Heathens Choir of Blackheath

This is the fourth year the fabulous Heathens Choir has supported the Festival. Like many community choirs, the mission of The Heathens Choir is to bring the joy of making music into the lives of ordinary people with busy lives. Audiences will enjoy their wide range of repertoire as well as their infectious pleasure in sharing their music.

Sunday, 6 October:

Katoomba Jazz Quartet

Wonderful supporters of the Festival, this group of talented local jazz performers on keyboard, bass, tenor saxophone and percussion will quickly have your feet tapping!

Monday, 7 October:

Sydney Mandolin Orchestra

Appearing for the second time at the Festival, the Sydney Mandolin Orchestra is an ensemble that regularly performs in and around Sydney.

Established in 1932, it is Australia's oldest mandolin orchestra and is dedicated to keeping alive the tradition of mandolin music in Sydney.

Their varied repertoire covers classical and contemporary pieces from well-known composers.

Friday, 11 October:

Gary and James Daley

Accordion and mandolin duo, Gary and James Daley, are highly renowned musicians who happen to be father and son. Gary, on accordion, has been a staple in the Sydney music scene for decades and James, on mandolin, is well known to Mountain audiences.

Saturday, 12 October:

The Raduga Trio

This is the third year that the Raduga Trio has performed a mixture of Russian, Balkan, Gypsy Jazz and Klezmer music at the Festival.

From the Russian "Raduga"— meaning 'rainbow' or 'joyous arch'. This exciting trio performs an eclectic, energetic and exciting take on a raw gypsy style. Join us in dancing, clapping and singalong.

Sunday, 13 October:

The Blue Mountains Concert Band

Performing for the first time in the Festival, the Blue Mountains Concert Band is comprised of musicians from all walks of life and has a charter of service to the Blue Mountains community.

The band performs regularly at the Glenbrook ANZAC Dawn and Morning Services, the Buckland Village ANZAC Service, the Glenbrook Spring Festival and Glenbrook's Carols in the Park.

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The Braes

Garden No 1: 64 Grose Street, Leura

Garden courtesy of Margot and John Egan



The Braes has two entrances – one at 64 Grose Street and one in Lone Pine Avenue/Malvern Road, past the sandstone entrance posts to the Lone Pine Reserve. The gate at 64 Grose Street will have two ticket booths: one for pre-purchased tickets and one for ticket sales by cash or debit/credit card.

Please allow at least 45 minutes to enjoy this extensive garden.

With views to the Southern Highlands, The Braes Heritage Garden Estate is adjacent to the Blue Mountains World Heritage National Park and lies between an urban and a semi-rural environment. The Braes' original land grants were allocated in 1882.

Over the period from 1907 to 1914 it was used primarily as a dairy farm, a poultry farm and a market garden for the former Chateau Napier Guest House in Leura which, sadly, was lost in the December 1957 bushfire.

The McSweeney family owned the property until 1943 when it was sold to Dr Geoffrey Hagarty who commissioned Paul Sorensen to provide landscaping and planting services.

A number of the team who worked at Everglades in the 1930s for Henri Van de Velde worked at The Braes in building the drystone walls immediately adjacent to the knoll and to the west of the Gordon Creek.

There were several owners of The Braes from mid-1956 until April 1996 at



which time the property was acquired by Margot and John Egan.

During the 1990s a number of constraints were imposed on the owners arising from the property's local heritage classification.

Working with state and local authorities, approval was granted for the significant restoration of the site and establishment of a garden with many prominent cool climate botanic elements referenced to the early work of Sorensen.

The restoration project included the building of bridges, the retaining of creek banks, and the establishment of a comprehensive conservation management plan, updated annually to ensure the preservation of the primary heritage attributes of the garden.

Over the last 24 years Margot and John have overseen the site's remediation, including the removal of significant stands of radiata pine with many other predatory and unwelcome plants and the management and mitigation of the site's flooding. Once the site had been

substantially cleared, terracing of the site commenced to match the knoll and 1940s' landscape development. Advice was then sought for the selection and layout of planting which is in evidence today.

The garden offers an extensive display of trees and shrubs some approaching 100 years old and a rich diversity of perennials and annuals. A rose garden has been established on the eastern terraces together with an orchard with over 20 varieties of fruit and nut trees and several hundred bulbs. The propagation facility, established in the northeastern corner of the property, produces well over 5,000 plants from cuttings and seeds each year which are continually added to the garden environment.

