

GARDEN NOTES
THE OLD STONE HOUSE
41 MOLONGLO ST, BUNGENDORE



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HISTORY

The Old Stone House was built in 1861 by the Donoghues and the grounds as we know them served as production for the family's food, including vegetable patches and pig styes. Twenty years later the Elm trees were planted along the southern boundary line as the roads were surveyed.

In the 1970s the block was known throughout the community as a small-scale strawberry farm, operated by the Steers. In the early 1980s the Draper family took up ownership of the property and planted the Cyprus trees along the northern boundary.

When the Banburys purchased the property in 2000 they set about transforming the house into a B&B and landscaping the gardens. They changed the garden from country-style into a formal layout with rock walls, gravel paths, and rose arbors.

John and Debbie purchased the Old Stone House in 2006 and built upon the legacy of the Banbury's landscaping to create the gardens you see today.

FEATURES

The Old Stone House sits on one acre of established gardens. The main structure of the garden is reminiscent of a traditional English cottage with rows of roses, an avenue of weeping cherries and rose arbors, and sprawling, emerald lawns. The boundaries are lined with Cyprus pines and 140 year old Elm trees making the property a private retreat.

A newer addition is the Asian-inspired garden built by John in 2014. The garden has a large pond with bridge overhead and traditional Japanese plants, including Black pine, Japanese maples and bamboo. Guests can sit in the tea house or pagoda, and relax to the sound of the running waterfall.

GARDEN OWNERS

John and Debbie Putt