

GARDEN NOTES  
THE ANDERSON  
GARDEN  
57 ARTHUR CIRCLE FORREST  
ACT



DATE OF  
OPENING 4 AND  
5 APRIL 2020

## HISTORY

The inspiration for our one acre garden has been to create a garden of tranquility in suburbia, at harmony with our house, space and providing pleasant corners in every season. Since 1997 when we purchased the property, there have been renovations to the house and progressive development of the gardens towards this objective. Changes continue to be made.

Our garden has another function, to create a pleasant venue for outdoor concerts and functions open to the public. Our challenge has been to amend the lawns and beds with such events in mind. The lower lawns have been raised by a meter and the lawns generally receive a lot of attention. An automatic watering system has been installed, together with a 150,000 litre underground water tank and reticulation systems. The excavations for this was a big blow to the garden and lawns for some time.

Our garden changes with the seasons. The spring bulbs thrive under the large Liquidamber Tree and the gardens really come to life in summer, when the *alee* lined with Manchurian Pear Trees provides lovely cool shade. Our colour inspiration is from Monet's garden in Giverny in France. As Brian is color blind with red and green, a mainly blue and white theme has been chosen, which matches our house.

New rock retaining walls have been built along the driveway which is lined with a hedge of camellias to increase privacy. The front hedge of Feijoas has recovered nicely from a drastic thinning.

Other recent developments are the cubby house for our grand-children and the pool.

We hope that visitors enjoy the sense of space, the large trees and the pleasant lawns, hedges and beds that lead the visitors around the house and to more private nooks.

## FEATURES

This is a large lawn garden that has partly been designed for public attendance but mostly is our private refuge. It is very different from our previous native garden. We purchased our current block in 1997 from Ingrid Murphy, wife of the late Lionel Murphy, Labor politician and High Court Judge.

## GARDEN OWNERS

Dianne and Brian Anderson