



Images Photography Group (Pukekohe) invite you to join them when they visit Eden Garden, 24 Omana Avenue, Epsom on

Sunday 3rd March 2024

Entry: Adults \$12.00. NZ Seniors & Students \$8.00

Either bring your own picnic lunch or purchase food and drinks from the Eden Garden Cafe.

10.00 am meet Sharron Hickman at Eden Garden shop.

February - Hibiscus, Bouganvillea, Luculia

March - Sasanqua Camellias, Hibiscus, Brunfelsias

Eden Garden as we know it, on the slopes of Auckland's Mt Eden, had its beginnings in July 1964 and in 2024 it celebrates its 60th anniversary.

A history of its very early days would go back more than 20,000 years, when the site of Auckland today was a field of about forty active volcanos. In more recent times, following the founding of Auckland in 1840, most of the cones were quarried and taken to build the city which has risen where once they stood. A quarry on Mt Eden, abandoned in 1928, was later purchased by a city businessman, Sir Frank Mappin, as an addition to his neighbouring estate. When, in 1962, Sir Frank presented his home to the nation as a vice-regal residence, the Government of the day rejected the old quarry, not an overgrown wilderness, as an eyesore and embarrassment. Two years later, a far-sighted horticulturist, Mr Jack Clark, with fifteen fellow enthusiasts, took on the task of converting it into a garden. What you see today is the results of his vision.

Developed by volunteer workers who give freely of their time maintaining established areas, planning and working on further development, Eden Garden is now a national showplace. Most of the Garden paths you tread commemorate Society members, prominent in that development. Today, the 5.5 acres (2.25 hectare) garden features mature trees and flowering shrubs with splendid collections of camellias, azaleas and rhododendrons.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Sunday 3rd March 2024.