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Sunday 18 October

Casa Rossa Gardens, West Melton

203 Jowers Rd, Christchurch 7676

Casa Rossa has been developed over 20 years around a former shingle pit. The movie “Much Ado about Nothing” inspired the Italian house and garden design.

The consequential garden is an interesting mix of formal (around the house) and informal (in the dell) garden rooms. The feature of the garden is the 60 metre tapestry beech walk which confines and focuses the view, before tantalising with a glimpse through to the central features of the garden. These include a pond with a classic Japanese style arched bridge, maple trees and a variety of pond edge vegetation. Artwork draws the visitor on and they are diverted past a series of garden rooms hosting more interesting garden art through a shaded walk and into a shaded dell area before bursting out into the pond area



Venue: Casa Rossa Gardens, West Melton

Date: Sunday 18 October 2026

Time: 10.00am – bring a picnic morning tea (hot water and cups provided)

Cost: \$12.00 (20+ people) \$15.00 (less than 20)

Please register all numbers attending to Vicki Steven by 12 October, and for those wanting to car-pool, please provide your address and phone contact.

Registration: Vicki Steven: 022 130 4342

We will ask you to pay on-line after this date, when we know final numbers attending.

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