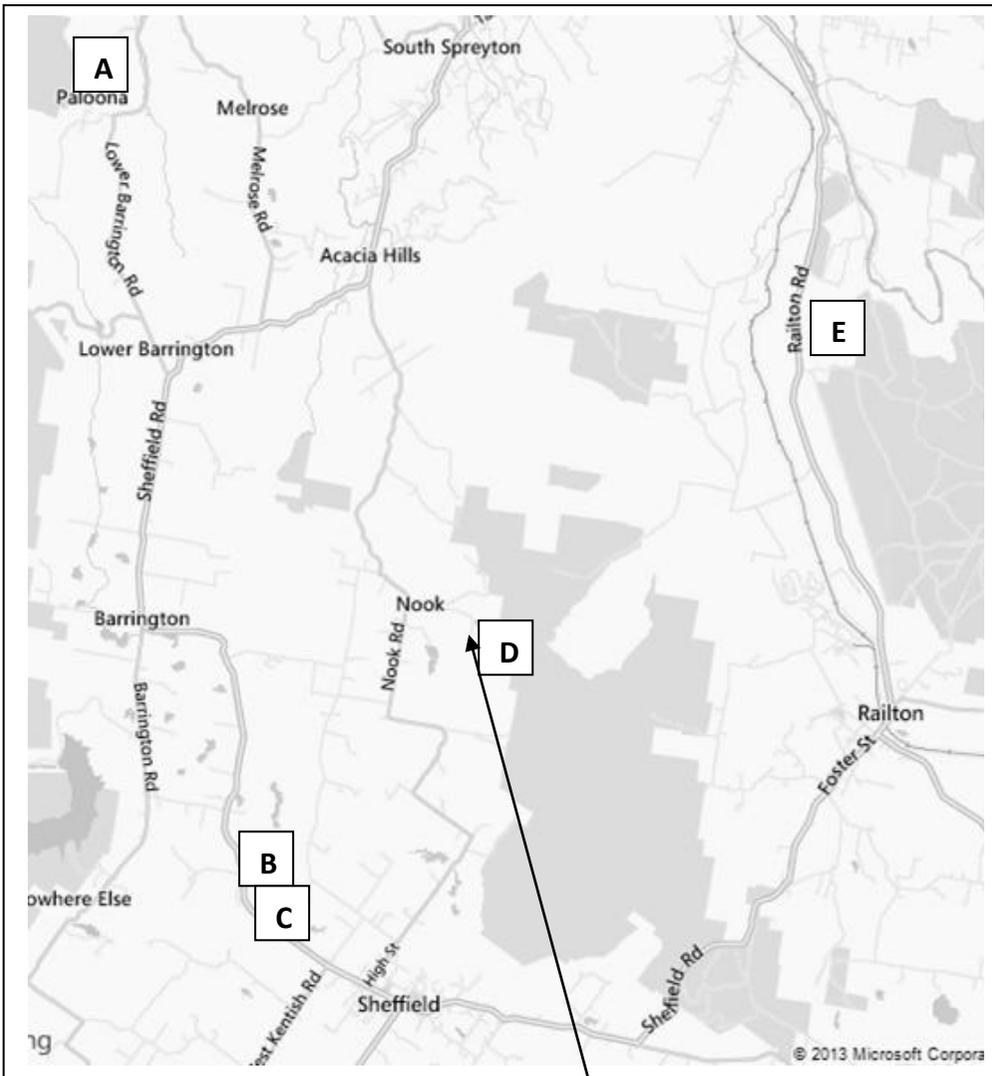




Kentish Garden Club

Open Garden Trail 2013

**Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 November
10 am – 4 pm**



Please note that map locations for the properties are approximate only. All properties will have signs out.

Once again members of the Kentish Garden Club will open their beautiful gardens to the public. This is a fabulous opportunity to wander through a range of different garden styles, get inspiration and ideas for your own garden, and to chat to the owners first-hand for tips and information. Of note, most of these gardens have been created in the last 10 years from little more than bare paddocks and a few trees.

