

# A Taste of Tuscany

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Jocelyn and Bruce Manning organised this month's run to Villa Candotti a 1.6 ha Italian Renaissance home and garden in Colyton. Alister Manning in his orange MG 4 lead our 9-car convoy, comprising one Magnette, one 'B', a modern, five 'F's (as well as the MG4), from the Feilding Railway station.

Upon arrival one of the villa's owners, Peter, gave a talk on the rationale behind the garden's existence, its history and what we could see as we walked around the property. The villa's gardens have been featured in NZ Gardens and other prestigious magazines. We then enjoyed a lovely morning tea prepared by Jeanette, Peter's wife, which was presented in their private courtyard.



After morning tea, we were free to walk around the property, taking in all the beautiful vistas. Words will not do justice to the gardens so we'll let the pictures of the day, on the website, tell the story.

After our wander around the property we settled under the pergola covered in wisteria for our BYO picnic lunch. Following which we made our way home just as the day began to heat up.

Thank you, Jocelyn and Bruce for a wonderful day's outing and the opportunity to visit this property which has been on some members 'bucket list' for some time.

Robyn & Steve

