

GARDEN NOTES
FOX'S FOLLY
BUNGENDORE



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HISTORY

When we started to build the stone house in 1981, the only vegetation on the large block was the row of cypress trees, the hedge at the front and the newly planted eucalypts, including the dead one at the back with the possum box.

In the 8 years it took to build the house, we gradually planted trees and shrubs on our very large block. The large ginkgo tree is about 36 years old and the silver birches are about 34 years old. I was not a gardener and my interest started with vegetables and then flowers.

My garden has evolved by accident, rather than been planned. I moved further down the block over a 30-year timespan, taking in the emerging elm tree woodland and adding fruit trees. The paving has been done over the same period, adding structure to the garden. The paving and other projects are still proceeding.

The shade garden is 25 years old and the cottage style sun garden was begun about 18 years ago and is still a work in progress.

Many of my plants have come from friends or brought at street stalls and the Horticultural Society plant sales. I have had many successes and many failures with plants. I enjoy spending time in the garden with my hands in the dirt, particularly my potted plants, my roses and garden art pieces.

Another delight is the bird life attracted to the garden. I have many small bird visitors, including wrens, pardalotes, numerous honey eaters and my family of ravens and magpies. They flit around me as I garden and seem quite happy to share the space.

The garden is a lot of work and I wish I had sprayed the back section before planting, as I spend much of my life digging out grass weeds. The other challenge is keeping up watering my pot plants.

I agreed to open my garden to the public to share my interest in gardening.

FEATURES

This is a woodland garden combined with cottage style beds. The large ginkgo and birch trees provide a welcome at the side gate, especially in autumn.

GARDEN OWNER

Jill Fox