

GARDEN NOTES

PARNHAM FARM

When I first started working on this garden we were only looking at tidying up and making the area around the house look attractive and functional. Once we started however, seeing the difference and how pleasing it was visually, not just to the people living and visiting but also to the birds, bees and insects that started to thrive. Hence the garden started to grow.

In looking to expand the garden the obvious area to work towards was the west and the dam. It was also my intention to use the garden as a way to connect many of the activities surrounding the property.

With the view straight ahead from the house, the wetlands to the left and the tennis court and grazing paddocks beyond to the right, I realized very early in the planning, the dam and dam wall was the obvious place for the garden.

To create the right environment a lot of soil conditioning had to be done. The clay soil endemic to this area and the heavy rainfall made it at times a challenging project. The area is large and it has been a long and sometimes slow process just getting through the work needed for establishing plants.

Looking at the natural growth surrounding the property, careful consideration had to be given to ensure the new planting did not look incongruous and that although not all plants are native, it was essential that they all worked together. Plants that flower were chosen over ones that don't to encourage and feed birds and other flying insects.

It was also necessary to choose plants that could survive the conditions. Aside from the clay soil and excessive water there are strong winds and winter frosts. There are over 200 different species planted in this garden and around the property.

Parnham Farm Garden is a very unique garden and has been the most rewarding of all the gardens I have worked on. The more challenging it became the more I poured myself into finding solutions and forging ahead.

I could not have done this without the support and encouragement of the owners. For them and their friends, this is a wonderful meandering outdoor adventure.



Parnham Farm 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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PLANT LIST FOR PARNHAM FARM

Around the Dam

1. Xanthorrhoea australis
2. Acacia cognata lime light
3. Tulbaghia violacea
4. Lomandra lime tuff
5. Lampranthus glauca
6. Arthropodium cirratum
7. Dianella little jess
8. Leucophyta brownii
9. Patersonia occidentalis
10. Parahebe also known as Veronica diggers speedwell
11. Grevillea juniperina gold cluster
12. Kniphofia - red hot poker
13. Westringia grey box
14. Lomandra Longifolia
15. Correa dusky bells
16. Anigozanthos
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18. Grevillea prostrata
19. Grevillea Prince Charles
20. Goodenia ovata
21. Dietes grandiflora
22. Cistus
23. Anigozanthos bush ranger
24. Myoporum parvifolium broad leaf
25. Casuarina cousin it
26. Chrysocephalum apiculatum yellow buttons
27. Chrycephalum silver sunburst
28. Correa alba
29. Teucrium fruticans
30. Senecio blue
31. Lomandra crackerjack
32. Festuca glauca - blue fescue
33. Convolvulus Cneorum

Dam Road Right side

34. Salvia leucantha bi color
35. Ceanothus blue pacific
36. Olearia phlogopappa
37. Eremophila kalbarri carpet
38. Perovskia atriplicifolia - salvia yangii
39. Grevillea robusta
40. Acacia lime magic
41. Acacia cognata emerald curl
42. Phlomis fruticosa
43. Rhagodia ozzie flat bush
44. Eucalyptus cinerea 'Silver Shadow'

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Triangle bed

- 45. Pulverulenta baby blue tree form
- 46. Correa alba
- 47. Protea pink ice
- 48. Protea pin cushion orange
- 49. Sedum autumn joy
- 50. Echium
- 51. Euphorbia wulfenii
- 52. Doryanthes gymea lily
- 53. Miscanthus

Lower side of side gate

- 54. Arthropodium cirratum
- 55. Hebe marie antoinette
- 56. Philotheca
- 57. Cistus
- 58. Salvia leucantha white velvet
- 59. Choisya ternata
- 60. Solanum jasminoides

Along The Road Around the house

- 61. Miscanthus
- 62. Lavandula avon view
- 63. Betula jacquemontii
- 64. Hardenbergia lavender and white
- 65. Rudbekia
- 66. Gaura

Around the Art shed

- 67. Parthenocissus quinquefolia
- 68. Crusella ovata
- 69. Lomandra blue wave
- 70. Anemone hybrida
- 71. Parthenocissus tricuspidata
- 72. Clivia
- 73. Acanthus
- 74. Nasturtium
- 75. Valerian
- 76. Eucomis pineapple lily
- 77. Olea Europa
- 78. Rosa Climbing Rose Lavender
- 79. Rosa
- 80. Vitus ornamental
- 81. Salvia hot lips
- 82. Hops
- 83. Lemon thyme
- 84. Acmena smithii