

GARDEN NOTES  
KATHLEEN  
21 DOWNEY STREET KARABAR,  
QUEANBEYAN



## HISTORY

My Home Garden is located at 21 Downey Street, Karabar in Queanbeyan. I have been a part of the garden for nearly 27 years in which time it has taken on a Japanese Garden theme.

The front garden appeals to me most. I find it a very calming place to sit. I also love the challenge of fitting a carefully considered variety of shrubs and trees, especially Maples and of course essential rock features, into a relatively small space.

"Kathleen" is the name of my garden, after my earliest childhood memories of helping my Grandmother in her vegetable garden and being hit by flying weeds as she threw them over her shoulder.

The garden has strong design elements, most based on how differing features relate to each other, being led through the garden on paths with resting points to view the garden from different perspectives.

Challenges in my garden usually come down to a lack of space and admitting that some ideas just haven't worked and moving on.

My garden is very much my creative outlet, it has also taught me a lot about patience, knowing that the garden will never be finished.

People's stories that they have shared sets my garden apart. A Japanese lady crying at the entrance to my garden, saying she was reminded of her mother's garden. A gentlemen in a wheelchair with his carer on their regular walk, commenting on how beautiful the Chilean Jasmine smelt in bloom. Following the gentlemen's death finding out that he had asked if some Jasmine could be place on his coffin.

## GARDEN OWNERS

Trevor Fuller