

# George Tindale Garden

## A Garden For All Seasons

Today the garden is a reflection of George and Ruth Tindale's vision of having a garden displaying something of interest all year round. The garden contains a number of specimens rarely found in cultivation which are thriving in the acidic soils, cool temperate climate and shaded conditions found in the Dandenong Ranges. Extensive collections of Magnolias, Rhododendrons, Camellias, Azaleas, Fuchsias, bulbs and Hydrangeas will be easily recognisable to the garden enthusiast.

### Garden History

**1893** – Captain J Pallant purchased the 10 acre property, clearing and building a house for his family. The property was named "Pallants Hill".

**1915** – Mr H R Harper purchased the property as a weekend retreat. He established an English style garden and created what is now known as Harper's Drive.

**1939** – Mr & Mrs H Potter purchased the property for a weekend retreat. Improvements were made to the house and garden with a few paths and two water tanks being installed.

**1958** – George Tindale, a research scientist with the Victorian Department of Agriculture, purchased the property and began developing and extending the garden. He and his wife Ruth created the plantings which you still see today. Both were members of various horticultural societies and many plants were raised from seed made available from the societies, while other rare or choice plants were sourced from local nurseries or plant collectors.

**1980** – Ruth Tindale handed the garden to the Victorian Conservation Trust in memory of her husband who wished for the garden to be preserved.

**1995** – Parks Victoria commenced management of Tindale Garden, when it assumed management of six garden properties in the Dandenong Ranges including the National Rhododendron Gardens, Alfred Nicholas Gardens, Pirianda Garden, R J Hamer Arboretum and Mt Dandenong Arboretum.

valuable help from the Friends of George Tindale Garden.

- The sculptures on permanent display in the garden of which two pieces are the work of Ruth Tindale.
- The mature canopy of trees including the native Mountain Ash (*Eucalyptus regnans*), the Monkey Puzzle (*Araucaria araucana*) on the front lawn and the impressive oaks throughout the garden.

### Seasonal Highlights

Summer is cooling, with the marvellous collection of Hydrangeas showing off their many shades of blue. Lilliums, Fuchsias and summer flowering perennials are a colourful delight beneath the shady canopy of the Mountain Ash.

Autumn shocks the senses with gold, red, orange and burgundy foliage on the many mature trees. The delicate flowers of *Cyclamen hederifolium*, naturalised in Hazels Haven, will bring joy to all. Nerines, Autumn Crocus and other bulbs will remind you that spring is not the only season for bulbs.

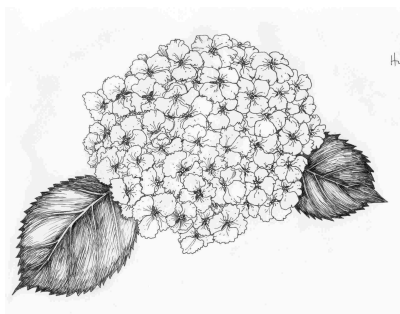
Winter will quietly expose the flowers of the Lenton Rose or Hellebore beneath other winter flowering shrubs. Luculia, Camellia's, Wintersweet and the well known scent of Daphne make a winter visit pleasurable.

Spring bursts forth with a myriad of flowers from Rhododendrons, Azaleas, Magnolias, Camellias whilst the spring flowering bulbs in the rock garden are not to be missed.

### Explore the Garden

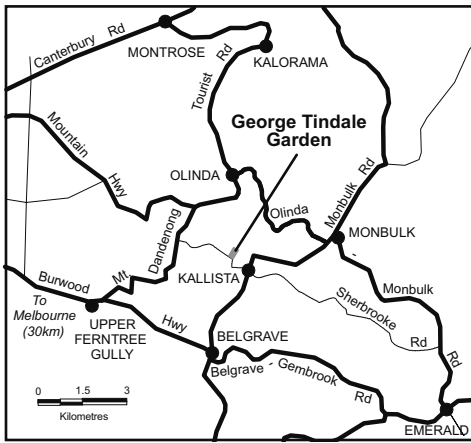
An extensive path system allows the visitor to explore the many exotic plantings throughout the garden. Areas of interest include:

- The nationally registered Hydrangea collection of common and unusual shrubs, climbers and tree like species.
- The rock garden which displays a wide variety of plants all year round. It is well maintained with



Drawing by Jen Hoogland





**A Lasting Gift**

Leaving a bequest to these Dandenong Ranges Gardens in your will is a lasting way to help care for the gardens for the future. Your bequest is invested in the Dandenong Ranges Gardens Trust Fund and applied to areas of the gardens most in need of support.

For further information contact Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963.

