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## Open Gardens South Australia

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# DHYAN MARGA'S GARDEN

Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 January 2017 18 Patricia Avenue, Camden Park

Hello Everybody!

My name is Dhyan Marga, Marga for short. I grew up in Southern Germany and organic gardening was always part of our life.

I love gardening. I started gardening as a child in Germany with my Oma & Opa and also in my parent's garden. We always had lots of salads, flowers, herbs, vegetables and a huge rose garden. I still adore roses and love dead heading them....

When I first came to Australia we moved into a newly built house in Newton. It was stark and barren. Over the 22 years I lived there I developed my own little haven full of wonders and treats. It was trial and error many times. I joined a permaculture group, read lots of gardening magazines and watched gardening programs on TV. My garden developed into a wonderland. I won first prize after first prize in numerous gardening competitions and was very proud to have a short ABC film clip produced and Randy Larcombe doing a huge photo shoot that took hours!!

When I had to move in 2010 it was a bit overwhelming, but I potted up as much as I could take and headed to Camden Park to start again. There was nothing here except for a few old fruit trees (the tasteless plums and two good apple trees) and some snake plants in the corner. The rest had been cleared and was a sand pit with weeds, rocks and buried rubbish.

It was exciting to have a clean slate again to work with, this time with a huge moving truck full of plants brought with me from Newton.

I started out with old carpets laid out to suppress and kill weeds, cut up water tanks for beds, paving and so it went on and on.

The soil is very sandy and I have been working on it from the start, bringing lots of good soil from the former house. I didn't believe it but the good stuff goes down and the sand comes up again and again..... We are fertilising, mulching and watering lots, also getting compost from the chook yard which has three compost bins and two white happy chooks getting lots of left overs from catering.

In years gone by I was totally opposed to lawns and never thought I would have one but the

very hot back yard now has 40sqm of tough lawn and it sure makes a difference with our hot summers - clippings go straight to the chook yard.

I hand water. I don't like watering systems; they often get blocked up and you have to fix them. Also you miss a lot. By hand watering I get to give my garden special attention and I see so many things that change every day and that need to be tended to. It makes the effort worthwhile, and sometimes it is quite meditative. In hot weather not so much lol.

I have a wonderful group of friends who I met through a permaculture group and a few times a year they come and do a working bee with me. We share plants and food together, it is the Best!

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I totally believe in the importance of growing food in one's garden, but I also love colour, blooms and trees with edible fruits, quite a few unusual ones too.

I love to share my garden with family and friends. Children love to wander in my garden. I think that children having a gardening experience is very important. My neighbour's children often come and play in the garden and bring their friends to see it.

Below you will find a list of fruit trees & herbs I have planted over the years.

Flowers change, come and go since I can't help myself, love buying more plants!

I hope you enjoy your time in my garden, please come and talk to me and share your ideas.

### Front yard

Red dwarf Shah Toot mulberry  
Shaped ornamental mulberry with good fruit  
Nagami Kumquat  
Peanut Tree  
Candle Nut Tree  
Western Australian Bottle Tree  
Mango  
3 different Frangipanis

Quince  
Ginkgo  
Finger Lime  
Illawarra Pine Plum  
Japanese Mandarin  
Curry Leaf, big  
11 different roses  
2 Dragon Trees

### Backyard

Royal Gala, Granny Smith, Golden Delicious, Pink Lady Apple, Pinkabelle Apple  
Dwarf Pole Apple  
Angel 'Bum' White Peach  
West Indian Lime  
2 different Desert Limes  
Pomelo  
Naval Orange  
Meyer lemon  
Lemon

Satsuma Plum  
Poinsettia  
3 big useless plum trees, good for shade  
Stella Cherry  
Moringa Horseradish Tree, Choko  
Jujube Chinese Date  
Kiwi Berry Climber - berry not fruit

Thyme officinalis, lemon thyme, caraway thyme, galangal, ginger  
Chives, garlic chives, dill, lovage, borage, 3 x parsley,  
Caper berry, wasabi rocket, fennel, anise, yarrow  
Lemon balm, lemon verbena, lemon myrtle, lemon grass,  
savory, mint, chocolate mint, tarragon, basil, nasturtiums,  
lamb's lettuce (Mâche, corn salad), Cape Gooseberry,  
Sorrel, chillies, oregano, sage, rosemary, lavender

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