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Open Gardens South Australia

Welcomes you to Woodland Park

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This property was established in early 1990, is 30 acres in total, which includes a 5 acre pine forest. The property has some magnificent Red Gums, Blue Gums and Drooping Sheoaks, hence the property name Woodland Park.

We came to live here in early 2006. The previous owners had the garden around the house landscaped to a formal looking garden with roses, Juniper Spartan Conifers and most of all the Carey Gully sandstone walls. We loved the layout of the garden, however the Conifers in the garden beds grew too large and started to block the views to Mount Barker and Lake Alexandrina, hence they were removed. Some roses you see in the front garden date back to 2002.

As a plant lover I started to add different sort of plants to the garden like Salvia's, bearded Irises and some small trees to create more colour and shade. Around the pond I planted some Echeveria's to highlight the water feature and added more roses and perennials in this section to match the garden beds around the front lawn. Over time we planted buxus borders along the front garden to hide the dry look during the hot summer months.

With the success of the Echeveria's around the pond my interest in succulents grew and a collection appeared. The front of the garage seemed the perfect place to display them, as this area was too dry and hot for most other plants. The different colours of succulents welcome you at the driveway before you enter our garden.

Along the side of the garage is a bed of Aeoniums that survive in pure clay. From here a path leads to our Japanese inspired garden bed at the back of the garage. Here is a selection of Acers, small conifers and other Japanese style plants. The running sound of water from the rain-chain and lanterns are to impart a Japanese forest path that lead our visitors to the outdoor lounge area, a great spot to watch the birds take a bath. This is one of my favourite spots in the garden.

Around the garage and water tanks was no garden when we moved here. In the shady areas we planted camellias and hellebores which came from our previous garden.

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Overtime I enlarged the garden beds and extended the hedge along the back fence to create a semi enclosed garden. A complete opposite to our front northerly facing open garden.

At the back of the house is lawn planted with Claret Ash trees, the Cyprus hedge runs along the southern boundary of the property. This hedge is a refuge to many birds and a possum or two. It does not matter where you are in our garden, there is always a bird in sight.

To the eastern side of the house we added a pergola and planted a wisteria, which has been a great performer and creates shade on a hot summer morning. From here you arrive in the front garden. The two Camelia Sasanqua Paradise Blush balls on either side of the steps in the front garden give a wonderful show of flowers in mid-winter. The steps lead to a grass path, to the right is a Manchurian pear tree that gives a lovely shady area in summer, underneath the tree I am trying to establish a Camelia Sasanqua hedge, which was planted this year. The path runs along the agapanthus bed, which is a showstopper in late spring & early summer. The other side of this path, along the paddock is also newly planted, the aim is to create a garden path that will highlight the artwork against the Cyprus hedge at the end of this garden section.

The last 3 years our garden survived on hand watering only, as the water level in our dam has been too low. We have rainwater storage of 120,000 litres that includes the water for our private use. In summer the garden is let go, most perennials get cut back. The roses and other hardy plants do not get watered unless it falls from the sky. It is very hard to see, but once the rain comes the garden start to flourish again!

My love for plants & trees and my quest to have highlight in the garden in every seasons has been a great challenge. I'll keep trying, as gardening is my passion and I hope it will evolve as years go by.

Thank you for visiting

Jeannette & Eric

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