



Promoting the enjoyment, knowledge and benefits of gardens and gardening

Open Gardens South Australia

Welcomes you to

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Why the name?? We are of Welsh background, and this means “Rocks” – which we have plenty of!!

This is the eighth garden that we have established around the state, from the Far north to the South East. Ours is not a formal garden, as we are informal people and the topography of the land and variations of soils does not lend itself to formality.

We moved into the property almost 13 years ago. We fell in love with the house and land immediately, the space and views were just what we wanted, although with that it has given us many challenges!

The original block consisted of lots of large gum trees, smatterings of natives, 4 mature fruit trees and some beautiful big moss rocks, no lawned areas or flower beds. The soil is mostly acidic with many rocks – quartz and felspar, which have proven difficult when planting trees etc.

The first main priority in 2014 was getting water to all areas of the garden. From only 2 outside taps, we now have 26!! Because of the difficulty of getting power to all areas of the garden, we have had to use battery overhead sprinklers and equalising dripper lines.

We have planted numerous deciduous trees, a variety of native shrubs – mostly eremophilas and salvias, another 7 fruits trees, succulents (I have to admit that at first I did not like succulents but have learnt to appreciate them greatly), flowers and 1000's of bulbs. Not always were these plantings successful!! One of our success stories is our Jacaranda tree (third attempt) and keeping a frangipanni plant alive through our winter months where we can get severe frosts!!

I think we have now learnt what does & doesn't work? Keeping water up to all the garden is a constant headache, financially and physically, but worth it in the long run!

We have installed 3 water features, more flower beds, 10 paths, so that we & visitors can become immersed into the garden. Two of these paths can accommodate a quad bike & trailer – essential because of our steep block. We installed steps from the front door down into a cottage garden area – one of my favourite parts!

Since the 2024 SA Open Garden here, we have completed 4 new areas with 1 still a work in progress. The first few years we were here, we were inundated with numerous different weeds, so we learnt that mulching is imperative in keeping the weeds at bay and keeping the moisture in the soil. We go through 6 - 8 large pea straw bales a year plus bark for the succulent and bromeliad areas.

There are numerous areas around the garden, dependant on season and weather, where we sit at the end of the day with a glass of wine appreciating and enjoying the fruits of our labour.

My Mum used to say that “you are closer to God in a garden than anywhere else in the world” and although we are not religious people, being surrounded by nature, birds, butterflies & bees is calming, relaxing and wonderful. In the chaotic world we now live in that is so important!! Because we are elevated, we do experience beautiful sun rises and sunsets.

We sincerely hope you enjoy your visit. We hope we have inspired, motivated you and given you a few ideas for your gardens?

Thank you for visiting us and we would appreciate any feedback you would like to share.

Derek & Lynne Jones

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