

## GIBBARDS CROSSING

Discover the beauty of Gibbards Crossing, located just five kilometres from the historic township of Redesdale. Nestled along the Campaspe River, our property boasts a harmonious blend of house gardens, vineyard, olive grove and expansive landscapes, named after the old bluestone river ford at the end of Gibbards Lane.

In 2016, we stumbled upon Redesdale and despite initial challenges, we are delighted to call it home. From irrigation mishaps to neglected gardens, our journey began with a mission to rejuvenate the soil. With the introduction of organic compost, mulch, and fertilizer, our gardens now flourish, supported by state-of-the-art irrigation systems ensuring optimal growth and sustainability.

The original bluestone building, hand-laid by the property's original owner, has been completely renovated into a beautiful modern home as well as Bell Cottage, now a lovely Bed and Breakfast accommodation.

Witness the magic of old plantings making way for robust mass plantings, striking a perfect balance with established trees and locally sourced stacked stone walls. The gardens now hum with diverse bird life and the busy buzz of bees. A special treat awaits near the house - a kitchen garden surrounding a stylistic labyrinth, bursting with herbs, citrus trees and delectable treasures for day-to-day cooking.

Venture to the north to discover a fully enclosed vegetable garden designed for mass planting of garlic, chillies and tomatoes for preserving. Near an existing grove of quinces, we've enclosed an area for more fruit trees as well as to house our chooks who reside in a log cabin made especially for them from old vineyard posts - repurposed from a vineyard we took out due to disease. All displaying our commitment to sustainable practices.

Our landscape has evolved with the addition of Northern Red Oaks, Catalpas, Fraxinus, Claret Ash, a variety of gums and a Moreton Bay Fig. At night, under the shade of an old Portuguese Oak, we often sit by the fire pit, enjoying the sounds of the land.

Gibbards Crossing's house garden is an ever-changing tapestry, bringing joy through each season's diverse plantings.

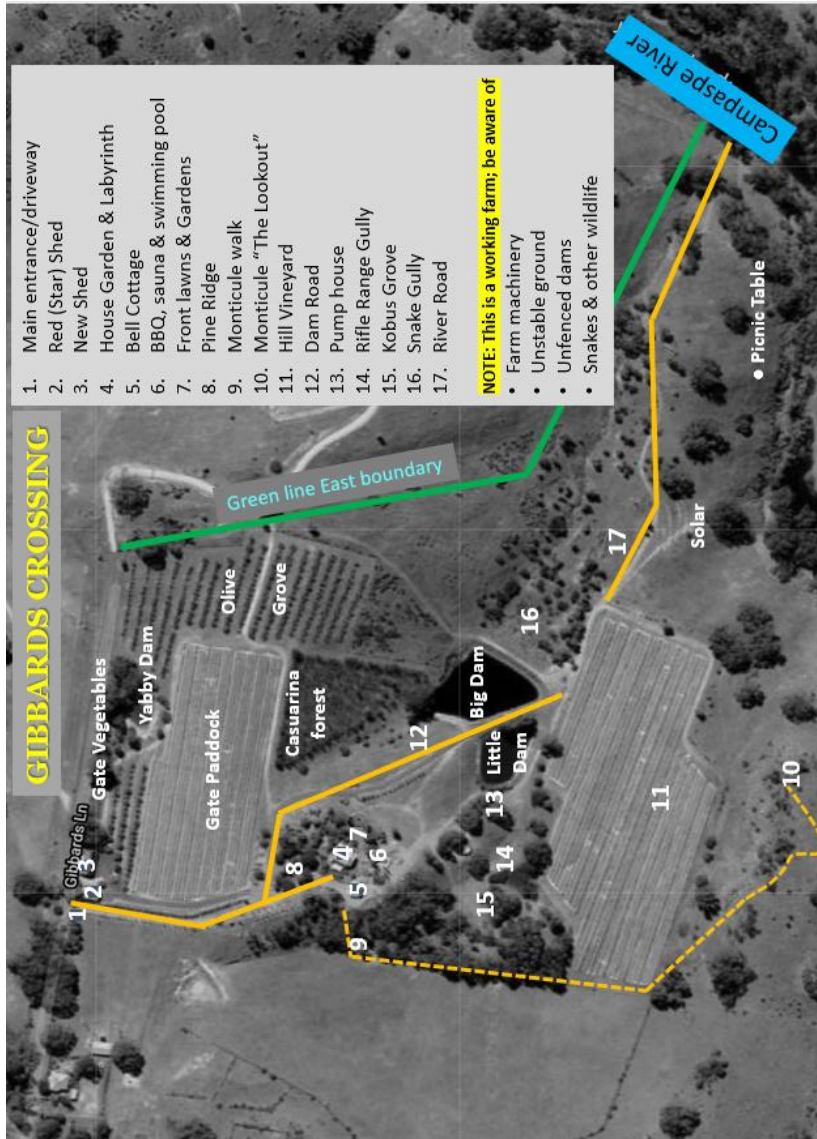
Take time to enjoy the beauty that Gibbards Crossing offers. Enjoy walks and picnics by the Campaspe River or at the "Lookout" on Monticule (see map on reverse). The panoramic view across the rolling hills is truly spectacular.

Join us for an open garden event where a local artist's botanical photography of the flowers from this garden will be on exhibition and available for purchase. In addition, the owners own Gibbards Crossing wine and extra virgin olive oil will be available for sale.

## GARDEN NOTES

We look forward to sharing the beauty of Gibbards Crossing with you.

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***Gibbards Crossing is located on the lands of the Dja Dja Wurrung People. Open Gardens Victoria wishes to acknowledge the Traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.***

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