

Peter & Lyn's Garden

1048 Old Cooma Road, Googong
Open 28 - 29 November 2015



Welcome to our garden. It is a work in progress begun along with the house in 1981 and continuing.

We suggest the following route using our sketch as a guide:

1. The bank with its dry stone retaining wall made of excavated rock from the house site features mainly Grevilleas.
2. This is the most recent planting, swales of local grassland species. The trees, a yellow box, brittle gum and cork oak were all seedlings in the early eighties.
3. This is our original planting. The exotics at the front of the house were planted before the house was started – Azaleas, Rhododendrons and Camellias in the middle of the paddock with no protection – they are more hardy than you'd think! Look for the native frangipani and the *Lambertia formosa* in the middle garden. We planted much too closely and have removed far more than is here now.
4. The gravel, paving and shade sails allows us to have an area to entertain outdoors. The grafted *Acacia cognata* 'Waterfall' will hopefully cascade and cover the pots. We love Annie Storey's copper sculptures and thought the corrugated water tanks and sandstone set them off well. The grass trees have been in those pots more than 20 years.
5. This is a relatively new planting. We used to have a circular driveway in front of the house, but it was rarely used, so we dug it up and planted. This is all natives. Look for the grafted Grevilleas and the grass tree. We also copied the corrugated water tanks and sandstone as garden edges. It makes a useful seat.
6. On the walk around to the back of the house you will pass Waratahs, a flannel flower and Banksias. The kangaroo paws used to be in pots, but are now doing well in the garden.
7. The orchard is not a huge success and will soon be changed. The trees are too close together and it is too hard to net them. We planted two trees in every hole to keep them small and prune them every year. We will build a

new chook shed and cover in a large run and espalier new fruit trees around the edge. When they begin to fruit we will remove these trees.

8. In vegetable gardens we follow a four bed crop rotation. We also replace a third of the strawberries every year. Look for the compost bin and potato bed. Also, there is a bed for rockmelons, pumpkins and zucchinis at the bottom of the stairs.
9. There is a mown walking track around our boundary. It is approximately 1.5 kilometres and passes through a lot of wildflowers and our plantation of *Allocasuarina verticillata*, planted for the glossy black cockatoos. You are welcome to explore it.

We hope you enjoy our garden and come back again.

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Pearce

Open 12 – 13 March 2016

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Bywong NSW

Open 19 – 20 March 2016

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Best wishes for the holiday season from Open Gardens Canberra!

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Sketch of Peter & Lyn's Garden