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The Wright Garden

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The house was built in 2002 on an empty block. The only plants on the 6,000m² block, apart from weeds, were three Camellia bushes at the top of the block. The lower third of the land, where the ponds are now, was a soggy area covered in wild Blackberries.

The front area of the house (which is at the very top of the block) was the first area to be landscaped. Steps were built and dry-stone retaining walls were built to hold the soil on the slope. Garden beds were then planted. As there was already a large Camellia, it was decided to plant more acid loving plants in this area, namely Hydrangeas and Azaleas. Trees were also planted to give some structure and shade to the area.

Once the front garden was completed the enormous task of “taming the steep slope” at the back began. Around the back of the house the upper lawn terrace and terrace slopes were planted as well as hedges planted along the boundaries. Then one garden bed at a time the garden began creeping down the slope. Along the top terrace is a cottage garden, a rose garden and a fragrant garden. The next terrace of lawn was planted after carting in lots of soil to create a level area. More garden steps and dry-stone walls were built. In 2008 we built a large rainwater tank to irrigate the garden which was expanding quickly. A vegetable garden was added as well as a Protea garden.

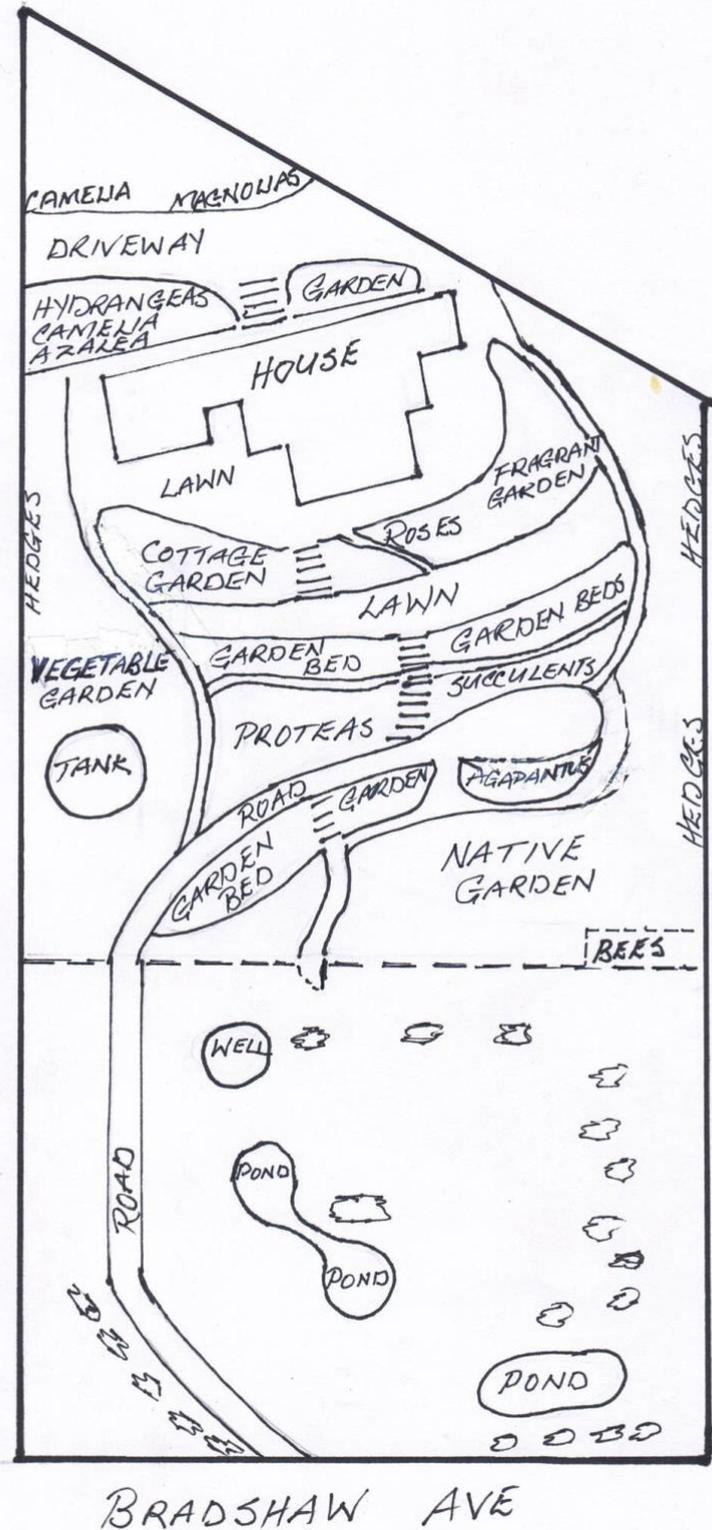
The Native Garden was completed in 2019. This garden is divided in sections by paths, each section with varying types of native plants and trees including an oak tree planted in 2005 (ie near the beehive). Also included are various fruit trees – fig, apple and lemons (these further up).

Around the same time as the Native garden was developed, the lower third of the garden was cleared of Blackberries and the water from a spring was channelled into a well. The overflow from the well goes into the two middle ponds and eventually down to the bottom pond. The middle two ponds have a solar pump circulating water between the levels to create the effect of a stream. This area was designed to be more “park like” with the planting of various trees – among others: maples, pears, copper beech and a ginko bilboa.

It has been a long and sometimes arduous task developing the garden, but it has been a wonderful hobby which has given us great pleasure.

Charles & Magda Wright

We would like to thank HILLS CLASSIC GARDENS for all their advice and help over the years. We would also like to thank JORDAN for his many hours of hard physical work. Also, our thanks to EDWARD for his help and advice along the way.



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