



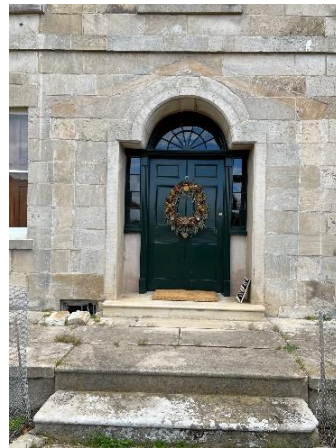
## Derwent Valley Jaunt exploring the gardens of four historic properties

*Hollow Tree House, Prospect Villa,  
Leintwardine, Lawrenny Distillery*

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

This day trip up the Derwent Valley to the gardens of four significant colonial properties explores what remains, what changes have been made over the years, and what is planned.

### **HOLLOW TREE HOUSE, 2120 HOLLOW TREE RD (B110), HOLLOW TREE**



Our hosts are Harriett & Richard England who since purchasing the house nearly 5 years ago, have been concentrating on the house, stripping back more recent unsympathetic building additions, subsequently winning the 2020 National Architecture Award - the Lachlan Macquarie Award for Heritage Architecture. They are now commencing the development of the garden which is very much a blank canvas. The focus of our visit is to share their plans for a traditional exotic garden around the house with mixed plantings including natives further afield.

The European history of *Hollow Tree House* (formerly known as *Strathborough*) began with a 2,000 acre grant issued to Joseph Bradbury in 1823. The large sandstone house was built by convict labour for Joseph Bradbury and completed in c.1834. Joseph Bradbury died in 1857. Due to complications over his will, by 1870 the Hallett family were leasing the property and it was during this period that the name *Strathborough* came into use. In 1929 *Strathborough* was valued at £10,602. At that time it was described as a very good class of pastoral property, containing 3,175 acres as well as carrying a number of cattle. Buildings included the two-storey stone house, a weatherboard cottage, barn, hut, stable, blacksmith's shop, pigsty, fowl house, cow shed and machinery and cart sheds. Stables, barn and storage shed outbuildings survive (some now on adjacent properties), while the other outbuildings formerly sited to the north-west of the house – and visible in a 1946 aerial photograph – have been removed. *Strathborough* remained in the ownership of the Hallett family until 1987, at which time the house and some outbuildings were purchased by Deirdre & Tony Flint – only the third family to own the property since its original grant of 1823. The Hallett family retained ownership of the larger surrounding parcels of land.

Now renamed *Hollow Tree House*, the property is located in one of Tasmania's key pastoral districts and was granted at a period consistent with the emergence of pastoralism in the colony. It demonstrates a number of key attributes common to large pastoral properties, including a large house, stables and outbuildings. The stepped buttresses on the side elevations of *Hollow Tree House* are generally an uncommon feature for non-ecclesiastical buildings, usually retrofitted and associated with structural issues rather than aesthetics. (*Adapted from The Tasmanian Heritage Register*).

### **PROSPECT VILLA, 485 UPPER MILL RD, HAMILTON**



A beautiful private garden, established by Helen Poynder and maintained by Carlene Triffett, set within old walls and hedging. Surrounding an historic house, the English style white garden, herbaceous border, urn garden, round garden, secret garden and long walk are complemented by an Italian style formal garden and temple. Our hosts are Martin Walsh & Justin Cudmore.

*Prospect House* is one of Tasmania's significant early Colonial Georgian country houses. Positioned on the northern side of Clyde Hill, it overlooks the historic township of Hamilton, surrounding farmland and River Clyde. Originally named *Acacia Cottage*, it was built by convict labour on land granted to James Triffett in 1824. The house was further extended in 1834 for the district surgeon, Dr John Sharland, who named it *Prospect*. Today, the house is testament to one of the best surviving works by colonial architect Edward Winch.

### **LEINTWARDINE, 7138 LYELL HIGHWAY (A5), OUSE**



The historic c1842 colonial homestead of *Leintwardine*, was named by early settlers after the village in Herefordshire. It is the birthplace of Sir John Gellibrand. The homestead is set among dairies, vineyards, cherry and cropping farmlands, and overlooks the surrounding country from a prominent north-east aspect. A tree-lined driveway of mature trees leads to the house and surrounding English style garden of hedges, roses and perennials. It is a charming setting. Other features of the garden include vegetable beds & established fruit trees, and an in-ground pool and tennis court.

Our hosts are Pip & James Allwright who have owned the property for approximately a year.

### **LAWRENNY DISTILLERY, 6485 LYELL HIGHWAY (A5), OUSE**



*Lawrenny* was established in the early 1800's by the colourful cattle tycoon Lt. Edward Lord. At the time comprising approximately 80,000 acres, the property was renowned for its premium cattle & sheep as well as abundant fields of wheat, barley & hops.

In 1991 the Mace family purchased the property, breeding Black Angus beef cattle and establishing a whisky distillery, producing one of only a very few paddock-to-bottle single malt whiskies in the world. The barley grains are grown & harvested from the *Lawrenny* fields, then mashed, fermented & distilled using the pure waters that flow through the 400 acre estate.

The house & distillery are surrounded by lush lawns and mature trees planted by the Maces. Mary Mace has established extensive gardens of roses & mixed perennials adjacent to the historic house with significant hedging and formal positioning of conifers.



## ITINERARY

### **Arrive 10.30 *Hollow Tree House, 2120 Hollow Tree Rd (B110), Hollow Tree.***

Park on the verge opposite the house, not on the property itself.

Please wear masks unless eating or drinking & maintain social distance

Check in at the driveway entrance – QR scan, name tags, information sheet

Morning tea is available behind the house – please wait to be served & maintain social distance.

Explore at your leisure.

Depart 11.15

*NB public loos in Hamilton*

### **Arrive 11.30 *Prospect Villa, 485 Upper Mill Rd, Hamilton***

Self-guided tour with map

Depart 12.30

*NB public loos in Ouse*

### **Arrive 12.45 *Leintwardine, 7138 Lyell Hwy (A5), Ouse***

Parking – turn into the 2<sup>nd</sup> driveway, not the main entrance, to park in the farmyard near the shearing shed & farm buildings.

Move to the north of the house for lunch. Boxed lunches will be distributed once people are seated around the garden. Please socially distance.

Explore the garden using the notes provided.

Depart 2.15

### **Arrive 2.30 *Lawrenny Distillery, 6485 Lyell Hwy, Ouse***

Parking – follow signs to the distillery but turn right beforehand where indicated to park in a large open area. Walk to the distillery for QR check in. Optional whisky tastings (included in price) in small groups. Self-guided tour of the garden with map.

## **COST**

Includes morning tea, boxed lunch, entry to 4 gardens and tastings at *Lawrenny Distillery*

Members - \$70 per person

Non members - \$80 per person (only if places are available)

## **WHAT TO BRING**

Mask

Mobile phone for check in

Proof of COVID vaccination status, ready to produce if requested

Reading glasses – for garden notes & self-guided maps

Sunhat

Water bottle

Picnic rug or chairs for lunch

The usual all weather clothing & comfortable shoes – occasional uneven ground

## **BOOKINGS CLOSE 28<sup>th</sup> January**

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