HARDY’S ON ANGLESEY
OPEN 9 & 10 JULY
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A spectacular display of hundreds of cardinals, protans and other vibrant shrubs grow vigorously under the gentle shade of tall eucalypts, part of a larger family garden. Beautiful stone-paved paths enable comfortable strolling. Ground-cover bromeliads add to the colour.

LD Map 27 F2. Anglesey Rd runs between Girraween Rd and Pioneer Driv. Garden is 2.5km on left of Anglesey Rd from Girraween Rd.

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OPEN 16 & 17 JULY
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OPEN 6 & 7 AUGUST
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28 & 29 Pathways Gurredan
MAY
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JUNE
11 & 12 Lillicree
25 & 26 Crocs, Rocks & Pots Gurredan
JULY
2 & 3 K Garden Mool
9 & 10 Hardy’s on Anglesey Humpty Doo
16 & 17 Salmondgiu Qua Qua
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AUGUST
6 & 7 Lidy Pod Rapid Creek
20 & 21 Valley of the Giants Monte Liron
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24 & 25 Darwin Plant Wholesalers Lambton Lagoon
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11/12 Geranium Street, The Gardens, Darwin.
LD Map 16 F1. Turn into Seamen St from the Stuart Highway at Stuart Park, then left into Gardners Hill Crescent. Look for signs.

Albert’s Place

This courtyard garden has emerged from a cramped yard packed with impermeable carpenting palms to a garden wrapping three sides of an end unit in just a few years. The garden comprises three separate and quite distinct zones. The Spicy Garden at the entrance has an array of sharp plants, the Native Garden has an emphasis on local species, and the rear Tropical Garden is soft, lush and filled with colour. Garden is soft, lush and filled with colour. Look out for the pitcher ferns which are a major attraction in the rear garden. Selected monsteras and tree ferns provide contrast and interest. Selected artefacts add to the tropical feel. The shady spread out offers total seclusion, and the spacious deck gives an overview of the garden.

Bismarckia Falls

OPEN 16 & 17 APRIL

Close to the Stuart Highway, a large area of raised ground has been given to around 430 community projects across Australia under our Community Grants program. To date, more than $5 million has been returned to the community via the scheme’s operating costs, with surplus funds returned to the community via our Community Grants program.

Creative Courtyards

Two courtyard gardens on the fringe of the Darwin CBD demonstrate the greatest possibilities of small and very small garden spaces.

OPEN 9 & 10 APRIL $6 admission each (for both) The Pocket Garden

This elegant courtyard is a peaceful retreat in a busy harbourside suburb. Post war homes and the boundary walls are utilised for more planting, and massed ground covers, monstera and ferns provide contrast and interest. Selected artefacts add to the tropical feel. A shaded spread out offers total seclusion, and the spacious deck gives an overview of the garden.

DOVIES’ NEST

OPEN 21 & 22 MAY

Delightful suburban garden, packed with plants collected over many years. Bromeliads by the score thrive on logs and tree trunks, and the glowing leaves of coleus and caladium light up every corner, along with ginger, ferns and orchids. The tropical orchid fills the side garden, and the spacious deck offers verdant views.

Lillbrook

The country garden of a couple of professional horticulturists shows their passion for plants. Native and exotic trees and palms shelter tropical understory plantings, and bushland merges with a colourful pool area. Freshwater crocodiles enjoy their own separate and landscaped pond and enclosure.

Rural garden combines colourful flowering and foliage shrubs with curving tree-lined paths of flowering palms and bamboos. Multi-layered planting makes for adding interest from ground level to tree canopy. Colours, textures and scents are dominated by a vast range of tropical plants.

40 Strike Lane, Humphy Dool. LD Map 28 A4. Turn into the Avenue from the Stuart Hwy, travel 4.9km, turn left into Produco Rd, then right into Strike Lane.

CROCS, ROCKS & POTS

OPEN 25 & 26 JUNE

This long-established Top End nursery and orchard specialises in all aspects of tropical fruit tree and food plant cultivation. It produces hundreds of fruit varieties including citrus, mangos, figs, avocados, banana, bananas, bananas, bananas, and has developed a number of cultivars, fertilisers and propagation techniques. Vegetable, herb and fruit plantings and seedlings suitable for local conditions are also produced. Owner Chris Nathanael will be on hand to provide expert advice, and Leonie Norrington from ‘Gardening Australia’ will be among our knowledgeable guests providing a weekly program of gardening and cooking demonstrations using local produce. For program details call 9392 9922.

110 Home Road, Bees Creek. LD Map 27 A6. From Darwin, turn right into Bees Creek Rd from Finsen, Pacc Dryane, drive 6.5km to Home Rd on the right and look for signs.

A GARDEN GIFT

The owner of this native garden took the major decision only 18 months ago to clear the block of palms and introduced trees, and replant with local native species. With advice and acquisitions from local experts and friends, the new garden has developed quickly, and now provides its owner with her own patch of native bushland in the suburbs. A great ‘how to’ garden example.

Price Road, Girraween. LD Map 256 G9. From Darwin, turn left into Girraween Rd at Cockings. Drive 6km to Girraween Rd on the right. Look for signs.

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