



Mark Browning

Landscape Design

Show Garden 2022 Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show

“Aud”

Designed by Mark Browning Landscape Design, supported by Carlisle Homes, supporting Dementia Australia, “Aud” is our show garden for the 2022 Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show.

Economists and financiers know “AUD” as the Australian Dollar, some folk may confuse it with “ordinary”. Our garden will be neither and is named “Aud” as a shortening of Audrey, a lady who succumbed to Alzheimer’s Disease nearly four years ago. Alzheimer’s is the most common form of dementia affecting not only 30 percent of people over 85 years but people of all ages as well. Although Aud died from this disease and other ailments, Alzheimer’s never defined her. Audrey was a competent and enthusiastic gardener, a golf champion in younger years, and most of all a loving family woman, loyal and warm to everyone around her right up to the time of entering permanent care eight years before passing. During those eight years she slowly yet relentlessly suffered memory loss with her most recent recollections vanishing first, those close to her understood once she got back to zero it would end her confusion and frustration.

As a gardener Audrey rewrote the book on how its done. Born a Queenslander her ideas on cool climate gardening were nil when she moved to Melbourne in 1959. She mixed ferns with gardenias, bergonias with primulas, rhododendrons with banksias on the quarter acre in Syndal. Her garden thrived like it was always meant to be, even her homage to her home state, the Avocado fruited. Syndal came and went, her gardens in East Malvern, Bonnie Doon, Malua Bay and Lake Nillahcootie were the same. All proving that a love of plants is almost all it takes...

Audrey would have her life partner husband Graham build the hard landscape structures. Usually from left over building products, he built fernery after fernery to house the numerous ferns she “rehomed” from the Strathbogie Ranges. Little order seemed to be in play yet it all worked, even the broken concrete crazing paving buckled under the huge Jacaranda in Syndal. Graham adored her and did exactly what she wanted outside.

Our “Aud” is a testament to her gardening prowess, somewhat a fusion of otherwise confused mixed and varied plantings and off beat structural landscape ideas.

Central to “Aud” is a humble pavilion, the sort of thing she’d have a coffee in mid-morning. Set amid plantings of all types, stone mushrooms and shards of sawn bluestone and steppers intersperse the space a bit like the sort of paraphernalia that adorned Audrey’s gardens. Raised planting areas surround with yet more eclectic plantings, the walls are natural finish (earth encrusted) bluestone offcuts not indifferent to the materials salvaged by Graham from all those building sites over many decades - off cuts from the quarrying process, never intended for use.

Visual access to “Aud” is deliberately compromised to just a handful of locations to enhance the mystery that Audrey was to horticulture and structure. Audrey’s gardens were always to be enjoyed from within and she had a strong indifference to showing them off, they were hers and never intended as an ego statement.

“Aud” is a tribute to a woman with no design or horticultural qualifications. What Audrey did possess are somethings often absent in landscape design: personality, possibility, and a wildly experimental spirit.

As a side note, to the day she left us she never consciously knew that Graham died 5 years earlier, such is the agony of Alzheimer’s. No one will ever know if she wondered why he stopped visiting daily.

By the way, Audrey was and remains my mum. Forgive my bias but to this day she continues my primary role model in my profession. Rest in Peace mum.

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Official Charity



Dementia Australia supports people living with all types of dementia, and their families and carers. We provide support services, education and information, and advocate for greater community understanding of dementia.

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Design

Mark Browning Landscape Design, formerly Cycas Landscape Design, is a landscape design studio based in bayside Melbourne. We provide landscape design and consultancy services catering for all styles of landscapes throughout Melbourne, the Mornington Peninsula and rural Victoria. Our design philosophy is centered on creating beautiful and functional landscape designs individually crafted to our customers' needs. We challenge design beliefs and constantly strive to surprise.

Mark Browning Landscape Design prides itself with sustainable and sensible design principles and we encourage our clients to strike a balance between both hard and soft landscape treatments thereby minimizing their carbon footprint and hence doing their part by cooling the environment starting in their own backyards. We encourage the planting of trees and argue that a treed garden is not only good for our environment but has positive implications for property values and proven social benefits for family life.

Over the years, Mark Browning Landscape Design has enjoyed great success with both residential and festival projects, winning numerous awards including:

- The City of Melbourne Award of Excellence for Best in Show: 2014 Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show.
- The City of Melbourne Award of Excellence for Best in Show: 2015 Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show. (In collaboration with Lisa Ellis Gardens).
- Show Garden Gold Medals: 2008, 2013, 2014, 2015 Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show.
- Show Garden Silver Gilt Medal. 2007 Chelsea Flower Show (London).
- Show Garden Silver Medals: 2003, 2004, 2005, 2017 Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show.
- Mark Bence Award for Best Construction: 2014 Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show.
- W. A. Comeadow Gold Award for Outstanding Design: 2004 Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show.

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Project Management

Dan Foreman is Landscaper from the eastern suburbs of Melbourne, Dan has been landscaping for 18 years and covered a range of different roles including site supervisor, business owner and landscape designer. Dan has real passion for creative and unique landscapes, it's one of the many reasons he loves being a part of the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show and is proud to have been involved in some show gardens in recent years including 2019's 'The Loggia' garden which won Best in Show, Best Construction, Best Use of Plants as well as a Show Garden Gold Award.

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Landscape Construction



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Plant Life

Flemings Nurseries



Fleming's Nurseries are honoured to support Mark Browning in his 10th Show Garden at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show. Mark and Fleming's have enjoyed a long and affectionate relationship including an exhibition at the Chelsea Flower Show in 2007. Mark has created some incredible gardens over his career and his show gardens at MIFGS never fail to impress, highlighting his incredible skill as a designer and enormous passion for sharing his creations with others. We congratulate Mark on his commitment to the Show, to the industry and his craft.

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Planting Crew



Bay Road is in the bayside suburb of Sandringham operated by its highly experienced owners Justin Taverniti and David Howard. Justin runs the famous Bay Road Nursery along with a team of great staff, David heads The Bay Road Gardener which is a plant/horticultural consultancy operating out of Bay Road. Bay Road provides a unique experience with a range of fabulous indoor and outdoor plants, pots and gift lines. The Bay Road Café operates in our pretty 1910 Californian Bungalow house spilling out into the nursery.

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