All money raised from the Open Garden Trail will be donated to support the Leukemia Foundation and Appin Hall Children's Foundation. We look forward to welcoming you at these gardens.

Property A: Janice & Brian Reeves, 270 Paloona Road, Paloona

"**Paloona Post**" - It was a busy place once, as it was the site of the Paloona Post Office, hence the name. We have about 2 acres of gardens with a bit of everything - water features, fernery, meandering paths, and a selection of large deciduous trees; also cottage, exotic and native plants, and a large vegie patch. We once participated in the ABC Open Garden Scheme for a few years and enjoyed it immensely.

Directions: Turn into Lower Barrington Road from Sheffield Road. Follow Lower Barrington Road to the end, and at the T intersection with Paloona Road, turn left. The property is on the right hand side as soon as you turn left.

Property B: Terrie & Noel Pollard, 2021 Sheffield Road, Sheffield

"**Rosnastraw**". Ten years ago we moved to this bedraggled 1875 house, with only large Sycamores and Elms over 100 years old, and paddocks. We renovated the house and started the gardens, specialising in roses in memory of our son, Lee, who died from leukemia 8 years ago. This has spread into the Raheen culminating in approximately 3000 roses, lots of rhododendrons, camellias and flowering trees. Now there is a children's play area, water features, and whimsical additions in a naturally beautiful landscape.

Directions: Travel along Sheffield Road, heading towards Sheffield. You will see Barrington Road turn-off to the right, and the property is just past this on the left hand side, on a bend.

Property C: Brett & Susie Coombs, 2133 Sheffield Road, Sheffield

"**Willow Bridge**" has an interesting past, as it was the original Sheffield Pool constructed in the 1950s. It was the first Olympic sized pool on the North West coast, and a very popular venue. Due to the high cost of maintenance, the pool closed in the early 80s and we purchased the remains in 2004 set in blackberries and cracked willows. We built the house surrounding the original change rooms, and then the bridge across the pool and also a boardwalk. In the lower section of the garden a Japanese style garden is in progress. We specialise in rhododendrons but also have maples, wisteria, roses, weeping cherries, laburnum arches and lots more.

Directions: Travel along Sheffield Road, heading towards Sheffield. Go past 2021 Sheffield Road, and just past the old cemetery on the left hand side is the property.

Property D: Heather & Dean Sparrow, 135 Marshall Road, Nook

"**Badger Springs**". When we arrived several years ago from South Australia, the property was literally a blank canvas to work with; only a house and garage existed on a bare hillside. When planning our gardens self-sufficiency in fruit and vegetables was a primary goal, but we also wanted to indulge our passion for native and ornamental plants. The gardens you see today reflect a blend of productive and ornamental elements, with lots of native plants to provide food, shelter and sanctuary for birds. Our gardens are very much a work in progress, and will continue to evolve over the years ahead. Areas of interest include an animal-proof (floppy top) fence – it works! - espaliered heritage fruit trees, raised garden vegetable beds, and a wonderful mix of roses, clematis, ornamental trees, as well as native trees and shrubs.

Directions: Marshall Road is just off Nook Road, between Little Nook Road and the turn off sign to Devonport (Nook Road to Devonport). Follow Marshall Road to the very end, and the entrance to the garden is the left driveway at the end of Marshall Road.

Property E: Jenny Kenny, 24 Great Bend Road, Railton

Set on a large sloping block, this lovely informal garden has a variety of annuals, perennials and variegated plants of many textures and colours. Jenny has used both native and exotic plantings to provide colour and foliage for most of the year. The garden also features a very productive vegetable patch.

Directions: From Sheffield take the main road out of town heading to Railton. Go through Railton, and turn right Great Bend Road from Railton Road, about 8 km through Railton. The property is the first house on the right. (Note: Google maps & whereis.com both show the turnoff as Dulverton Road, but it is in fact Great Bend Road)

Entry to each garden is \$3, and there is no charge for children.

Some gardens will have light refreshments available, as well as produce for sale .

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For more information contact the Secretary 0407 112090, or visit the website www.kentishgardenclub.com.au