

🐾 Abby's Place 2023 🐾



I purchased this block of land in 1988, built a modest house and moved in. Not long after I acquired a fine sapling of a husband who grew into a sturdy tree and became my tractor. Together we have carted in and spread literally tons of mulch over the intervening years. There are not too many gardening problems that can't be solved with mulch.

Our block is divided into two sections. The front half is ours. We planted natives, vegetables, fruit trees and exotics. We irrigated and made pathways. We've chased scrub fowl, our chickens, neighbour's chickens and wandering peacocks and peahens away from garden beds hurling all sorts of curses and insults at them. They never listen.

The back half of the block belongs to the bush and the rural critters. There is the stray feral plant that has jumped the great divide but mostly this area has been left as bush. Here we just do our best to keep the weeds under control. After years of battling possums, birds, bats, chickens etc I bit the bullet and built The Cage for the vege garden. Last season was bliss as we feasted on perfectly ripe pineapples, tomatoes, cucumber etc. Oh, it was so worth the effort!

The damage that we received from Cyclone Marcus in 2018 was huge. We slowly cleared it all but many holes were left in the canopy, opportunities for new ideas. Slowly, slowly we have been filling in the spaces, almost entirely with NT natives. Are the plantings completed? Of course not. No garden is ever finished; it is always a work in progress.

We are so pleased that you have come here today to share our garden with us. Please enjoy the surroundings, relax, have a cuppa and feel refreshed.

This Open Garden is fundraising for Wildcare

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