

# Pre-conference Tour

## Programme

	Tue 26 Nov	Wed 27 Nov	Thur 28 Nov
Morning		<b>7:00 – 8:00:</b> Breakfast Knox College <b>8:30:</b> Bus pickup <b>9:00 – 9:45:</b> Rex Thomson Garden <b>10:00 – 12:00:</b> Dunedin Northern Cemetery	<b>7:00 – 8:00:</b> Breakfast Knox College <b>8:30:</b> Bus pickup <b>8:45 – 9:15:</b> Midge Ruka Garden <b>10:30 – 11:15:</b> Free time in Lawrence <b>11:25 – 11:50:</b> Lyn Taylor Garden
Afternoon		<b>12:30 – 12:40:</b> Dunedin Railway Station Heritage Roses <b>1:00 – 3:00:</b> Wylde Willow Garden and Lunch <b>3:15 – 4:30:</b> Beryl Lee Garden <b>4:45 – 5:15:</b> Otago University Heritage Rose Garden	<b>12:45 – 2:00:</b> Stonehouse Café and Garden <b>2:15 – 3:15:</b> Ramage Garden Fruitlands <b>4:00:</b> Arrive Cromwell Conference Venue
Evening	Accommodation Knox College, Dunedin. Dinner free choice. Choice of restaurants at the Gardens Village within walking distance.	<b>6:30:</b> Dinner Knox College	

## Gardens

### Rex Thomson Garden



Rex Thomson Garden is a small woodland garden with a significant number of old-fashioned roses, English roses, and a few modern roses. All roses are named. There are also groundcovers and many rare and beautiful perennials, a collection of hostas, clematis, rare native trees, and flowering shrubs.

### Dunedin North Cemetery



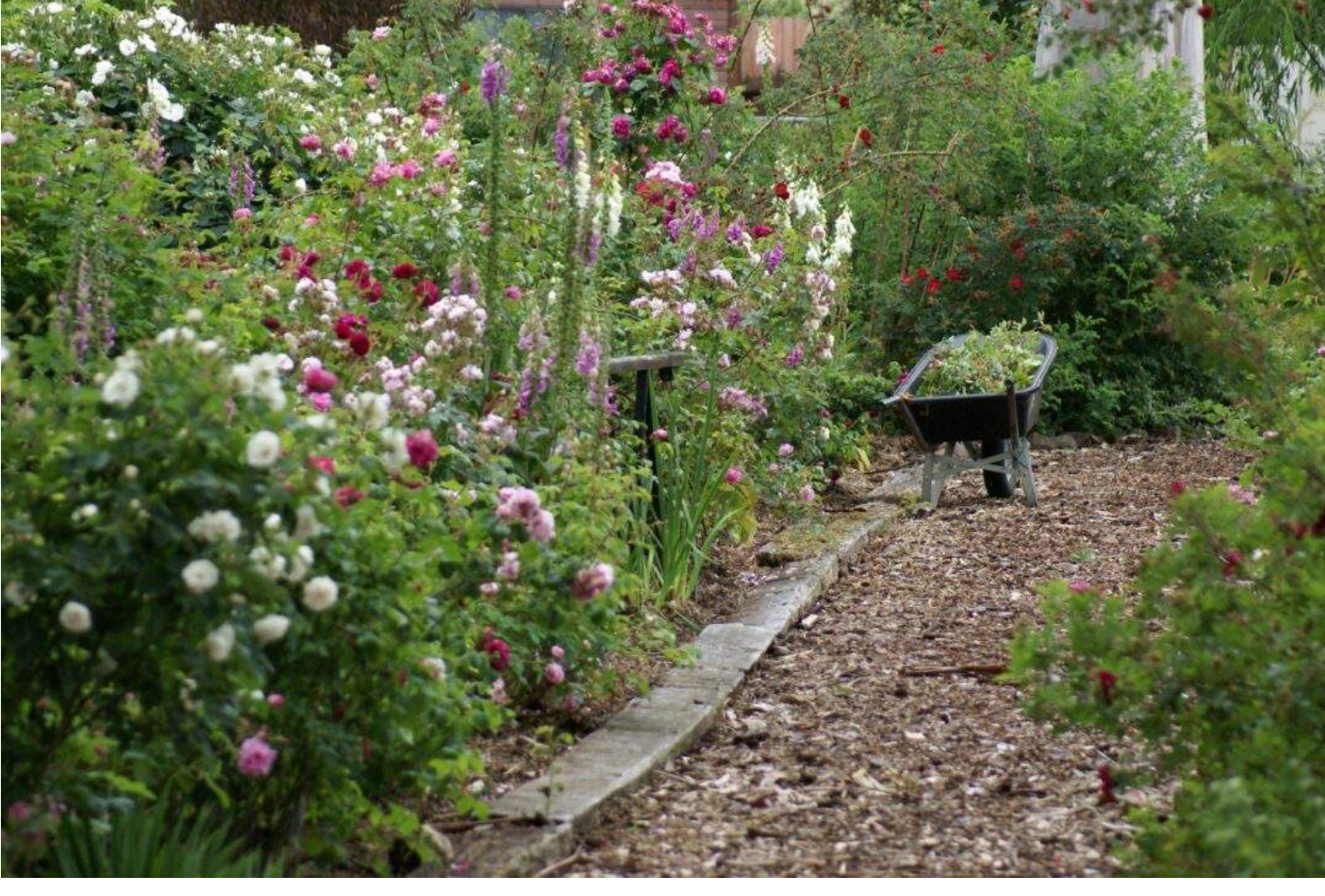
This Victorian garden cemetery was designed by John Loudon in 1872. After years of neglect, a restoration project lead by Heritage Roses Otago, has transformed the site into a place of beauty. Memorial plantings of trees and roses made by plot owners over 150 years ago makes this cemetery unique in New Zealand. The restoration has included the planting and maintaining a further 1500 heritage roses.