Head gardeners have been supported by many capable garden labourers, stonemasons and horticulturalists, guided by landscape architects and other plant specialists without whose contribution we would not have made the progress we have to date.

Nesuto Leura Gardens

Garden No 2: 20-28 Fitzroy Street, Leura
Garden courtesy of Nesuto Leura Gardens



Two gardens will be open during the Festival - the Lady Fairfax and the Margaret Stevens Gardens.

Please note there is no charge to view the gardens, however, a donation is requested for attendance at the Music in the Gardens performances held on each of the Festival days.

Lady Mabel Fairfax and her gardener, Hector Hood, worked on this garden from 1927 until the Leura bushfires of 1957. The original house was burnt but much of the garden survived. Lady Mabel asked Hood to make her a garden in the English style including flower borders and it would seem that the English collector was in their minds as the garden contains plants from all over the world.

The garden contains an English oak, scarlet oak, linden tree, many Japanese maples, rhododendrons and azaleas.

The wood under the English beech and silver birch is carpeted with bluebells in spring and there is also a stream and rock pool built by Hood.

The Margaret Stevens Garden is on the first block bought by the resort consortium. Margaret was the wife of one of the consortium members. Much of her garden no longer exists but the Shogetsu cherry, purple leafed maple, weeping elm and large conifers date from her time. She was influenced by the gardens of Japan and introduced Japanese elements including the stone lantern at the rock pool in the Fairfax Garden.

The Olive Tree restaurant will be open throughout the Festival for light refreshments.

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Dead End House

Garden No 3: 32 Fitzroy Street, Leura

Garden courtesy of Robert Brain and Neal Blewett



This is a garden dominated by trees, sometimes overwhelmingly so. As trees often resist discipline, the garden has a natural disobedient air. Running wild under the trees are a host of ground covers - lamium, periwinkle, woodruff, indigofera - and shade loving plants like clivias and hellebores as well as under-tree space fillers such as acanthus, agapanthus and a variety of ferns. A towering deodar and a majestic copper beach mark the entrance to the garden, while to the right is an ancient silver birch in a grove of weeping maples bordered by camellias, pieris and rhododendrons.

Down the gravel drive a tunnel effect is created by a flowering crabapple, rowans and tulip trees on one side and espaliered camellias on the other with a large strawberry tree at the end.

Beyond is the formal vegetable garden and a mosaic pergola covered with a wild array of climbing plants - wisteria, pandorea, roses and clematis. Bordering the pergola amidst the acanthus are the most exotic of plants, Mexican lilies, of semi-tropical provenance now flourishing in the time of global warming.

To the right of the strawberry tree is a lawn terrace with maples, a flowering pistachio and two giant cottonwoods. From the terrace, steps, paths and yellow bridges lead down through beds with an eclectic mixture of trees, shrubs and flowering plants, both native and exotic, to a pond covered with water fern and lilies. Here under the welcome shade of a fine claret ash is another place to relax and contemplate the exuberant garden at DeadEnd.

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Fairmont Resort & Spa

Garden No 4: 1 Sublime Point Road, Leura

Garden courtesy of Fairmont Resort & Spa

Please note that there is no charge to visit the Fairmont Resort & Spa gardens.

Much like the resort itself, the Fairmont Resort & Spa gardens have seen significant rejuvenation over the past few years. The expansive garden area features many quiet sanctuaries accentuated by the three magnificent lakes.

Take in the ornamental liquid ambers lining the driveway as you make your way toward the lower lake, featuring European water lilies and Koi carp lazily cruising the waters. As you walk around the lower pond, on your right you'll see a hedge of a vigorous juniper species.

Proceed uphill to enjoy the substantial waterfall, flanked on the far side by native 'soft' tree ferns (*Dicksonia antarctica*) with smaller native ferns at foot.

Take a rest by the serene middle lake with its unique sculpture bench and placid water. Look out for the beautiful pink bell flowers of the *Syzygium austral* 'express' lilly pilly in this area.

Opposite the middle lake the garden expands out to the oval area, complete with a buxus hedge maze for a bit of fun! Follow the path toward the resort, with Callery pear trees on your left, to find yourself at the main lake where



you can take a break under the gazebo. Meander the pathways and watch out for a range of delights such as unique sculptures, a Wollemi pine, Gynea lilies, ginkgo biloba trees and white-barked silver birches.

