

GARDEN NOTES
WOODBURY GARDEN
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Welcome to our garden. It has evolved slowly, starting in 1981 with camellias, rhododendrons and azaleas, some of which remain directly in front of the house.

A tube sale got us started with natives and we continued adding more gardens as we filled them.

A bushfire in 1985 and various droughts have been challenging so we have invested in tanks (400KL total) and dams (3mL). We've planted a windbreak to the NW and further afield 500 Casuarina Verticulata as part of a project to encourage glossy black cockatoos.

The map overleaf is a suggested route.

1. This area is native. It includes the bank with its dry stone wall made of excavated rock from the house site. To the north are swales of local grassland species. The trees, a yellow box, brittle gum and cork oak were all seedlings in the early eighties. A new addition is the bog garden.
2. The gravel, paving and shade sails allows us to have an area to entertain outdoors. It was started in the early 2000s. We love Annie Storey's copper sculptures and thought the corrugated water tanks and sandstone set them off well. We used to have many pots, but have removed most as we often travel and watering is an issue. Some of the exotics in the front garden are the remains of our original planting. On the western side of the house is a hoya which is worth a look, along with two avocados in pots.
3. We built the orchard in 2018. Much experimentation has occurred to find the fruit that grows well and we enjoy eating. We have berries, passionfruit, apricots, peaches, nectarines, apples and figs. Most are espaliered.
4. Behind the big shed we have built a shade house to propagate the many seeds we collect on our trips around Australia. A shelterbelt is behind it.
5. Coming down the hill we have mostly banksias on your left and other assorted natives on your right. We planted here as it is too rocky to mow. Only the most hardy natives can survive, let alone thrive.
6. When we moved the orchard to further up the hill, we replaced it with a rose garden. The citrus behind it does well because of the rock wall. We follow a four crop rotation in the vegetable garden and replace one bed of strawberries each year.

A toilet is available in the carport.

We hope you have enjoyed exploring our garden.

Peter and Lyn Woodbury

