

GARDEN NOTES

'GARRAN GEM'



2 RICHARDSON STREET, GARRAN 9 – 10 APRIL 2022

HISTORY

Planting almost everything from tube stock, in around 10 years we have created a garden that is a private, bird attracting, enjoyable and safe for our 3 young boys and new puppy to enjoy.

We decided to rebuild the garden when we realised how much ivy, blackberry and other weeds had started to take over after we purchased the property in the mid 2000's. There was a beautiful wisteria growing on the front porch which we couldn't save but it was lovely to be able to keep some original plants and trees including the melaleuca, eucalyptus, plum tree and yellow rose (which we were able to relocate to the rose corner in the front garden).

We engaged Foxy's Landscaping many moons ago to assist us with the original design of our new garden. One important factor was to bring in rainforest litter, and good soil for our new plants to flourish, and install a good irrigation system.

Our lovely patch of grass in the front garden has been wonderful for family picnics and 'slip and slides' for our boys over the years. It was originally a Canturf product and we do a monthly treatment for the grass to minimise weeds and maintain health and integrity. Unfortunately, in our back garden we were not able to successfully grow a natural grass species due to a water drainage issue.

In our back garden the boys enjoy their cubby house, basketball, car racing and trampoline fun. We have many pots and spots to sit, including around the beautiful firepit customised by 'Innovative Metalworx' for Michael's 40th birthday. One of the highlights of the back garden is the original Eureka lemon tree which has fruit every month of the year! It is truly beautiful and forever fruiting. We thank the original owners of the property for planting this amazing tree that we all enjoy so much today. The ivy on the back fence provides a lovely green privacy screen, however we need to keep it under control.

FEATURES

Enclosed by an Awabuki viburnum hedge, our garden includes pear trees, crepe myrtles, hebes, azaleas, lavender, Chinese star jasmine, leucadendrons, a corner of roses, succulents and shade from an old melaleuca paperbark and eucalyptus trees. A beautiful sculpture by Bromley sits under an elm tree and there are many areas to sit and admire the beautiful species of groundcover and enjoy the native birds that frequent our garden.

GARDEN OWNERS

Michael, Gemma, Will, Levi, Jordan Rose (and our new Labrador puppy, Ellie).