



**MT. BARKER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY INC.**  
**Mount Barker District Show**

**2022 MOUNT BARKER SHOW SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION**

**JUDGES' COMMENTS**

**The Laurels Retirement Village, Mount Barker**

Garden for each occupant is own choice. They look after their own garden at the back of unit and can have help with the front. 24 serviced apartments altogether. There is a total of 139 units which are all fully occupied. The Laurels first opened 20 years ago. Real community garden with tenants taking great pride in their gardens. Well kept.

**Barbara & Michael Lupton, Mount Barker**

Garden is neat and well presented. Grevilleas will be spectacular next year and will create a good screen. Bushes on the right are filling out. New plantings not established yet but will look good. Good to see changes. Great rural setting always enjoyable to visit.

**Lorraine & Patrick Scott, "Bucleuch", Mount Barker**

Very colourful garden even if all the roses aren't out. Well-kept and very neat. Very inviting. Fairy grotto atmosphere under tree. A pleasure to visit and wander through with so many interesting and special areas to visit. Foxgloves were good again this year.

**Wendy Foot, Nairne**

The garden is now 2 ½ years old. Rocks were the only things on the property when purchased.. Extremely young garden filled in from last year. Fuchsias were very impressive. Very healthy plants looking good. Nice display. Good splash of colour.

**Echunga Community Garden**

Received a grant through covid. Picnic area. BMX bike track. First started 2 years ago. Council slashed area twice. 5 ½ acres was part of the Rec Grounds. Open space for children to play. Trees for Life have supplied trees. Council put path in. Great \$45000 picnic area. Pines taken out. Creating a great community and visitor area.

**Jim & Sue Smith, Littlehampton**

Perfect. Magnificent. Restful for the soul. Was a very successful open garden 2 weeks prior to judging. Continual work and improvements make this an ever changing garden. Just so much to see and enjoy, well done!

**Christine & Greg Horsfall, Littlehampton**

A beautifully maintained park-like garden, now 6 years old. Some very interesting areas like the old pool area now converted into a feature. Great rural setting, with many enticing areas to wander through and enjoy.

**Christine Colyer "Paws A While Cattery", Hahndorf**

A very pleasant and inviting entrance to this restful garden. Constantly evolving. Wide variety of plants. A credit to Christine. A lot of improvements. Colour is lovely. Enjoyable to wander through and enjoy.

### **Robert & Marilyn Cooper, Flaxley**

Aquilegias made a very good fill in among the predominant rose garden with 300 roses in the front garden, which is very noticeable from the road. Lovely rural setting with other flowers complimenting the roses.

### **Michelle Wallis, Auchendarroch House, Mount Barker**

Areas filled in from last year. Wrought iron gates brought in from Piccadilly and Mitcham add a social touch. Roses were outstanding – Roses for a reason, Joanna's Old World Roses, arch and new area. Purchased in 1999 by the Wallis family and opened in 2003. Continual evolvement and development through the years.

### **Stempel Avenue Verge Garden, Hahndorf**

Received 2 community grants \$2000. Council cleared site. Mulched. Created footpath 12 months ago. Working group with 3 working bees each year. Wormwood, Hardy plants but have experienced some frosts around creek . Pomegranates, original. 4 acacias planted. Started pre-covid, 4 years approx.

### **Lavande – Chris & Terry Wilkinson, Callington**

With no longer being run as a business and being up for sale, we judged this garden as a cottage garden. Chris has maintained the garden to a high standard, and we enjoyed wondering through the many rooms enjoying the colourful cottagey effects. Sprawling areas also very interesting and had great appeal. Magnificent display in an "arid" landscape. .

### **Byard Place, Hahndorf – Habitat Garden**

In July 2021 mulch was put down, with planting for the habitat garden starting in August, and coming along being a work in progress. Diversion pond has been full many times through the spring due to ongoing rains. When it dries out enough they are going to bring rocks to add to the storm drain. Was previously a dairy farm.

### **Byard Place, Hahndorf – Street Presentation**

We viewed a great display of gardens as we drove up the street and checked out all the front gardens. Most gardens are maintained to a very high standard and together create an outstanding display. We haven't seen many other streets that match up to Byard Place. It is great to see the combined support of residents to beautify their street .

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**Judged on Wednesday November 23rd, 2022 by:**

- **Rex Liebelt, Garden Competition Convener and Show Vice President**
- **Christine Elliott ,Co-convener and past TAFE Horticultural Lecturer**
- **Cynthia Foyle, past Grand Champion winner**
- **Jocelyn Fry, President, Mt Barker Show**