



Greenhaugh garden, photographer Lynne Atkins

AUSTRALIAN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY
PRE- CONFERENCE TOUR
MONDAY 21st – WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2019
WITH STUART READ AND BRONWYN BLAKE
MANAWATU & RANGITIKEI GARDENS

Beyond the basin of Wellington in its hills lies the sun-soaked coastal plains of the Manawatu and Rangitikei, threaded with rivers. Prime farming, market gardening and latterly, retirement country. This tour will introduce a selection of its highlights – historic gardens in private hands, evolving gardens with new owners, young ones. One emphasis is on connection to place, using native plants.

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Monday 21st October

9am tour commences from Te Papa Museum car park in Wellington
c.10.30-12.30PM Lunch at *Springfield*, Ruth Pretty Cooking School & garden, Te Horo
c1-3PM Visit *Chatswood Country Gardens*, Kairanga, 30-year old garden from scratch
c3.30-4.30PM Relaxed stroll in Palmerston North's *Victoria Esplanade Gardens*
7pm dinner at restaurant in the Copthorne Hotel, with two nights' accommodation

Tuesday 22nd October

9.30AM leave for morning visit to
10-12pm visit to historic *Westoe* in Marton, historic garden of Fox & Howard families
c.12.30-2 lunch at *The Herb Farm*, Ashurst, including a stroll in its garden & shop
2.15-4.15PM visit to *Greenhaugh*, nr. Ashurst, 1874 house in a lovely 2 ha. garden
Possible 4.45-5.15pm stroll in *Wharerata* grounds, Massey University pre-dinner
7pm dinner at restaurant in the Copthorne Hotel

Wednesday 23rd October

9AM leave for morning visit to *Lansdale*, Kairanga, historic Buxton garden & younger house
11.30am-1PM lunch and a tour at *Nga Manu Nature Reserve*, Waikanae, a bush sanctuary
1.30-3.30PM drinks and visit to *Te Mai Mai*, a private bush and sculpture garden at Peka Peka
3.45PM depart on way back to Wellington to arrive c5PM at Te Papa Museum carpark.