

## FACILITIES

The gardens can cater for groups from 20 to 100 people. Persons under 18 must be supervised at all times as there are no activities for them.

Public toilets are located next door 200m away at the Tarra Bulga National Park Visitor Centre.

Access to the gardens is pedestrian only. Wheelchair access is only to the front gardens, where catering and seating is located. Access to the rear gardens and platform is via steps only.

Parking is road side only however, for extra safety, public parking is located next door 200m away at the Tarra Bulga National Park Visitor Centre.

We provide power, marquees, tables, chairs, hot water, tea, coffee, sugar, cake and biscuits as part of the entry fee, however you may wish to bring any other foods for your event.

The Tarra Bulga Guesthouse and Lyrebird Tearoom have a range of eat in or takeaway foods and hot or cold drinks, and are located 200m away on the corner of Bulga Park Road and Grand Ridge Road.

## HOW TO GET HERE



### TARRADISE GARDENS

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An all year round garden in an idyllic setting located in Gippsland



Welcome to "Tarradise Gardens", a 1.5 acre property showcasing a variety of mature-sized and rare Rhododendrons, Maples and Conifers, and various other plants. The gardens are bordered by tall Mountain Ash Trees, lush ferns and native vegetation of the Tarra Bulga National Park located in the Strzelecki Ranges in Gippsland. With exception to our two public open weekends in April and October, our gardens are otherwise open by appointment only, our gardens are open to interest groups such as gardening and photographic clubs, as well as weddings or other garden events suited to your event.

## THE HISTORY

The house was built at the turn of the 20th century and today displays an image of a bygone era. At the time of its first occupancy, tree-logging and milling in *Balook* was at its peak and about one-hundred other buildings existed in the town. Today the tree-logging, milling and all but a few of the buildings have long since gone leaving only remnants of their existence as places of interest. This property and three others were purchased by the *Country Roads Board (CRB)* in the 1960's to house their employees who replaced tracks with bitumen roads as the Tarra Bulga National Park increasingly became a popular tourist destination.

Over time, several families had purchased this property but one family (John and Joy Hosking) in particular also purchased neighbouring land increasing the total land size to approximately 1.5 acres. They then landscaped the combined property in the 1980s with a variety of trees, shrubs, and plants, many of which were imported and rare. This family has since moved on and today the property has matured and developed into gardens that now showcase the fruits of their labour and foresight.

Much of the flowering plants where the property remained unfenced, have disappeared, died or been eaten over the following years leaving only the established trees and mainly Rhododendrons and Hydrangeas, and pathways covered by lawn.

From this canvas, we have added much structure in the way of new paths, arbours, steps, garden beds, and covered areas creating an enjoyable and tranquil garden.

## THE SEASONS

### Spring



### Summer



### Autumn



### Winter



## ABOUT US

We both have similar interests and ambitions and often had visions of living an idyllic lifestyle on a small acreage property and with luck, an old house to restore and nice gardens to be entranced in. Here we are today living that vision but with the added privilege of being in the close

surrounds and beauty of the Tarra Bulga  
National Park.