**Caring for the Garden**

Help us look after the garden by remembering these guidelines:

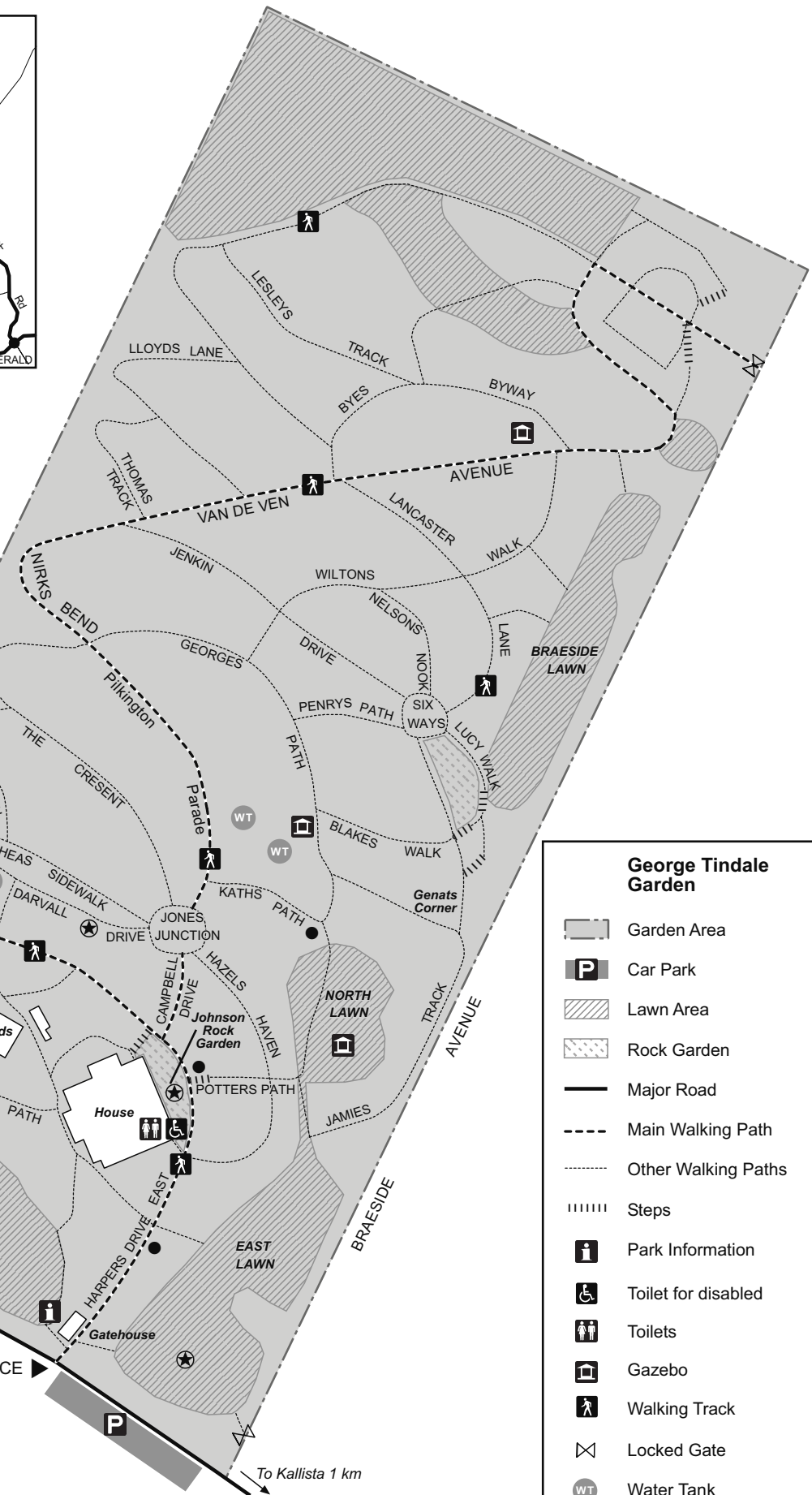
- Dogs must be controlled on a leash at all times
- Take all rubbish home with you
- Do not collect plant species – leave them for others to enjoy

**Community Involvement**

The preservation of this garden is actively assisted by a voluntary group called the Friends of George Tindale Garden.

If you are interested in joining the Friends Group, please contact Parks Victoria on 13 1963.

Please return this garden note to the information shelter after use so it can be used by others. Thank you.



**George Tindale Garden**

- Garden Area
- Car Park
- Lawn Area
- Rock Garden
- Major Road
- Main Walking Path
- Other Walking Paths
- Steps
- Park Information
- Toilet for disabled
- Toilets
- Gazebo
- Walking Track
- Locked Gate
- Water Tank
- Lamp
- Sculpture

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