

# Special Attractions

• **Citrus Sculptures** – 10 - 23 October  
Based on the famous Menton (France) Sculptures there will be a vast number of these fantastic, larger than life, colourful and imaginative creations on display in Banna Avenue. Now in their 15th year – be sure to take the time to admire these unique sculptures.

• **Official Opening** – Friday 15 October 6.00pm  
Celebrate the opening of the Festival with magnificent floral artistry and quilt displays at St Alban's. The evening offers something different with bell ringing and light entertainment in the cathedral. Enjoy gourmet finger food and something to drink in an impressive and different atmosphere as the 2010 Festival is launched. **Bookings essential, details from the Visitors Centre.**

• **Festival Dinner Dance** – Saturday 16 October 6.30pm  
Enjoy the company of fellow garden lovers and a delightful meal, and then dance the night away or simply enjoy the music. Meet and chat with celebrity guest Angus Stewart who will be the after dinner speaker. \$30.00 per person. **Bookings essential, details from the Visitors Centre.**

• **Griffith Regional Art Gallery: 'Flower Power'**  
8 October - 31 October  
This encapsulating floral exhibition ties in perfectly with the Griffith Festival of Gardens taking still life floral scenes from brightly coloured floral combinations in our own environment. This year the exhibition will feature a life size knitted garden installation created by Griffith's Natty Knitters. Gallery open Wed – Fri: 10am – 5pm, Sat & Sun: 10am – 3pm



• **St Alban's Cathedral - Floral Art & Quilt Display**  
15 October - 18 October  
Admire the locally created colourful display of floral artistry, and a delightful array of quilts created by the Murrumbidgee Quilters. Open Sat – Sun: 1pm – 5pm, Mon: 10am – 5pm

• **Burley Griffin Community Gardens**  
Take time out to enjoy a relaxing stroll in the gardens, see the development and progress made. Solar lighting has been installed throughout. See the Burley Griffin designed bridges. Collect a brochure at the Visitors Centre.

• **Pioneer Park Museum & Italian Museum**  
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• **Regional Theatre Curtain**  
Friday 15 October 11am, 2pm & 4pm,  
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## Proudly Celebrating the 20th Anniversary!

As we celebrate this significant milestone with our magnificent garden owners, of whom there have been many over the 20 years, we invite all garden lovers to join us.

This magnificent Burley Griffin designed city with its wide tree lined streets and Mediterranean climate is renowned for its magnificent gardens, often referred to as the garden city of the Riverina and a mecca for garden lovers. With orange blossom wafting on the breeze, the citrus orchards and vineyards provide the perfect backdrop to the outstanding gardens.

Our garden owners are the heart of the Festival with each of them opening the gardens that they have lovingly created. These unique creations have a little of the owner's soul sown into them, each very different but diversely beautiful. Ranging from stunning suburban gardens to large acreage farm gardens they make our festival the great success that it is. The outback tour takes in two wonderful station gardens that are truly outstanding, taking you back to a bygone era.

Elizabeth Swane noted on her visit to the festival that Griffiths roses rank amongst the best she's seen in the world. There are irises of every colour, natives, exotics and stunning clematis to amaze you. You will marvel at the original structures and

ponds featured within the gardens. The diversity of the open gardens combined with the warmth and hospitality of the garden owners and our community is what sets us apart from other centres.

A real MUST are the now famous Citrus Sculptures, unique to Griffith and Australia, we promise you will be astounded. Based on the original Sculptures of Menton in France they are now a major attraction in their own right providing an impressive display. Over 100,000 oranges and grapefruit, provided by Riverina Citrus and local growers, are used to create more than 50 of these larger than life, three-dimensional works of art. A huge guitar, piano, giant chickens, horses and carriage, car and flower baskets, are just a few of the stunning creations that line the main street.

Come celebrate the 20th annual Griffith Festival of Gardens, chat with the owners, hear their handy tips. Enjoy the informal pre dinner launch of the Festival at St Alban's Cathedral and the delightful old time music at the Dinner Dance.

