

TOILETS – VISITORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THE TOWN TOILETS BEFORE VISITING THE GARDENS.

WALCHA TOWNSHIP TOILETS

- McHattan Park, Fitzroy Street
- Quota Park, Cnr of Derby & North Streets
- Lions Park, Cnr Oxley Highway & Darjeeling Road
- Nivison Park, next to the Royal Café

TOILETS SOUTH OF WALCHA

- Nowendoc Hall, off Thunderbolts Way, South of Walcha



'IVYBANK'

**GARDEN 1 – 369 BRACKENDALE RD
ALLEN & COLLEEN GREEN**

"Ivybank" garden was first established in the late 1800's by the Green family. It was originally very much a traditional cottage garden of the time. It consisted of gravel paths lined with plantings consistent of the time such as gladioli, dahlias, and carnations. Other early plantings were camellias, bottle brush and some roses. The elm tree in the north-east corner of the garden was one of four planted to mark the boundary of the original selection.

The garden was extensively extended in 2000. It was really done without any real plan but now features vintage machinery sourced from the property.

Plants of note include a Wollemi Pine, succulents, rhododendrons. There is also a very productive Meyer lemon tree planted on the northern aspect of the house which has defied Walcha's harsh environment.

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'SUMMERFIELD'

GARDEN 2 – 1186 LAKES RD

ROS WALL

"Summerfield," is a labour of love that Ros and her late husband, Brian, created. We have created a wonderful garden using the old established trees from the original garden.



After removing a privet hedge, they started to move the garden fence out. After moving the garden fence three times, we set to work and built a large dam and brought in very large rocks to build a frame for their garden. The garden came together with no actual plan. It just evolved.

In 2004 we decided to build a new home on the existing site. Many mature trees and old gardens had to be removed to make way for the new home. This when the planning began to make new gardens to fit in with the existing gardens.

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'HUNTLY'

GARDEN 3 – 632 LAKES RD

RICHARD & LORRAINE WALSHE



Richard and I purchased "Huntly" in 2000 and moved onto the property in 2003 after we retired from our professions in Gloucester. I've always been interested in gardening but wasn't fully aware of the difference

in between Gloucester and Walcha. Despite the very cold winters, I was very excited about learning what to plant in a cold climate garden. There have been some very steep learning curves and the feel there is a non-existent garden during the winter months. This all changes in October when the garden springs to life. Of course, I had to move the fence out to increase the size of the garden!!! While we planted a few trees in the back area, the established trees that were here when we arrived, gave the garden character and protection. The pines planted on the western side of the garden, offer both shade from the summer sun and help reduce the wind effect which has proved brutal during our August wind tunnel times. I love propagating so my garden is a repeat display of existing plants. I am trying to introduce plants that flower throughout the different seasons so that I have colour for at least of the seasons. I also find it very therapeutic to trim Buxus balls and hedges. While they are far removed from a Paul Bangay designed garden, I take great enjoyment in working in my "Huntly" garden.

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'OLD BANCHORY'

GARDEN 4 – 393 LAKES RD

ALLAN & JENNY LAURIE

"Banchory" was one the original property and is now split into "Banchory", "Huntly", and "Old Banchory". We purchased "Old Banchory" in 2001. Over the years we have modified the garden by demolishing old sheds and the removal of a cottage. The garden has been extended to include large areas of sweeping lawn. The rock wall, split rail fencing and garden featured have been added by Allan. The garden edging ensures easier maintenance as we have both worked off farm. The focal point we believe of our garden is the Giant Redwood (Sequoiadendron) tree.

The Buxus hedging, photinia and nandina plants ensure the garden has greenery and seasonal colour all year round. Many of the gardens consist of perennials such as catmint, lambs' ear, daisies, salvias, red hot pokers, snow-in-summer, ornamental grasses, roses and a scattering of bulbs throughout the garden. We hope you enjoy our garden which is forever evolving.

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'ORANDUMBIE'

**GARDEN 5 - 13 LAKES RD
DANIEL & CARNIE KERMODE**

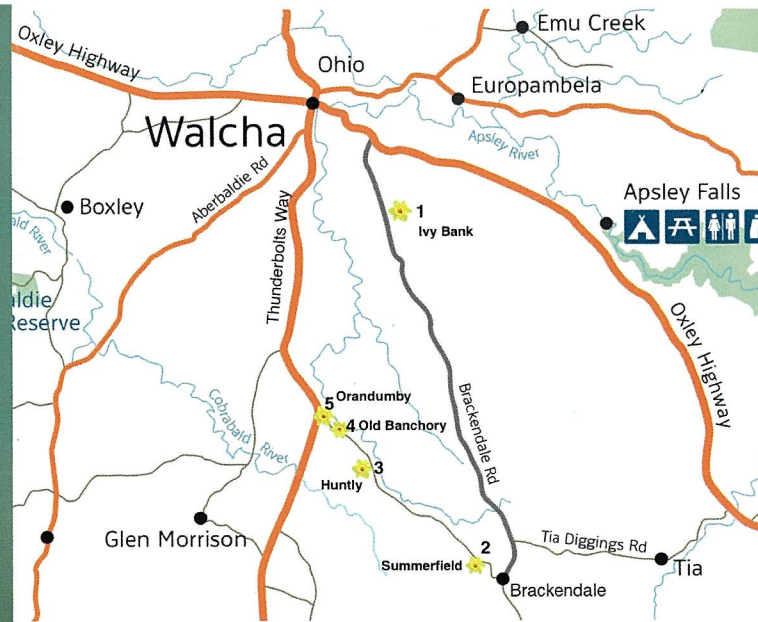
"Orandumbie" homestead was built in 1863, and the gardens were established shortly after this.

Many of the original trees are still in the garden, including the elm tree driveway and a spectacular cork tree.

We have made several changes to the garden over the years. We started by removing many elm tree suckers on the eastern side which allowed a lot more light into the house and garden. There was quite a lot of controversy regarding trimming of the elm trees along the driveway edges. By doing this it has reduced a lot of work to keep them under control. We have since planted an avenue of roses under the elm trees which produce a divine scent on a summer's day.

Our English style garden is surrounded with rockwork which features many of my favourite plants such as catmint, poppies, and lilies.

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**GARDEN LOCATIONS WILL BE SIGN
POSTED WITH SIGNAGE AND FLAGS.**

**ADMISSION AND FOOD SALES: ONLY CASH WILL BE
ACCEPTED DUE TO REDUCED MOBILE RECEPTION IN THE AREA**

**ADULTS \$5 per person per garden or \$25 for the weekend
garden pass valid on both days.**

School age children FREE

TICKETS are available for purchase at each garden.
Coaches - Please contact Leone Mackaway 0427 773 996
to pre order lunches.

Children must always be supervised.

- PLEASE TAKE CARE ALL GARDENS HAVE WATER FEATURES
AND UNEVEN GROUND • NO DOGS PLEASE
- LOCAL CRAFT STALLS IN ALL GARDENS

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Email walchagardenclub@gmail.com

or call **Diana Lisle 0429 799 083**

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WALCHA
GARDEN CLUB

Open Gardens

**SATURDAY 8 AND
SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER, 2025**
9.00AM - 5.30PM

The Walcha Garden Club would like to welcome you all to our Open Gardens for 2025. This year it is a 2-day event and we are opening gardens located south of Walcha on the Brackendale and Lakes Roads. Come and enjoy fabulous cool climate gardens in the renowned Walcha district. Grab some lunch, sit under a tree and take in the beautiful scenery of this area whilst raising funds for the regions Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service in the New England North West, as well as Walcha charities.



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