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Hill of Grace

Garden No 5: 52 Sublime Point Road, Leura

Garden courtesy of Sue and Brett



The garden was created in the 1970s by Keith Knox, with “crazy paving” stone paths and walls being used to cut across a remarkably steep, east-facing site at the back of the property. The resulting vertical garden is simultaneously beautiful and challenging.

The steep gradient brings the plantings very close to eye level as you walk along, creating a feeling of intimacy which is juxtaposed against the long, distant views into Jamison Valley and the enormity of the opposing Kedumba Walls.

From the street, mass plantings of clivias welcome visitors. They are the perfect plant for the situation. Planted by Judy Howarth approximately 10 years ago, they work beautifully due to their toughness; coping with the harsh westerly winds of winter and the constant drought conditions created

by overhead pine trees. Flowering in full shade, the bright splash of orange works with the house render, both alluding to the natural sandstone colour of the escarpment at sunset.

Most plants within the garden are very mature, with maples, azaleas, rhododendrons and camelias being used extensively throughout the entire garden. Plants in Hill of Grace are kept tightly trimmed to give a very sculpted look, reinforcing the Japanese influence created by the plantings.

The current owners, along with landscape gardener, Dan Townes, have recently renovated the northern courtyard and front garden, adding more azaleas and camelias, a cercis tree and a standard copper beech, lace cap hydrangeas and Japanese plum yews and a Japanese black pine (*Pinus thunbergia*).



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Ewanrigg

Garden No 6: 100 Gladstone Road, Leura

Garden courtesy of Matthew Muir and James Peters



strolling through Ewanrigg. The planning of the garden must be attributed to Margaret Pratten who, assisted by noted landscape designer, Paul Sorrenson, designed the garden in the 1940s. Sorrenson's influence can be seen in the rock walls, stone paths and bridge spanning the waterway.

In 1978 Mavis and Carl Judd began replanning various domains of the garden, assisted at a very early age by their grandson, Matthew Clark. The garden is currently being restructured by the new owners with the invaluable assistance of renowned arborist, Jessica Lawn. The history goes on.

Ewanrigg is a garden that encourages visitors to amble and explore its intricate network of pathways and steps while admiring the foresight and talent of its creator and those who have nurtured it since.

Over the decades many visitors to Ewanrigg have suggested the strength of the garden is the wisdom of having planted trees in the past that now act as a canopy to a series of lush garden rooms.

The element of surprise contributes towards a satisfying journey when

The word 'magical' is often written in the visitors' book to describe Ewanrigg's spring garden. True, the garden is at its most brilliant in spring, however, each season offers a unique experience.

Autumn arrives with its gold and rust hues; summer offers a myriad of fresh, contrasting green foliage; winter arrives with a cold blast presenting a leafless, skeletal beauty all its own. In all four seasons unexpected seasonal delights appear. The garden is one in which to roam, muse and quietly surrender time.



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Fairways

Garden No 7: 102 Gladstone Road, Leura

Garden courtesy of Rosemary and Roger Corbett



Walking across the bridge and under the crabapple, the pond features three tiered levels built in the ironstone that was uncovered with the garden development, and the rill/creek is planted with hellebores, hostas and variegated sedges.

Strolling from the pond through the wisteria walk, the rear gardens are set amongst a magnificent backdrop of large gum trees on the golf course. The garden beds here are in the shade of the handkerchief tree and Himalayan dogwood.

Fairways is an established garden built in 1896 as one of Leura's first guesthouses.

The garden was redesigned 18 years ago by Christopher Wallis of Venetiaville Designs. Fairways retained some of the mature trees including one of the Blue Mountains' largest rhododendrons located at the entrance to the property; an English holly, a crabapple and flowering cherries, giving the garden its sense of place and combining the old with the new.

Formal in design, the garden is hidden behind a large cypress hedge and features numerous camellia and buxus hedges, with mature standard flowering cherries and dissectum maples.

Some beds are in full sun and are planted with classic mountain shrubs, including rhododendrons, camellias, azaleas, daphnes and lilacs.

