



Promoting the enjoyment, knowledge and benefits of gardens and gardening

## Open Gardens South Australia

# Welcomes you to Nancy's Garden

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

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It's amazing what one can achieve in 10 years starting with a bare paddock, two large red gums and a swamp. With the house being built on a sloping block, I needed to do a lot of retained garden area.

My love of gardening came from my mother who had a very large garden filled with plants that were given to her by her friends. Her garden was adored by all her grandchildren, which inspired me to create a garden that my grandchildren could play in and explore, with the secret paths and lots of places to hide. With this in mind, and no grand end plan, my garden evolved with plant pieces from friends and plants that inspired me from shops. I've always loved texture, shape, and different greenery and therefore flowers became a second consideration when planting. Trial and error played a large role in choosing plants as well, often shoving my new finds in the ground with love and water and hoping like hell they would grow. Some would grow furiously and become too big or not do much due to being placed in the wrong spot. I haven't stopped learning after all these years gardening.

I also had to have a Chook run as I love having my girls. They like the garden as much as I do!

I have faced many challenges that have tested me, some including the sloping ground that needed to be retained and the swamp that was either too wet or too dry. The swamp continues to be a challenge today. Also, the rock that is 8" below the ground level on the top section of the block has made life and gardening very interesting.

I have done most of what you see by myself. Slowly adding and creating a bit more each year, with new ideas and new plants the driving force of design and layout. I've had a little bit of help from Jill (helping me build the steps) and Tony my neighbour (mowing the lawns).

I'm not a natural gardener but love gardening. Being out with the birds and getting dirt between my toes (as the saying goes). Hope you all enjoy my garden, as much as I've loved creating it.

Nancy

*"A weed is only a plant in the wrong spot".*

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