Our Special Guest will be attending both events.

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**Lunch, morning & afternoon tea**

**Open SA & SU – Map ref 10 – \$12.00 entry fee.**

**TA Field Estates - Jan & David Wagstaff: 'Wyvern Station' River Road, Carrathool**  
Nestled on the banks of the 'Bidgee', Wyvern's gardens and buildings create an ambience of a bygone era. From the poplar-lined drive to the majestic river gums there is peace, space and harmony. The garden features original plantings combined with recent additions, which emphasise both formal and informal aspects.

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**Light refreshments available**

**Open Saturday ONLY – Map ref 2**

**Open 9.30am to 5.00pm. Check 'Index to Gardens Open' in program for specified garden opening days. F: indicates open Friday, SA: Saturday, SU: Sunday, M: Monday.**

**Single entry \$4 (Monte Alto Gardens excluded) or \$30 Multi Garden admission (Monte Alto Gardens excluded).**

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# The Festival Gardens

## Julie & Bruce Armstrong: 'Corynnia Station', Carrathool

A large, open homestead garden where design, style and simplicity are of paramount importance. Cool, soft colours are favoured in mass plantings of rambling, hardy species of perennials and roses. Robust hedging creates structure and formality to some areas. The orchard and vegetable gardens within are highly productive. Designed and nurtured, in a harsh environment on the edge of the Hay Plains, this garden is an outstanding achievement. B&B/ Farmstay set within gardens [www.corynniastation.com.au](http://www.corynniastation.com.au)

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**Open: SA, SU – Map ref 1**

## Marj & Mick Careri: 'Rosewood Park on Stokes' 2355 Stokes Road, Hanwood

Nestled in a spectacular vineyard setting, this meandering 3-acre parklike garden with over 800 roses is a real Aladdin's Cave. The use of foliage colour, textures and plants of every kind ensures that this garden is a picture in all seasons. Roses over arbours and arches and original structures are captivating. Formal rooms highlighted with statuary and stunning features including a 'real' dovecote over a pond, which is one of several water features. Gazebos and seating overlooking the dam with a windmill provide for visitors to sit and enjoy this magnificent garden. Stalls and entertainment.

**Supporting: Can Assist**  
**Lunch, morning & afternoon tea.**  
**Open: F, SA, SU, M – Map ref 5**

## Lydia & Tony Dal Broi: 'Terrawarra', Twaddell Road, Warrawidgee

Style and tranquillity are features of this 5-acre rural garden. Evolving through the years into a semi-formal setting with softly curved flower beds, sweeping lawns, a gentle mix of plants combining foliage, colours and shapes to add interest. Luscious roses in vibrant colours are found throughout blending harmoniously with many well known and hardy varieties. Tall trees arch protectively over the gardens allowing light and shade to play over its serene space. Enjoy a stroll through the columns that entice the view to the beautiful native area that habitats native birds and wildlife. Not to be missed is a fantastic, productive kitchen garden located out the back

**Supporting: Captive8 Youth Group**  
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**Open: SA, SU – Map ref 3**

## Eleanor & Phil Hancock: Farm 596 Rossetto Road, Beelbangera

Set in a vineyard this 1-hectare, tranquil garden has evolved over more than 35 years into a place of beauty and great interest. Childhood years spent in Kenya have influenced the style of this garden. A thatched hut is set in lawns surrounded by extensive garden beds. Foliage plants are proving more drought tolerant and ensure year round interest with great autumn colours. The driveway is lined with a superb mix of roses and shrubs bounded by a tall Cyprus hedge. Children are especially welcome with plenty of space to run around.

**Supporting: Local Charity TBA**  
**Lunch, morning & afternoon tea.**  
**Open: F, SA, SU, M – Map ref 7**

## Tori Horder & Lawrence Salvestrin: 'Davit Farm', Cashmere Road, Widgelli

"Davit Farm" is a beautiful peaceful parklike garden of five acres. Mature English trees create summer shade and an exciting tapestry of greens, as the visitor strolls from garden room to garden room. Features include a formal lily pond, a small lake complemented by masses of colourful water iris, rambling roses and a Monet Bridge, a species rose garden, a white trunked forest, and dry stone work. This rambling country garden invites you to sit and enjoy the vistas, serenity and space.

