

# OPEN kitchen garden DAY



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## Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November

### GARDENS OPEN BETWEEN 9.00 am AND 1.00 pm

#### Orchard, Vines, Veg 207 Pomonal Road

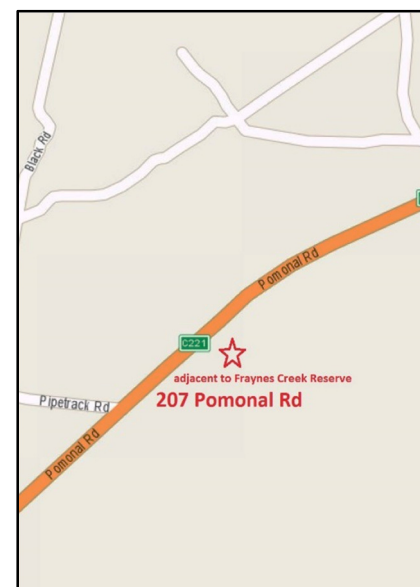


Glenda and Greg Lewin's garden has plenty of variety and is well worth seeing.

Seasonal vegetables and herbs are grown in five raised beds. Typical plantings over the past few years have been cauliflower, green beans, broad beans, tomatoes, chillies, carrots, spinach and lettuce.

The orchard was started in 2002 with 15 olive trees and now has four lemon, grapefruit, kaffir lime as well as white and yellow peach, apricot, apple, cherry, pomegranate, fig and quince trees.

Recent plantings include sultanas, red globes and Thompson seedless grapes, raspberries and blackberries. The garden is watered by drippers.



#### Organics and Alpacas 340 Pomonal Road

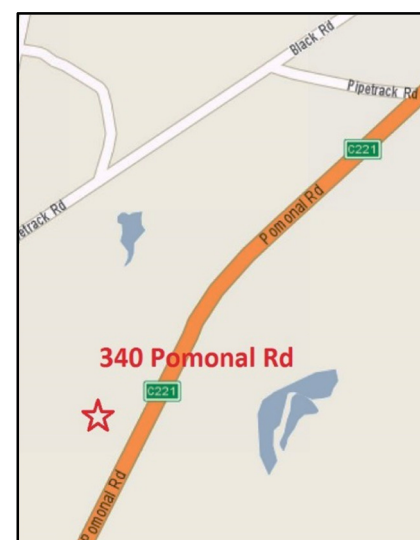


An ongoing process of composting, mulching, building up the microbes and worm populations, has enabled Lakeview Organics (Stephen and Glenda) to grow a selection of seasonal organic vegetables and herbs.

They save their own seeds and buy in heirloom varieties, planting with the moon phases and follow strict organic procedures, which allows them to produce tasty vegetables with a long shelf life.

Wander down to Blue Moon Alpacas to see and learn more about these fascinating and unique animals and their luxurious fibre. There is a range of affordable and quality alpaca products available to buy.

#### TOURS HOURLY AT: 10.00, 11.00, and 12.00



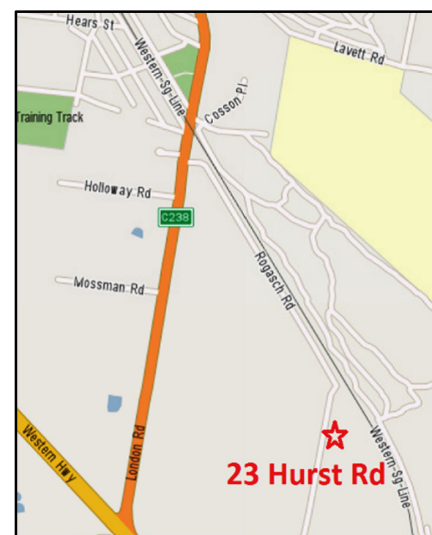
## Wicking Bed Patch 23 Hurst Road



John Pye designed and created his vegetable patch using wicking beds which involves placing a reservoir of water underneath the soil. Before this he had limited success growing vegetables conventionally due to the drought and water restrictions.

John now has 12 wick beds set up about six years ago and is overwhelmed with produce, plants don't wilt and each bed has become a giant 'worm farm'. From four tomato plants he collected in excess of 80 kg of fruit.

He has recently begun using wicking beds for dwarf fruit trees.



## Landscaper's Own Plot 71 Robson Road



Ever wondered what a landscape gardener's own garden is like?

Russell and Vesna's garden on their 12 acre block is only 2 years old but they have been busy with design, construction and plantings.

They have loads of citrus fruit trees, including lemon, mandarin & lemonade and several olive trees. On their plot there is a greenhouse with vegies as well. Their lovely vegie patch also has a variety of herbs. For something different they grow the most delicious white strawberries!

As you would expect, they are also growing lots of native trees & shrubs.



## Community Garden O'Regan Street



Stawell Community Garden Purpose: "To learn about and grow friendship, community and garden produce; and to promote sustainable living."

Members pay an annual fee which covers the cost of water and insurance, provides access to a dedicated plot to grow produce, use of shared compost, tools, and other resources.

The garden currently has a number of vacant plots, including raised garden beds which are wheelchair accessible.



The Open Kitchen Garden Day is a **free event** organised by Stawell Urban Landcare and supported by Grampians Community Health