

## About the Garden – Bali in the backyard

It is always a work in progress. I often think it is looking particularly nice but come home and find Ngurah has dug it up.

We had a big open yard with Bougainvilleas as feature trees prior to cyclone Marcus, but we suffered a lot of damage. Moulden had thousands of fallen trees. I was sitting in a chair near the front door when the wind came up and the fly screen blew out and landed in my lap.

Anyway, we decided to do a new garden and when the Open Gardens recommenced, we were motivated to plant again. Probably the garden looked the best it ever would last year but then the Open Garden fell victim to Covid and was cancelled.

We plonk most things in and hope for the best. Certain plants love Darwin so we love them.

We don't use any pest control since I lost a Chihuahua to poisoning. We use plenty of dynamic lifter and NPK blue. Cockatoos come down and bite off the heads of our trees. If termites attack a plant or tree we let them have it and replant later.

Watering is an issue. We used to have irrigation but when it broke down, I never could find that solenoid.

I hand water now and find it relaxing but time consuming. We both work and time is needed for gardening. Some good friends have helped me with weeding.

I have bought a lot of plants over decades from Don the gardener now at Nightcliff markets on Sundays. Millies plants on the highway always has good plants too. I have bought plants off all the nurseries and bunnings and Buy swap and sell at times.

I see lots of nice gardens around Moulden, and I feel we are getting a gardening vibe back after years of decline. Lots of new people have bought houses here lately. Most houses have large yards.

Anyway, I hope you like our garden and of course, Ngurah is Balinese hence the name.

We had an open garden in 2006 called Ngurahs Nirvana and some may remember it different house same suburb.