



Promoting the enjoyment, knowledge and benefits of gardens and gardening

Open Gardens South Australia

Welcomes you to Goodhouse 57

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd February, 2025

Welcome to our garden, grown to provide an excellent living environment and biodiversity in all seasons.

The front garden is about shade and privacy, with a very productive avocado and pistachios adding to the shade. We look forward to the Sensation maples on each side of the driveway meeting to form a leafy arch.

Today the main garden is accessed through the garage – with the front roller door up, the view through to the private space beyond is enticing. The lawn is over the large rainwater tank. Smaller rainwater tanks are visible above ground and providing temperature stabilisers for adjacent plants. In a few years the fruit and other trees planted around the edge of the lawn will have enough height to increase the summer shade.

Please find the paths that lead deeper through the site. There are beautiful marvels along the way - the sheltering weeping mulberry with leafy walls holding space inside. The massive ponytail palms with water holding bulbs making an architectural statement in the garden, echoed by the smaller ones adjacent in shallow repurposed fire pits.

The deep cool shade provided by the ornamental pears opens to a native grasses space beneath the gum trees.

Further back the vegetable garden has a sunnier aspect beneficial for these annual crops. Fruit trees south of the raised vegetable beds do not obstruct the sun. Follow around through the orchard to the quiet space on the south of the residence then at house level pass under the cool shade kiwi fruit arbour to return to the main garden again.

We have great joy in nurturing our space and harvesting the rewards. Sitting quietly observing bird and other life, or hands in soil, the garden is respite and mindfulness.

We are nourished from our productive garden.

Please visit my blog by scanning the QR code, to read the more detailed story of how the house and garden came to be and the construction of our 115,000L underground tank.



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