Burgundy foliage and silver accent plants are a common theme throughout the garden, creating consistency and flow from one garden 'room' to another. A cercis (forest pansy) planted in 2017 is thriving and is a beautiful addition.

A big thank you to Jessica Lawn of Arbor Vitae who now maintains and adds value to this greatly loved private garden.



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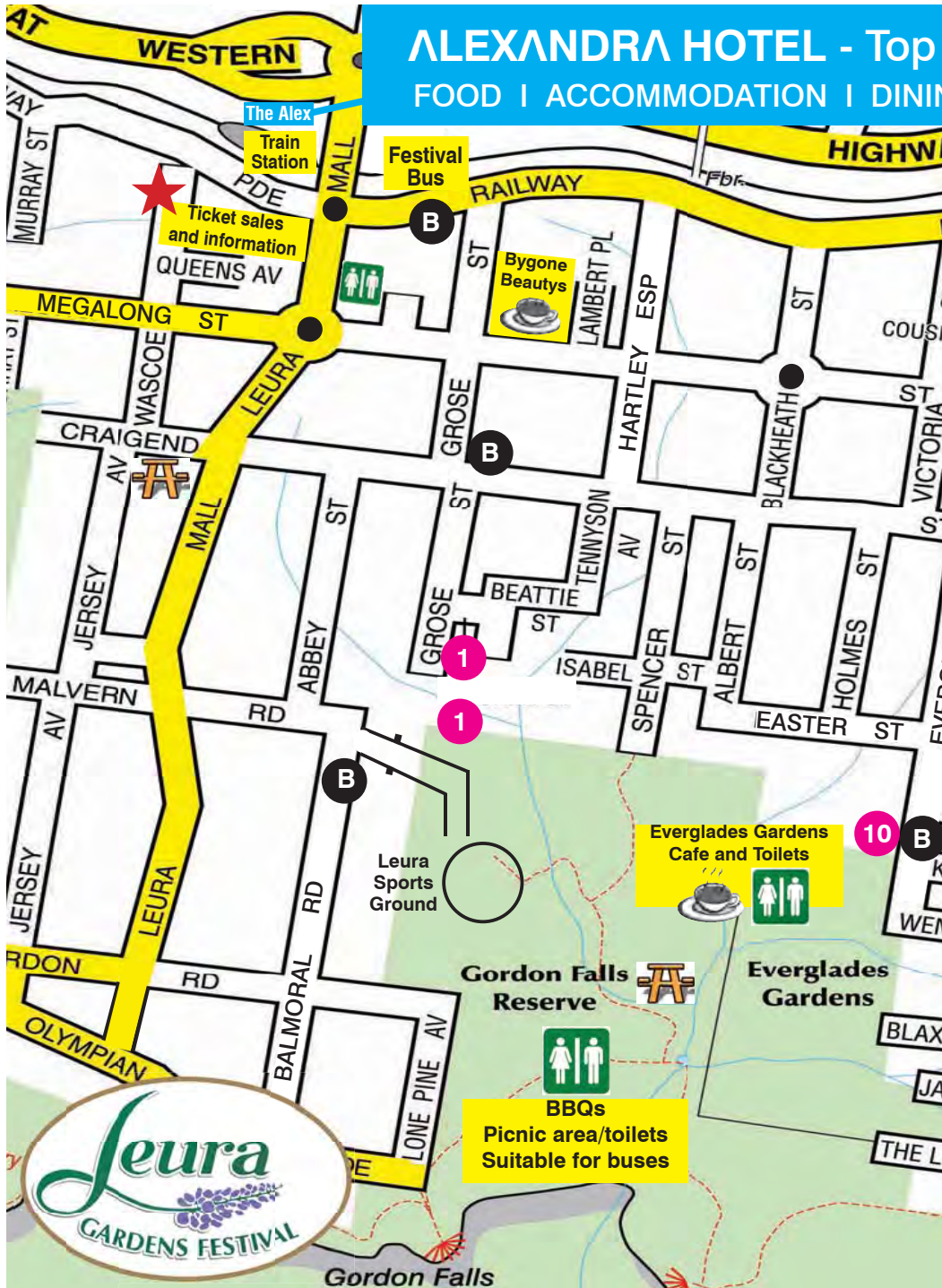
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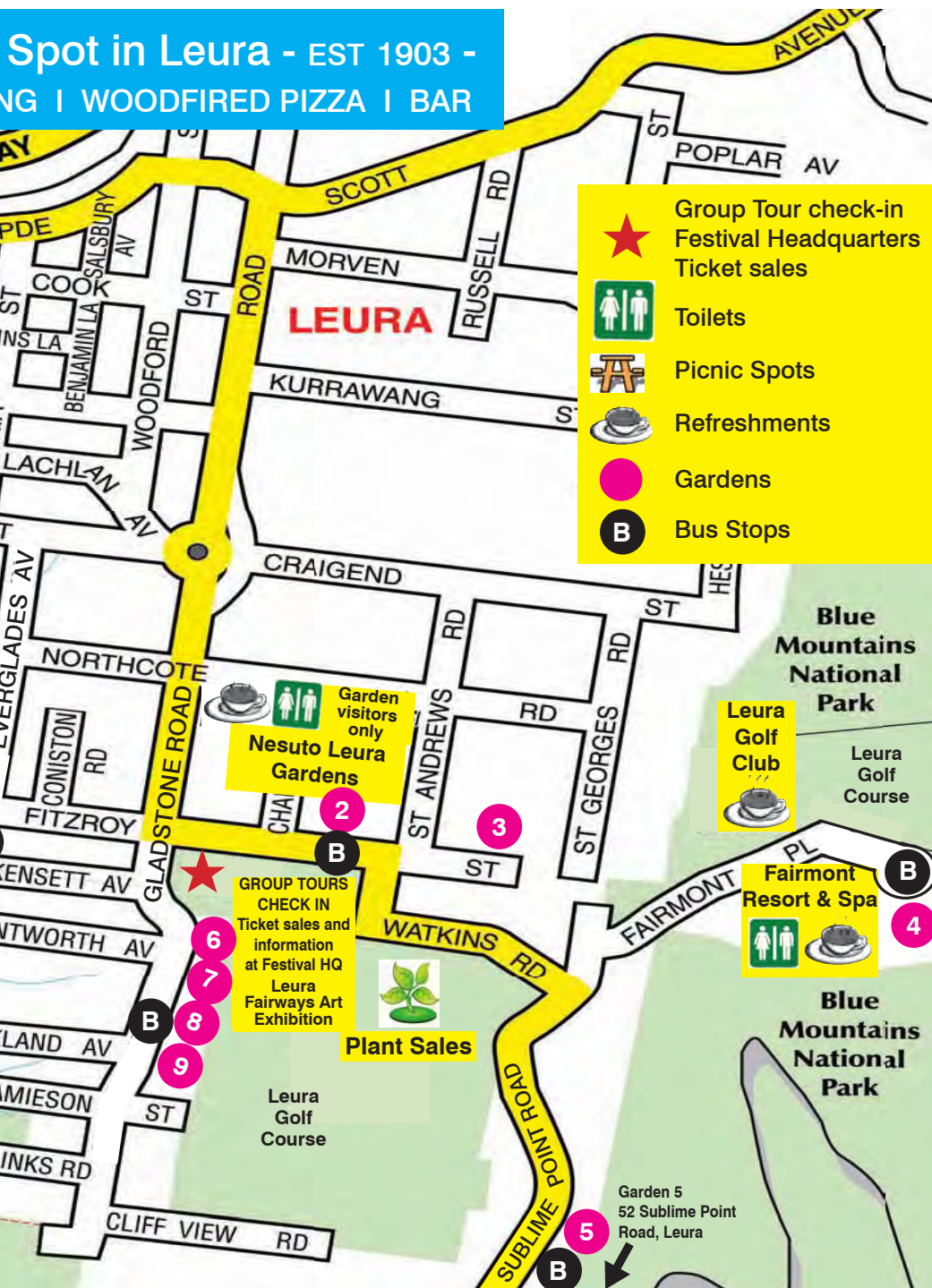
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Garden 5
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St Annes

