## **Broughton Hall Gardens Tour**

19th October 2023

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On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023, from Lum Road Reserve 6 cars set off at 9am with 16 Probus members aboard, heading to Broughton Hall Garden. The Garden is located 82km from Wheelers Hill, at Jindivick, north of Warragul.

The garden was started in 1996 and has taken many years to develop by the dedicated work of David Musker and his team.

With a backdrop of the Tarago Reservoir, a terrace garden of 4 acres cascade down the slope towards the water including an amazing variety of plants with dramatic foliage and formal rose beds.

David Musker gave the group a tour of the garden, with many explanations/descriptions of the plants as we toured. There is a central wide pathway with many steps leading down the garden from David's beautiful house, where major renovations are about to be completed.

As we wandered through this amazing garden, we saw a variety of plants which filled each level with foliage and formal rose beds with well over 1000 roses.

When we reached the lower level of the garden, we came across a group of black & white cows and a bull in a lovely setting. After viewing the cattle, we went to the garden house for an enjoyable morning tea.

After morning tea, the group were able to freely wander through the garden, eventually heading back to the entrance. Here we found a cage of beautiful large lyrebirds and a nursery of rare plants.

At approximately 12pm we left the garden for lunch at the Warragul Country Club. After lunch we left the Club for home at about 2pm and all arrived home safely after a great day.



Entrance to Musker's garden.



David explaining the garden to members.



Front entrance of house.



Tree in the entrance driveway.



Beautiful Pots.



View from the rear of the house.



Unusual plants!



Garden sculpture.



Lake view.



Garden view.



Formal garden.



Peony rose.



Nice place to sit and ponder.



Amazing hedges.



View down the terraces.



Tarago Reservoir.



Friesian cows.



Restful place overlooking the lake.



Steps to the lower level.



Magnificent rose.



Spectacular formal hedging.



Listening to David's gardening knowledge.



What a beautiful day.



Unique sculpture.



More unusual sculptures.



Doug and Phillip admiring the peacock.

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