

GARDEN NOTES



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RIVETT ACT

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In 1978 we arrived in Canberra from a posting in London & bought in Fisher. Ten years later our son wanted a pool, my husband wanted a shed and I wanted a large garden and so our arrival in Rivett.

Unfortunately, in 2012 I was the only one left and after a sad interlude I decided I must move on. So, I razed most of the back garden (pool already filled in and Outdoor room in place) and started afresh. I hired a gardener who knew as little as I did and got to work with much trial and error AND laughter. We now have what I would describe, a garden that grew from learning the hard way and finding much joy in the journey.

It is not really a planned garden, but some things speak for themselves. The only thing I really wanted was a large fountain and it could only be in front of the Outdoor room, and it remains my most favourite thing. Hedges were put in place and a raised Vege Garden installed. Crepe Myrtle trees line the back fence and provide colour for the large Gums in the Reserve beyond. All sorts of flowers were planted (Ad Hoc) only if they were WHITE, PINK and BLUE. The Courtyard was already made by my husband, and I planted it with pots of primary colour. My favorite plant is a gift of an unnamed climbing rose which festoons the walls and is over 30 years old and sadly, just starting to show it. The front garden facing the Oval is more demure but has tall trees of Cathedral proportions, a Diosma hedge and a row of very tall Oleanders curving round to the end of the house.

The name of the garden is after my own name, Beverly. When in England I found that when the Romans invaded, they called the meadows where they found the Beavers, "Beverleas" and so my garden is "BeaverLea". They are only now reinstating Beavers into the British Isles. My garden is the greatest source of happiness for me, and I spend many hours in it. My family have always been Country oriented, having arrived in 1888.

Bower birds are now busy in the front and back garden, my husband could feed the King Parrots from his hands and Maggies are constant companions and Top Knot Pigeons have all their babies in the tall back Acacia.

I hope you, also, enjoy your time in my place of "Contentment".

Garden Owner

Beverly Murphy

Toilets

There are public toilets situated at Cooleman Court.