



House and Garden

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This charming five-acre country garden 'Shadowlands' will open to the public this weekend.

Shadowlands open to the public

ORIGINALLY part of a larger rural holding, this charming five-acre country garden 'Shadowlands' is in the process of being lovingly restored to reflect its settler past.

"Restoring an old garden is both a responsibility and a discipline," say owners Marshall and Elizabeth Wilson.

"We want to maintain the original character, yet we want to use all the available space to achieve a more generous and integrated design that works for us.

"We feel very lucky to have a garden with such an intriguing history, so

much of which remains for us and others to enjoy. There's always something popping up that we didn't expect."

The Braidwood home features magnificent trees, including old pines, ash, oaks, liquidambar, flowering crabapples, birches, Manchurian pears and an avenue of eight red Canadian maples planted to mark the arrival of grandchildren.

Made up of three distinct zones - one close to the house, where shady lawns are dotted with beds overflowing with bulbs, roses, irises, salvias,

penstemon and other plantings that provide swathes of colour, the second incorporating the natural features of the area, and the third outer zone featuring scattered gums and native plants.

The owners will donate their share of the proceeds to the Mercy Hospital for Women Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Victoria.

Garden address: 230 Bombay Road, Braidwood

Opening: This weekend, November 23 and 24, 10am to 4.30pm

Admission: \$7 (under 18 free)

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Stay snake safe

WITH the arrival of warmer weather comes snake season, and Southern NSW Local Health District (SNSWLHD) is warning people to stay snake-safe this summer.

"Snakes normally stay well away from people but during the warmer months they are actively looking for food," said SNSWLHD's Dr Trish Saccasan Whelan.

"Snakes can be encountered in gardens and around houses, especially those near bushland."

Dr Saccasan Whelan also cautioned against going outside in the dark without shining a torch on the ground and also reaching into long grass or hollow logs without looking into them first.

Areas around the home should be kept tidy and lawns mowed to discourage snakes. Wearing closed shoes and long pants can

provide some protection when walking in bushland.

"Most snake bites are the result of trying to catch or kill snakes. Snakes should be left alone and given plenty of space. Don't try to catch or kill a snake," Dr Whelan said.

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