### Dunedin Railway Station



This small garden is a collection of heritage roses donated to the Dunedin City Council by Heritage Roses Otago to mark the millennium. The roses were chosen to emphasise the bluestone of the historic and famous Dunedin Railway Station.

### Wylde Willow



Wylde Willow is a large, diverse 2ha country garden, 35 years in the making. It features a pond, heritage roses, perennials and indigenous and exotic trees evolving around Abbotsford Stream.

### Beryl Lee Garden



Beryl Lee Garden is a small garden, 35 years' old that has grown like Topsy. It started off as a fragrant garden with only highly scented plants grown. An underground stream caused the demise of some original specimens and has made it difficult to grow others as they fall when they reach a certain height. The old roses were mainly sourced from Trevor Griffiths or as cuttings. The lilacs on the property were the start of a national collection that has been built up over 30 years. Many are in pots waiting for new homes.

### University of Otago

This is a collection of heritage roses donated by Heritage Roses Otago four years' ago to mark the 150th anniversary of the University of Otago.

### Midge Ruka Garden



Midge Ruka Garden is a small garden started from bare clay 10 years ago. It features old Roses and David Austin roses. Roses are grown up structures and trees. Companion plantings are of clematis and perennials. The concept is to paint a picture in the garden.

### Lin and Jim Taylor Garden

Lin and Jim Taylor's Garden is in the old gold-mining town of Lawrence. It is about 0.4ha. The garden has been built over 25 years from a bare paddock. Lin and Jim have designed their own cottage style, with shrubs, roses, perennials, and trees. There is also a large vegetable garden and orchard garden.

### Stonehouse Café and Garden



Stonehouse Café and garden is on the main highway. The garden is beside the café and has many interesting features. Peonies are grown in the paddock behind the garden.

### Ramage Garden



The Cape Broom hotel was built by John Kemp in 1874, replacing a smaller hotel and post office built in 1870. John Kemp was an Englishman who came for the gold rush and bought the land around the hotel and the subsequent Obelisk gold field behind. Kemp sold the hotel to John Dowdall in 1900 and the hotel burnt down in 1910 at the end of the productive gold extraction.

Kerry Stevens and Gail Banks bought the property in 2000 and applied to the council to create a public garden and park for people to visit, though it never eventuated. They also built a small cottage on the site. These were the two people who had the vision to start creating the English-style park which is here today. The oak trees are the original trees from 1870 and could have possibly been an avenue along the old road.

In 2009 Stuart and Dianne Duncan bought the property and took the gardens around the house in a new direction but left the park relatively untouched. In 2013 they incorporated the cottage into the house you see now, did the remedial work on the hotel, hexagonal dairy, one of only 3 ever built in New Zealand, and created the hedged vegetable garden. The old trees at the front and along the drive were removed, and the garden plan developed with 138 rose bushes, incorporated into a red garden, a white garden and mixed colour garden.