Garden No 8: 104-104a Gladstone Road, Leura

*Garden courtesy of Helen and Gary Sturgess
(assisted by Jessica Lawn, horticulturalist and arborist)*



his 'miniature garden' and this space has retained the name of the Japanese Garden. The current owners have added a granite basin from Japan and dwarf maples and conifers as a nod to its history.

The Sibiriakoffs added to the stone walls and put in much of the softer planting. Molly Sibiriakoff was a Sydney girl whose husband

had fled the Russian Revolution.

They brought lily of the valley with them from Paris, planting them in the Woodland Walk.

The Stevensons planted cherry trees along the drive and hundreds of hydrangeas, and built a chook house imagined by a theatre set-designer. They established the bluebell patch and added box hedging.

The current owners have discovered old paths and restored old rock walls, increased plantings of camelias, rhododendrons and azaleas, and put cottage plants into the beds along the front of the house. The Little Meadow fills with narcissus and meadow flowers in spring.

The best-known feature of St Annes has been its front hedge of Cypress pines, which appeared on 'Burkes Backyard' and as an exemplar of its kind in gardening magazines and horticultural manuals.

Behind the hedge lies a woodland garden that celebrates trees: red and white oak, copper beech, cypress, cherry, pine, dogwood, liquidambar, deodar cedars, maple and more.

Established in 1928 by George Whyte, a Scottish orchardist, St Annes is now in the hands of its fourth caretakers. Each family has added to the character of the garden whilst respecting its history. In the 1950s, Mr Whyte won a prize for



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Glenshiel

Garden No 9: 106-108 Gladstone Road, Leura

Garden courtesy of Helen Cannella and Michael Anstiss



Glenshiel is about an acre in size and was purchased by the current owners in 2009.

The garden was a blank canvas with much bush needing to be cleared. It is, therefore, a relatively immature garden with the only original tree, a crabapple, thought to date back to the origins of the house (c1917).

Landscaping commenced in November 2009 with the idea of creating a “typical mountain garden” with interest and colour throughout the year. The garden was planted by landscaper, James Masters.

An *Elaeagnus pungens* hedge planted on three sides of the property provides a windbreak and privacy and creates the illusion of a walled garden.

Walking up the driveway, the central garden features six Wollemi pines and a striking pearl bush (*Exochorda*). Beyond that, along the eastern fence line, is the first garden project we undertook, a small parterre garden with a central fountain and rosemary planted diagonally with hydrangeas as a border.

The northern garden has cold climate plantings of rhododendrons, camellias, azaleas, kalmias and Japanese maples against the backdrop of the neighbour's cypress trees.

On the southern bank of the back lawn, two weeping cherries are surrounded by David Austin roses and tree and herbaceous peonies.

Along the western path is a Royal Frost birch grove underplanted with hellebores and bluebells. The path winds under a red Pierre de Ronsard rose arch and through a woodland of cyclamen, hellebores and ajuga.

The lawn area is designed for family activities with seating provided under a pink Pierre de Ronsard rose-covered pergola and a stone bench under a copper beech. Our thanks go to Jessica Lawn for her tireless energy in helping us maintain “Glenshiel”.



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Everglades

Garden No 10: 37 Everglades Avenue, Leura

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Eight decades later, Everglades is now maintained by the National Trust and attracts and delights 35,000 visitors each year.

On entering the main gate, you are greeted by a colourful swathe of spring-

flowering bulbs, vivid tulip beds, daffodil lawn and drifts of bluebells. Azaleas and rhododendrons are ablaze with colour on the southern slopes, with views of the Jamison Valley beyond.

The studio terrace is home to the original squash court, mirrored by the Reflection Pool, and the stunning garden theatre with its clipped conifer wings and dramatic arched water feature.

On the lower terraces you will find the Art Deco House and the colourful cherry terrace, complete with graceful weeping cherries. A watercourse meanders through the wooded "Glades" area, falling dramatically into the fern-fringed "Grotto" pool below.

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The Centre is open for nine days from Saturday, 5 October to Sunday, 13 October from 9:30am to 4:30pm. It is located alongside the Leura Golf Course, just off Watkins Road between Fitzroy Street and Sublime Point Road, Leura (see map pages 24/25).

All profits from the plant sales go to the Blue Mountains District ANZAC Memorial Hospital and other local health related organisations.

So come and see what is available, and return home with not only wonderful memories of the Festival but some garden treasures to cherish in the years to come.

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History of the Leura Gardens Festival



2019 sees in the 55th Leura Gardens Festival, an event which not only delights all visitors but has so far raised around \$3-million dollars for the benefit of our Blue Mountains community.

The first Festival was held in 1965 with the specific aim of raising money to buy equipment for the Blue Mountains District ANZAC Memorial Hospital.

