

GARDEN NOTES

JAMBOREE

Hindsight is a beautiful thing, especially when it falls in your favour. In the midst of midlife, David yearned for a sports car, a common aspiration for many. Simultaneously, Maria stumbled upon an old fibro beach shack within strolling distance from their family's beloved beach. Remarkably, both options were priced similarly. Fortunately, the limited funds found their home in the beach house, setting the stage for countless happy summers and snug winters. As a new chapter unfolded in their lives, it became evident that it was time to bid farewell to the fibro shack and its outdoor toilet, making room for a modern dwelling that paid homage to the journey's inception while ushering in the next phase of their beachside living.

As the construction of their new home reached its conclusion, the world teetered on the brink of irreversible change. February 2020 marked a period of unprecedented uncertainty in the business landscape. Financial markets plummeted, major projects were halted, and the future seemed precarious. In the midst of this tumultuous environment, Maria reached out to Ocean Road Landscaping, finding solace in the prospect of transforming their garden. Harley Tribe, one of the Landscape Architects from ORL embraced the challenge, turning an idea into reality for David and Maria and offering a sense of stability during a shaky time for the team at ORL.

The garden, a harmonious companion to the low-lying house, establishes an elegant coexistence that pays homage to the original fibro structure while framing enchanting vistas from within the new home. David's passion for cultivating vegetables and composting finds expression in the garden, while Maria, a creative soul who captures the world through watercolours and textiles, also influences its design. Considerations for privacy, car spaces that seamlessly integrate with the surroundings, and the spacious site allow for realising these diverse elements.

Despite its youth, the sprawling garden has evolved into a sanctuary of low-maintenance, coastal-tolerant flora. Native plants, mirroring the local landscape, form the backbone of this vibrant space. While not adorned with an abundance of traditional flowers, the garden embraces a simple composition of compatible plants that foster cohesion through simplicity.

Designed to embrace the expansiveness of the block, the garden skillfully blends open spaces with cozy corners, creating areas of abundance and tranquillity. Meandering pathways guide visitors through these garden rooms, with each space seamlessly transitioning through gentle steps and inviting paths. Envisioning the garden's evolution over the next five years requires little imagination.

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Balancing form and function, a key feature of this horticultural haven is a flourishing vegetable patch shielded by the sanctuary of the rear garden. Homegrown values take root here, as a thoughtful composting system coexists harmoniously with food cultivation. This garden serves as a wellspring of inspiration for landscapes everywhere, striking a delicate equilibrium between aesthetics and functionality. A low-maintenance haven that caters to both leisure and purpose, the garden provides ample space for family activities while harmonising with bountiful vegetable cultivation. Whether seeking solace or sustenance, Jamboree beckons as an inviting sanctuary for all.

Jamboree is located on the lands of the Wadawurrung people. Open Gardens Victoria wishes to acknowledge the Traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

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