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OPEN GARDEN TO SUPPORT ERH ONCOLOGY DEPARTMENT

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When a friend approached Margaret Lynas with an idea to hold a joint Open Garden day at her home in Kooyong Court, her initial thought was that her garden wasn't what traditionally was used for these events. The concept of 'Open Garden' makes you first think of sprawling gardens over large areas, with space for large lawns and so on.

Marg and Harry's garden is situated on an ordinary town block; however, it is far from ordinary to experience. If you wanted some ideas for improving your home garden in town, or would even just like to take some time out for a coffee and a look around, then this is something not to be missed.

The garden will be open for all visitors at 3 Kooyong Court, Echuca from 10 am to 4.30 pm on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th October, with tea, coffee and light refreshments available. A small contribution of $5.50 is requested, with funds raised to be shared between the Open Garden Scheme and the Oncology Department at Echuca Regional Health.

There will also be numerous plants for sale, in addition to various other items, the proceeds of which will be donated to the Oncology Department.

Marg and Harry made the decision to support the Oncology Department, after Marg lost her mother to cancer in 1991, and their daughter to breast cancer in 2007.
Marg felt that it was important that the funds stay locally and benefit the local community, "while it is important that cancer research funds like the Cancer Council are supported, we cannot forget that when a loved one is diagnosed and treated for the disease locally, it is the local hospital that provides the support and care for them. By donating the money to our local hospital, we are helping local people fighting cancer, making sure they get the best care possible while they are ill".

Kim Steel is also holding a Open Garden on the same weekend, with funds raised also to be shared between the Open Garden Scheme and the Oncology Department. Kim's beautiful garden is also situated on a residential block, and is located at 18 Simmie Street, Echuca. Visitors are encouraged to visit both gardens to get ideas for their own backyards.

Photograph opportunity in the garden available to compliment this media release – please contact Marg Lynas on 5482 6038 to arrange a suitable time