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# Open Gardens South Australia Welcomes you to **NANTARA**

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Welcome to Nantara Garden.

My husband and I bought this property 14 years ago for the Gingko Biloba tree at the side of the house, the 2 Gleditisia triacanthos in the front and the large gums in the side paddock, other than that there wasn't much to recommend it as it was badly damaged cow paddocks and an awful house. There is a poster and photobook of before and after photos under the veranda of the house on the northwestern side for those of you who are interested.

While renovating the house, we carved out approximately 2 acres out of 14 to turn into a garden which took 7 years to build and is in constant flux. We put in the dam for catchment of water to provide for the garden. We wished to provide habitat and food to attract native birds and have been very successful in that .We have planted hundreds of trees throughout the property ,including an espaliered orchard of fruit which allows for ease of netting and many deciduous trees for autumn colour and spring blossom.

The upper drive is planted with over a hundred Sally Holmes roses which put on a spectacular show for a large part of the year and we have many other roses throughout, along with Camellias, Salvias, Buddleia, Abutilons (Chinese Lanterns) etc. and many bulbs to provide year round interest.

The African garden was planted with as the name suggests, extremely hardy mostly African plants as the soil was heavily compacted clay. Proteas, Leucodendrons and Carpobrotus has done well as a ground cover and is extremely pretty when flowering in winter.

There is a succulent garden behind the large shed planted with Echeveria and Aloe mostly as it is a very hot and dry area which gets terrible winds through and they handle it just fine.

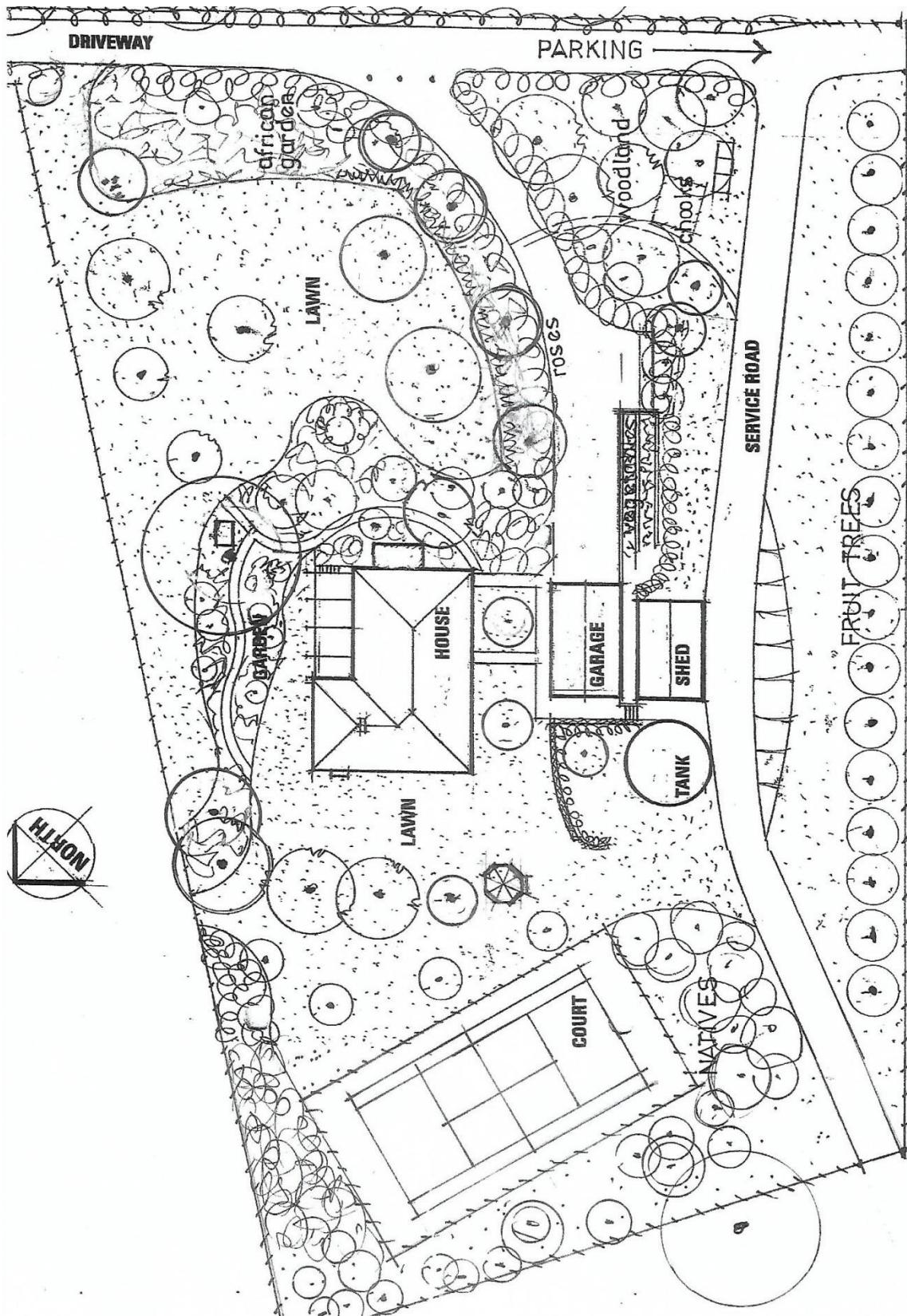
In the front of the tennis court is an Iris garden but all around the rest is a native garden with Grevillea rosmarinifolia and Westringia to provide safe habitat for small birds, as well as many other Grevilleas and Banksias.

Front of house is mostly Salvias and other Mediterranean plants which are very hardy and water wise.

We have a vegetable garden which supplies much of our needs and a berry garden behind that as well as chickens, a bee hive and very large compost bins.

We have an underground sprinkler system which is fed by the dam and computer run as well as overhead used very sparingly and only if required.

I do hope you enjoy our garden.



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The gardens that open for us are chosen to reflect a great diversity of styles and may even challenge the conventional view of what constitutes a garden. While aspects of a garden may not be to your taste, we urge you to celebrate this diversity. Please remember you are visiting a private home and show respect and sensitivity for the owners who have so generously shared their garden with you. Thank you.