

LLANGRIGG PARK

We moved from Geelong to Tarrawingee in the heat of January 2015 with the intention of creating a garden on a few acres in our retirement. So essentially the garden is nine years old. We were attracted to the Manchurian Pears lining the driveway and other elms, golden and claret ashes and eucalypts throughout the property. Apart from trees and a few roses there was no garden.

We set about creating a garden at the front of the house enclosed by a fence. We wanted an English garden look with Violina roses, day lilies, hollyhocks, foxgloves, Watsonia, asters etc. Under a shady golden ash tree we planted azaleas, hellebores, fuschias, etc. We separated the area with a path through a wisteria clad archway and more plantings of climbing roses, daisies and salvias.

We had eucalypts out the back so we decided to plant native species around the trees and laid a meandering path through this area. There are plantings of eremophila, grevilleas, banksias and hakeas to name but a few. This area also includes a wooden bridge over a small pond, some rustic sculptures and a fire pit with seating.

To the east of the house we put in a pool and a few hedges and archways, climbing frames and rings for roses. We planted small gardens of bush roses and also a quirky "bed of roses" incorporating standard, patio, bush and a central weeping Sea Foam rose. Along the eastern fence line there are two perennial gardens containing salvias, roses, bulbs, shasta daisies, etc bordered by spiderwort. After much trial and error, throughout the garden we have chosen frost and drought resistant plants.

At the other side of the front fence we have a meandering garden of buddleias, olive trees, various salvias, phlomis and Russian sage, and some native species which are hardier and require less water. Adjoining that is a short Crepe Myrtle walk garden of catmint, daisies, asters, salvias, and geums, etc. Bordering that there is a parterre garden of box hedges, Iceberg roses and Little Gem magnolias bordered by climbing roses, Mr Lincoln and Dortmund. This area borders a lawn tennis court which we have endeavoured to incorporate into the garden. There are iris bulbs also in this area.

We have a veggie garden and fruit trees at the back adjoining a native garden area. Roses and lavender align a fence surrounding the veggie garden. We have orange, plum, nectarine, almond, walnut, fig and apple trees in this area also.

Our garden is always ongoing and a new garden is being created on the right side of the driveway containing a birch, paulownia and a plane tree amongst canna lilies, tall grasses and antique and alpine perennials.

Llangrigg Park is located on the lands of the Yorta Yorta 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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