



Promoting the enjoyment, knowledge and benefits of gardens and gardening

Open Gardens South Australia Welcomes you to **Working Person's Garden**

Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 September, 2021

Description

This native garden located on the lower Adelaide foothills transforms a formal lawn and rose garden to a celebration of an emerging style of Australian garden design – one that has at its core an appreciation of space, Australian native plants, locally-won materials, and the re-introduction of the vegetable patch and home food production into the everyday workings of a garden.

This is a people's garden enjoyed by children and grandparents, immeasurably more important than the house that sits within the garden – a place of discovery, education, experimentation and food production. A place to get hands dirty, play in, socialise, just enjoy. The antithesis to other garden styles that are visual, contrived and 'artistic': compositions that are wonderful to look at but not necessarily to be experienced, to get dirty in and to truly enjoy.

6 terraces over a 8m steep site; 43m meandering saw dust paths, some with stone steps; 1,500 native plants; 45 different species used for testing/experimenting; 115 square metres of boardwalk; 2 arbours; outdoor bath; 5 sets of corten terrace steps; approximately 700 square metres of drystacked stone walls; a continuous supply of food from the garden, including crops of quandongs

This garden is organised around terraces that make usable a sloping site that falls 8 metres from top to bottom. Transitions are achieved via corten steel steps that lead and direct. Level spaces are made usable with natural stone setts, timber boardwalks and decks, and sawdust. These spaces are extracted from planted beds which, in turn, enclose and define spaces. There is no lawn.

The garden is built around four pre-European grey box trees. A single quandong is now a productive quandong orchard of over 20 trees providing fruit twice a year

The quandong garden celebrates the art of gardening following the ethos of Edna Walling and Paul Sorensen. This is a garden that has developed and will continue to develop over many years. Gardens are not instantaneous. Space takes time to enclose, materials develop patinas over time, plants take time to grow. The spaces, vegetation and materials within this garden are experienced seasonally. Spaces are used at different times of the day and year, and for different purposes. There is no struggle to maintain a stage set – it is designed to change.

This garden is an example of a landscape that continues to be enjoyed over time – more like a botanic garden. As gardeners we try to envision the future and to celebrate change.

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WORKING PERSON'S GARDEN: PLANT LIST

TREES

Eucalyptus microcarpa
Sophora japonica
Hymenosporum flavum
Lagerstroemia indica 'Natchez'
Lagerstroemia indica 'Sioux'

SHRUBS AND GROUNDCOVERS

Acacia cupularis	Dianella 'Little Jess'
Acacia dodonaeifolia	Dianella robusta
Acacia glaucoptera	Eremophila 'Amber Green'
Acacia ligulata	Eremophila 'Kalbari Carpet'
Acacia melanoxylon	Eremophila 'Midnight'
Allocasuarina pusilla	Eremophila 'Wild Berry'
Aloe barberae	Grevillea obtusifolia prostrate
Apium prostratum var. prostratum	Grevillea pinaster prostrate
Atriplex semibaccata	Hakea laurina
Callistemon 'Harkness'	Hardenbergia violacea
Callistemon 'Taree Pink'	Hibbertia scandens
Callistemon citrinus 'splendens'	Hibbertia sericea
Centaurea cineraria	Ixora chinensis 'Prince of Orange'
Chrysocephalum apiculatum	Lomandra hystrix
Citrus	Melaleuca decussata
Correa 'Wins Wonder'	Myoporum parvifolium
Correa alba	Philodendron 'Congo'
Correa reflexa 'Dusky Bells'	Russelia equisetiformis
Correa reflexa var. nummularifolia	Russelia equisetiformis
	Sansevieria trifasciata
	Santalum acuminatum
	Santolina chamaecyparissus
	Sedum dasyphyllum
	Xanthorrhoea quadrangulata

The gardens that open for us are chosen to reflect a great diversity of styles and may even challenge the conventional view of what constitutes a garden. While aspects of a garden may not be to your taste, we urge you to celebrate this diversity. Please remember you are visiting a private home and show respect and sensitivity for the owners who have so generously shared their garden with you. Thank you.