

GREVILLEA RISE

The garden at Grevillea Rise is dedicated to Mandi Jayne who always had the vision to create what you see today and leave a legacy. When the property was purchased in 2013, Mandi saw gardening as the first improvement needed, whereas Gae concentrated on the interiors. Mandi's aim was to leave the property better than when we found it and indeed, she has.

Of the five acres of property, approximately two acres are dedicated to the garden. The Creek bed leads to Mandi's Frog Bog and sits on the ridge overlooking the Yarra Ranges and takes in the Warramate Hills, Mt Donna Buang, Mt St Leonard, and views towards Healesville.

It was during a storm in October 2016 that the whole of the rear veranda was ripped off and destroyed in a storm. Undeterred, Mandi took to the remains of the decking boards with a chainsaw. She pulled up all the boards, de-nailed them and then cut to length to make the boardwalk that extends along the creek bed and across her frog bog. End to end, the boards measure a total of 1.8 kms. A huge effort!

The garden is only irrigated by rain, and plants have been lost due to the large amount of rainfall over the past few years. Gae is gradually going through replanting areas of the garden as well as new plantings along the creek bed. The front garden hosts mature trees and grevilleas for which the garden is named. A circular bed of fifty roses found in the front garden, were quickly dug up and relocated into the back garden, where salvias and natives keep them company. Mulch is used extensively throughout the garden to improve the soil as well as keep weeds at bay and retain moisture over summer.

When Mandi became ill in 2020, Gae was determined to keep her dream alive and has worked diligently to prepare the garden for opening.



Grevillea Rise is located on the lands of the Wurundjeri people. Open Gardens Victoria wish to acknowledge the Traditional custodians and we pay respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

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