**Supporting: St Patrick's School Griffith**  
**Lunch, morning & afternoon tea**  
**Open F, SA, SU, M – Map ref 6**

## Di Kelly & Will Vardanaga: 'Benwilly Estate', Farm 2396 Drew Road, Benerembah

The long elm lined driveway with its sandstone entrance takes you past the parkland area surrounding the lake with its jetty, water iris and gazebo. This young 4-acre garden features climbing roses over structures, a wisteria walk, dovecote, Manchurian Pear walk, box hedges defining circular garden beds of roses both standard and bush under planted with catmint, iris, pentstemon, salvias and much more. The honeysuckle covered arch takes you to the cherub garden with lavender and David Austen roses. Trees have been planted for shade, colour and texture. Enjoy the peacefulness by strolling or sitting for a while. Photography by Maria display.

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**Open: F, SA, SU – Map ref 4**

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**Garden entry and tour details:** The Visitors Information Centre has details on special attractions and tour information. It is recommended entry tickets be purchased from the Centre before proceeding to the gardens, as this assists garden owners and their helpers. This year we have a special entry at the Monte Alto Gardens where there will be a \$12.00 entry which enables you to view the 4 gardens. Toilet facilities are available at all the Festival gardens and the Visitors Centre.



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# Special Guest

## ~ Angus Stewart ~



Angus is a qualified horticulturist (1st class honours in Agricultural Science at Sydney University) graduating in 1980. He worked full-time in the nursery and cut flower industries from 1981-1987 and from then on part-time as a horticultural consultant while teaching horticulture at Ryde College of TAFE from 1987-2001.

In 1991 Angus began a five-year stint on ABC 702 as a regular on the John Doyle afternoon program as "Doctor of the Dirt, Surgeon of the Soil, Professor of the Paddock". Angus has since worked on 702 with a range

of presenters and is currently a regular on the Weekend Program on Saturday mornings with Simon Marney. Angus was a gardening presenter on Channel 7's Sydney Weekender program for a couple of years in the mid-1990s and was a regular gardening presenter on Foxtel's Lifestyle Channel and NBN 3's Today Extra program between 1998 and 2005. He is currently a NSW presenter for Gardening Australia on ABC TV.

Angus has authored three books for the ABC – 'Gardening on the Wild Side', 'Let's Propagate' and 'Australian Plants for Year Round Colour'.

Angus is a regular contributor to Gardening Australia magazine and in the past wrote regular columns for Belle, Australian Table, Gardens and Outdoor Living and Australian Gardener. He has also written for Better Homes and Gardens, Organic Gardener, and Australian Women's Weekly Home Library. In addition to these media experiences Angus also runs his own horticultural business New World Plants. Apart from horticultural consulting he is an avid plant breeder and has, for 20 years worked with various Australian plants and is currently the breeder of the popular Bush Gems kangaroo paws.

Along with visiting the gardens Angus will launch the Festival at St Alban's Cathedral at the very popular social evening on October 15 and he is the guest speaker at the Festival Dinner Dance to be hosted at the Exies Club on October 16. Everyone is invited to attend these events and take the opportunity to meet and chat with Angus. Details available from the Griffith Visitors Information Centre. Prior bookings are essential.



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PLEASE don't litter.



PLEASE obey the guidelines set by individual gardens.



A garden should be a place for quiet enjoyment – please keep children under control and where permitted, dogs on leads.



Keep to paths and follow any direction signs.



PLEASE respect the privacy of owners. Unless invited, houses and non-garden areas are strictly out of bounds.



