

Here is a GREAT weekend outing

..and you will be helping to promote Rotary and the Xanana Trust.

Australia's Open Garden Scheme presents:

The Fruits of Mother Earth in Melbourne

Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 February

10.00am - 4.30 pm

Entry fee is \$5

Gardens to celebrate the ingenuity and cultural diversity of modern Australian culinary gardening. All of these passionate and knowledgeable gardeners focus on a palette of food plants developed by their cultures over many generations, and each demonstrates a remarkable degree of self-sufficiency. From apples to zucchinis, from olives to honey—taste and see delectable delights for the table.



Visit Rose Creek Estate - Prize winning wine, olive oil and market garden

A Mediterranean theme pervades an extensive and fascinating vegetable garden adjoining the Siciliano's vineyard and olive grove. Large poultry run; bees; orchard featuring many citrus. Olive oil produced on site.

You'll also be able to enjoy wine and olive oil tastings.

Address: 2 Craig St, Keilor East

Directions: Melway 27:J1

Size: 2 ha. (6 ac.)

Rose Creek Estate has been described as "**Tuscany in East Keilor**". Set on a 6 acre farm just over 10km from Melbourne's centre, Tony and Lina have brought the Italian country lifestyle with them. Their passion for traditional Italian cuisine and living gives the property an ambience of relaxed and luxurious living in the suburbs. There is the vinyard with a winery, an olive grove with an olive oil extraction processing plant, a fruit orchard with well known fruits, as well as many unusual ones. There is also a very large vegetable garden, chooks roaming around the orchard, spectacular scenery and plenty of Italian hospitality. **And prize winning wine and olive oil tastings.** All this just a step from the Siciliano's back door and 15 minutes from the city.

With all these qualities it is no wonder that ABC TV, Channel 31 (twice) and newspapers (daily and local) report on this place.

Tony's olive oils and wines have won numerous prizes in Australia-wide competition, most recently winning Silver medal for his Correggiola entry (no Gold medal was awarded) and a Bronze for his Frantoio entry at the inaugural Australian Olive Expo. Lina's gardening and cooking have also brought prizes. **Rose Creek red wines in particular are simply fabulous.**

At the Open Garden there will be a special special guest appearance by Penny Woodward (author of 'Community Gardens: A Celebration of the People, Recipes and Plants'). **The Rotary Club of East Keilor** will have a BBQ on Saturday, and **Xanana Vocational Education Trust** volunteers will act as garden guides during Sunday.

Proceeds from the \$5 entry fees will be **donated to the Kidney Foundation** and the **Xanana Vocational Education Trust** (helping to build a vocational education system in East Timor)

For more information refer to: <http://www.rosecreekestate.com.au> and <http://www.xananatrust.org> and <http://http://www.kidney.org.au/>