

GARDEN NOTES

8 Jazmine Court

This garden was designed by landscape architect Steven Cornelissen in July 2010. The brief was for a native garden with emphasis on colour in foliage, small leaved plants and small flowers. No glossy leaves, showy or bold flowers and no lawn. Carl and I decided there would be no fencing on the treed reserve on the south side of the house. Our intention is to maintain this area, adding more native plants to attract birds and creatures. We hope you take advantage of the chairs and tables we have placed for your convenience around the garden and courtyard.

Walking our garden...

Entering from the north, on the left as you face the house is a dwarf *Eucalyptus leucoxylon* tree (Magnet) near the letter box. It is not doing so well but the rainbow lorikeets and eastern rosellas are feeding from it most of the year. There are various *Lomandra* grasses underneath this tree and elsewhere in the garden; Frosty top, Lime wave, Sea wave, Blue Ridge, and *Poa Poiformis*. We have also planted a replacement tree, a Queensland Bottle tree, but hopefully the *Leucoxylon* can survive. In this area are two *Leucadendron salignum* and for understory two *Banksia Spinulosa* newly planted. On your right is a White Cedar *Melia azedarach* var. *australasica*, deciduous, flowering in October with a prostrate red grevillea underneath. A burgundy *Agonis* is in the garage corner with a ground cover of *Pultenaea Pedunculata*.

The entrance path is on the north side of the house to your right. Turning into the pathway, on your right are *Acacia mini cognate*, now pruned to allow a clear path around the house. They have an umbrella appearance now and allow planting underneath. On your left is a small recess garden with a Silver Princess, *Eucalyptus caesia* spp. Magna, with a prostrate Cootamundra wattle, prostrate Boobialla, *Grevillia juniperina*, *Grevillea Gingin Gem*, *Grevillea curviloba*, white flower *Chrysocephalum apiculatum*, and three *Hibbertia vestia*.

On your right, is a *Leptospermum* Pink Cascade that has a long flowering period, and behind, covering the neighbour's garage wall is *Grevillea Flora Mason*, *Leptospermum brachyandrum*, and a Dwarf Hill Banksia and more burgundy *Agonis*. Opposite is a prostrate *Casuarina*, and a *Banksia blechnifolia*.

In the courtyard in large pots, is a 30 year old cumquat, a Queensland bottle tree, a *Eucalyptus Puerulenta*. I don't know how long I can keep the *Eucalyptus* in the pot - it is a sentimental tree from when we were growing them for the florist trade in Brocklesby, NSW. In other pots are *Crowea exalta* and the arching *Grevillia bipinnatifida* x *G. thryoides*.

The *Banksia spinulosa* dwarf is making a very good hedging plant on your right and the Woolly bushes, one dwarf and one silver streak, are also good screening plants. On the left, near the windows, is a *Grevillia nudifolia*. We have two non-natives on the right, a Forest Pansy which was planted out from a pot and a grafted flowering cherry which was bought for shade in summer for the courtyard.

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In the corner we have a grafted red *Ficifolia*, a yellow *Banksia Praemorsa* and two dwarf baby orange *Ficifolia*. There is another White Cedar, giving a lovely shaded space for sitting out in summer and an espaliered lemon tree.

We have had a raised bed along the south side of the house to grow shrubs to give shelter to the strong south west winds, these include Callistemons, Grevilleas and a grafted Eremophila - grey foliage. We have had to prune hard the Mahogany gum near the house, it was unsafe, but hearing of parrot holes made in trees, we have had two made with nesting space cut out behind and the front wood panel screwed back on, we hope you can spot them and hope the birds do too. We have many birds enjoy our bird baths which give a choice for a variety of birds to bathe. There is a grafted *Grevillea* Scarlet Moon behind the large bird bath. Wander behind the raised bed to enjoy a walk beside the Mahogany gums and coastal wattles on the reserve. We have built a raised frame for vegetables to grow in bags on top for easy management.

Following the path around the east side of the house takes you back to your entrance. There is a water tank which holds 23650 litres/5000 gallons for the house and garden. This tank can be switched to mains water if needed but it is not often necessary.

There is a book of plant labels on the courtyard table if more information about plants is required.

We do hope you have enjoyed your visit, thank you for coming.

Susan and Carl

8 Jazmine Court is located on the lands of the Bunurong 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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