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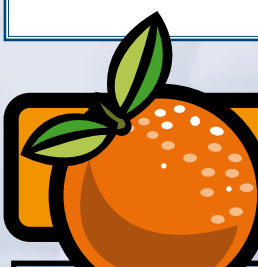
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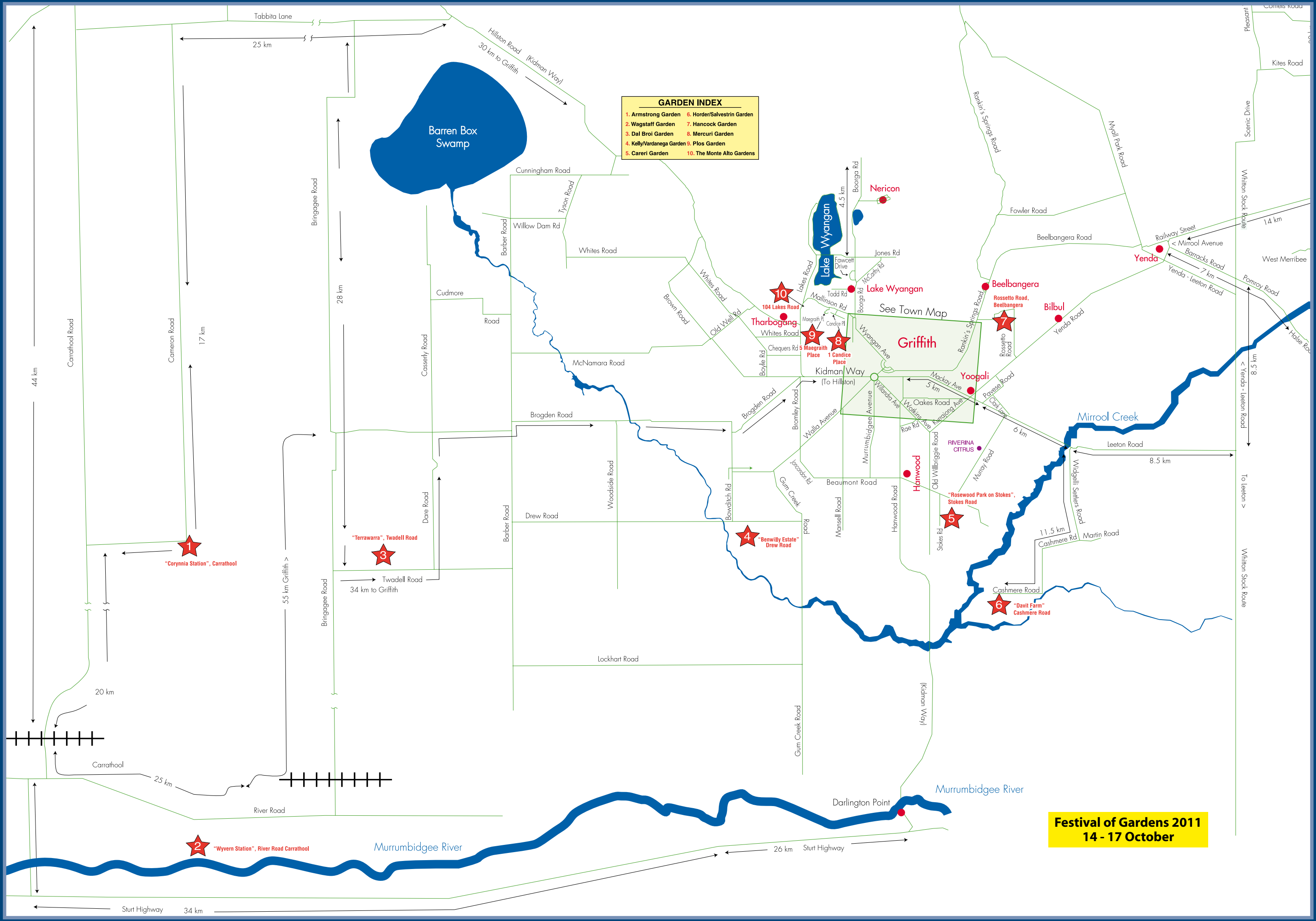


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