

Welcome to the 'G' (Godden's garden). We hope you will enjoy our garden.

Paul and I moved here in January 2017. At the time the property had been somewhat neglected and the weeds, especially Gamba grass, curry leaf and Neem trees had moved in. Also, having been host to three large guard dogs wildlife was almost non-existent.

Initially our focus was on working hard to get the weeds under control and spending every weekend in the garden was the norm. When the weed control was done we were creating new spaces or revegetating. We are happy that the property is now home to a lot of wildlife such as possums, bandicoots, wallabies, snakes, ducks and frogs. Whilst the snakes are our least favourites, they do play a role in the ecosystem and we live with a mutual understanding of avoiding each other's space. We have a couple of breeding pair's of Burdekin ducks and so we get to see the babies in the season and the scrub fowl kindly stay mostly out the back of the property away from the chooks when they are free ranging.

It is a labour of love and our happy place. There have been a lot of 'tried and failed', think vegetables mostly, as well as plants that I put in one weekend and moved the next. Inspiration comes with my love of recycling and Paul's ability to turn her recycling into a creative talking point.

We have created some special spaces in our garden. We love having water sources for the wildlife. Bath tubs and sealed pots around the garden host platies and guppies. There is a fenced yabby pond and a fenced turtle pond, as we found out the hard way that they like to escape!

As you enter down the long driveway you will notice the crotons and frangipani's then as you walk around you will see the caladium, cordyline, hibiscus and green and gold themed garden beds as well as areas such as; The purple patch inspired using playground equipment roofs turned upside down and made into ponds. Australiana, where you will find Ned Kelly, one of his gang and the eagle hanging out at 'the rock' with the wallaby, fish and frogs.

Sandy's garden, dedicated to our dear friend who we learnt of her passing on the Easter weekend that we had started removing the 'Mother of millions' and other weedy plants from the space next to the house.

Corona garden 'born' during the Covid-19 pandemic when our plans to travel to Bali for Paul's birthday were suddenly squashed.

The property now needs minimal maintenance. It takes about an hour on the ride on to mow the lawns. We prune every so often and once a year we mulch, this year we have spread 150 bales of hay around the property. As much as possible we leave the logs and leaf litter to provide homes and coverage for critters. We are lucky we are on a good bore, and we collect rainwater during the wet.

We are supporting PAWS. If you are looking for a new pet they can speak with you whilst you get some refreshments; cold drinks, tea, coffee and something sweet or savoury is available to purchase.

Around the garden there are a few different plant stalls available. Thanks to Gary's frangipanni's, Territory Native Plants and friends for bringing special varieties of plants to the garden. All the sellers are people we have brought from or dealt with in the past. They are very knowledgeable and freely offer advice. While you walk around, if something catches your eye, take a photo and ask the stall holders. One of them is bound to know what it is or be able to find out for you. Our thanks goes to the people, organisations and business who have supported this weekend; friends and family who assisted by spreading the event news and helping, (you know who you are), OGNT volunteers, Tim West from Crackerjack plants for his expertise identifying some of the trees and plants, Litchfield/Palmerston Rotary branch for the loan of the Coolroom, Darwin Toilet hire for the portable toilet, Palmerston and Rural Party Hire for the chairs.

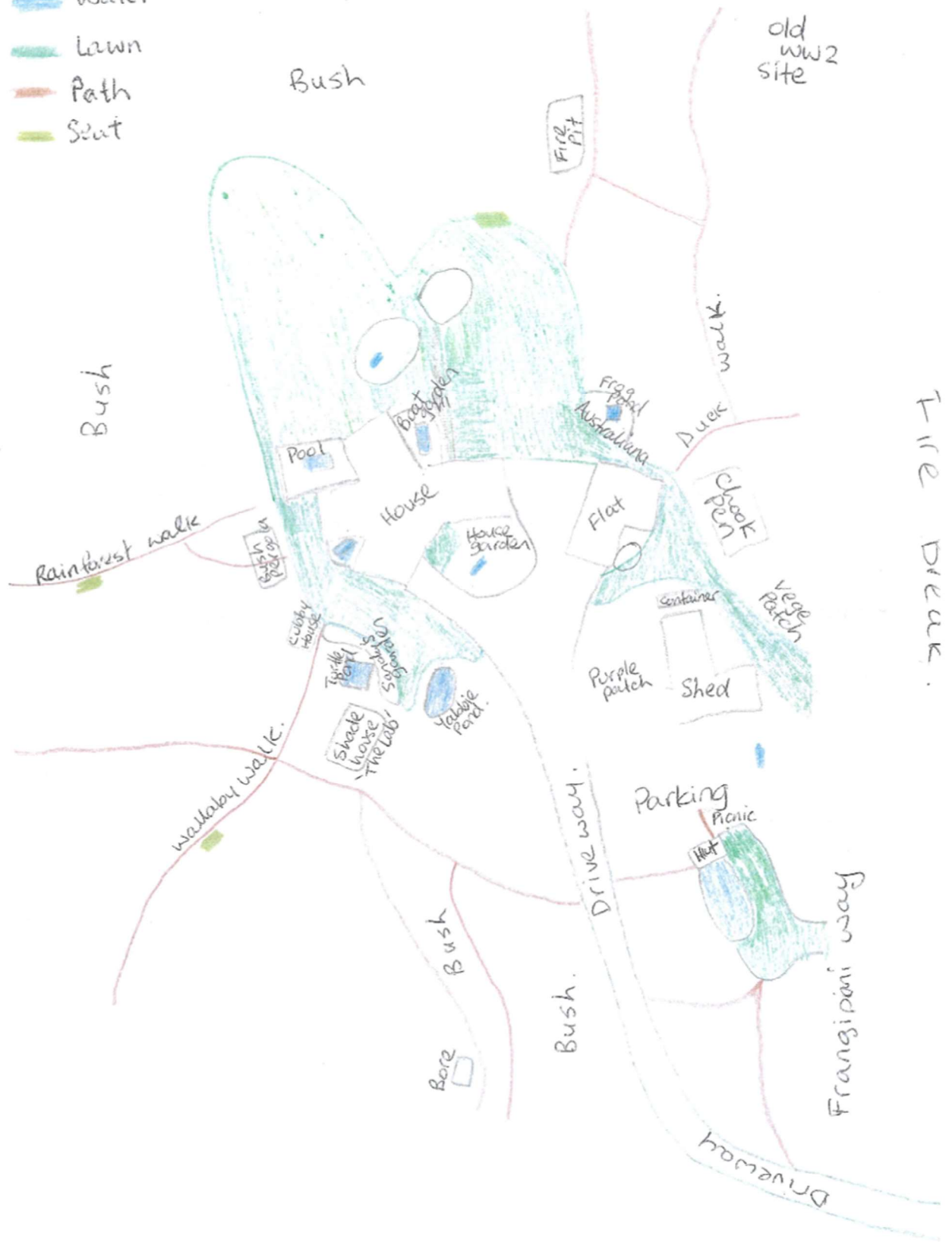
Please be mindful of the hazards; loose rocks and gravel as well as a lot of unfenced water. Use the mud map on the reverse to wander around and enjoy our happy place.

Fire Break.

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- Lawn
- Path
- Seat

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