This is still the Festival's key aim, and its success in recent years has also allowed donations to other local health-related organisations including Greystanes Disability Services, Blue Mountains Cancer Help, Can Assist and the Blue Mountains Health Trust.

In 1965, four gardens were opened on a weekend and \$900 was raised for the local hospital.

Over the years, the number of gardens has grown and this year sees the gardens open for two long weekends.

Other events have also been added to the agenda such as the ever-popular Music in the Gardens, an Art Show and the Plant Sales Centre.

With the growth of the Festival, the amount raised each year has resulted in Blue Mountains District ANZAC Memorial Hospital being one of the best equipped for its size in the state.

Over the years, the Festival has covered much of the cost of a new paediatric unit as well as new endoscopic equipment, a state-of-the-art anaesthetic machine complete with monitoring units, electric beds, a gastroscope, stress-testing equipment, a ventilator for the high-dependency unit, a retinal camera and physiotherapy equipment, telemetric monitoring equipment and a high-resolution screen monitor to enable staff at Katoomba to consult with their colleagues at Nepean teaching hospital.

Other equipment has included portable vital signs monitors, wheelchairs, a paediatric cot, vital cardiac monitors, video laryngoscope, a foetal monitor, humidicrib, significant upgrades to the cardiac and respiratory rehabilitation unit, and ECG equipment.

Festival funds have been used for the completion of a dual-purpose space for patients and family/visitors in the East Wing with equipment including the most up-to-date beds and recliners.

The Festival also contributed to the completion of a five-room, out-patient clinic freeing up space in the emergency department, and the purchase of an ultrasound machine, a lung function box and a colposcope for gynaecology.

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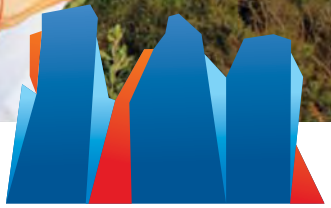
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- **The Society of Mountain Artists' art exhibition** - 5 to 13 October.
This is being held at "Fairways", Fitzroy Street, Leura, and among the works featured are many created by the artists in the Festival gardens. The works are for sale.
- **Everglades Gallery**
37 Everglades Avenue (garden 10)
Exhibition: *'The Wild and the Cultivated, of Gardens and Beyond'*, featuring paintings, drawings and jewellery by local artists. The exhibition is on 6 to 27 October, Wednesday – Sunday (and Monday, 7 October) from 11.00am – 3.00pm. The Festival all-gardens ticket is valid at Everglades from 5 to 13 October. The cost for non-ticket holders is \$15 adult and \$10 concession. Refreshments are available.
- **Blue Mountains Cultural Centre, Katoomba**
Exhibition 'Reality in flames'
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- **SpringFest**
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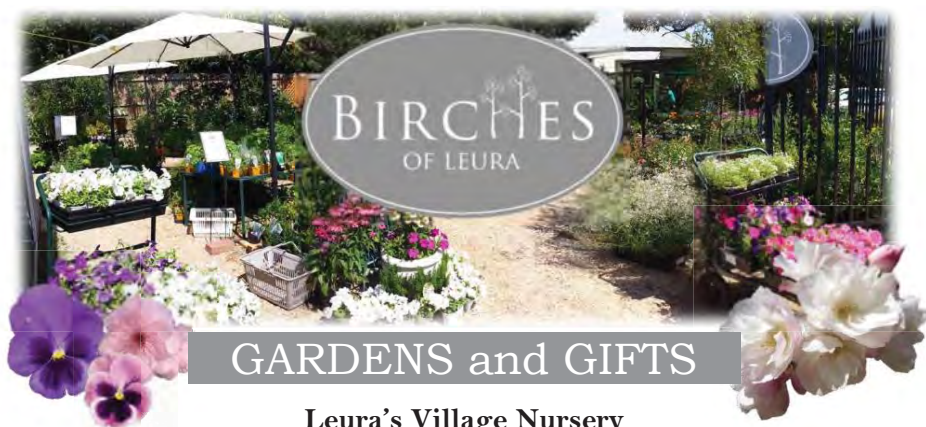
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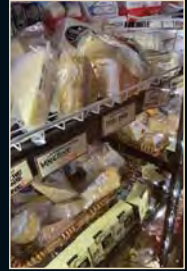
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