



## PLANTING FOR PLAY

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**Native area:** SELECTIONS of particular natives

Melicytus dentatus/Tree Violet – slow/20 yrs, but weeping habit to suggest natural cubbies with shrub or Poa lab. plantings grouped in front & mulched

**Others to consider:** Leptospermum pertersonii 4, L. laevigatum 3, L. lanigerum 3, L. polygalifolium 4, Callistemon viminalis 5, C. salignus (Willow) 8, Acacia sp – iteaphylla 5(Flinders Ranges), uncinata 3(Weeping), vestita 4 (Hairy); Agonis flexuosa 7 & nana 1 - slow; Kunzea ambigua 3; Melaleuca incana 2.5, M. ericifolia 4;

Grasses/Liliaceae - Poa labillardieri 0.8-1 + Themeda australis 0.5-1 + Lomandra longifolia 1-1.5, L. longifolia 'Tanika' 0.6,

Dianella tasmanica 0.5, caerulea 1(Paroo Lily); Orthrosanthus multiflorus 0.75; Anigozanthus cultivars & hybrids – flavidus/rufus 1-2 (prefer taller ones more vigorous/stronger)

Shrubs - Eriostemon myoporoides 2,

Thryptomene calycina 2

Correa reflexa (Common) 3, alba (White) 2, baeuerlenii (Chef's Cap) 2, glabra (Rock) 2

Adenanthos sericea 7 - Woollybush

Banksia marginata 10 (Silver), integrifolia 15 (Coast), spinulosa 1-4(Hairpin) – also possible for climbing

Melaleuca incana – Grey Honey Myrtle, 2.5 m high, prefers sunny/moist & tolerates dryness; hedging, screening, birds, good climbing when mature

**Others to consider:** Hakea laurina 6; H. salicifolia – Willow-leaved; Westringia fruticosa & cvs 1.5; Acacia acinacea (Gold Dust) 2, Chamaleuceum uncinatum (Geraldton Wax Flower)

Small Eucalyptus – forrestiana (Fuchsia) 5; preissiana (Bell-fruited Mallee) 3, torquata 9 (Coral) 10; caesia 'Silver Princess' 8m

Leucophyta brownii (Cushion Bush) 1; Brachycome multifida (Cut-leaf) 0.40, Chrysocephalum apiculatum (Common Everlasting) 0.30; Chorizema cordatum (Heart-leaved Flame Pea) 1;

Rainforest path – rose garden right, perennial border left

Tagetes lemmonii – flowers for picking

Backhousia citriodora – 6-8 m, shade, bush food (Lemon Myrtle), humus-rich/moist soil during dry periods

Perennial border:

Stachys lanata

Salvia waverly – 1.2 m, full sun/pt. shade, continuous flowering

Miscanthus spp.

Canna lilies

Others to consider: Limonium perezii (Statice) 0.5; Perrenial Basil (Ocimum spp.) 1; Felecia angustifolia/amelloides

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Across lawn :

Ulmus parvifolia – 18m, spreading, shade, decorative bark;

Others trees/tall shrubs to consider: Jacaranda, Agonis flexuosa 7; Lillypillys; Prunus spp., Ornamental Pears (selections with a good spreading/horizontal canopy), Crab apples, Acer negundo, Lagerstromia, Magnolia grandiflora, Brachychiton populneus

Arbutus x andrachnoides – hybrid is sterile; others: edible fruit but not palatable, tolerates dry summer

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Around to Herb Garden past L'scape construction building:

Aeoniums & Fairy Crassula etc – example of succulents

Bamboo clumping & running (good in v. compacted areas) – all need lots of water

Buddlia salvifolia, alternifolia, davidii – 3-4m, full sun, well-drained, butterfly attracting,

Scented pelargoniums – lemon scented, chocolate, rose, etc

Herbs - Rosemary – Lavender – Oregano – Thyme – culinary Sage

Salvia dorisana – 1-1.3 m, Fruit scented or Peach Sage, winter flowering

Salvia frutescens – Pinapple Sage, flowers during winter

+ Salvia leucantha – velvety purple flowers

Mints

Heliotrope arborescens – 1 m, full sun, fragrant flowers

*Abutilon megapotamicum* – prostrate or shrub form, 2.4 m, arching, sun, some water in summer

*Euryops pectinatus* – 1.2 m, some moisture/dry periods, winter-spring flowering – yellow daisies/picking

& *Argyranthemum frutescens* cultivars – Marguerites; 1 m, cut-flower, long-flowering/picking

### Around to Orchard gate:

*Prunus mume* 'Pendula' – Japanese apricot as an example of grafted/weeping shrubs for cubbies; Others – Mulberry, Ornamental Weeping Cherries

*Cercis siliquastrum* – 8, drought tolerant, stick with the species which is hardier than the selected cultivars (Forest Pansy etc)

*Doryanthes palmeri* 3m, moist, well-drained, some shade, bird attracting if space allows

### Old car-park border:

*Nandina domestica* – 1.8m, clumping, upright stems, male & female plants required to produce berries (some are hermaphrodites), needs some shade, fertile soil

*Ceratostigma willmottianum* – 0.5-1.2 m, late summer/autumn, sun/part shade, lilac-blue flowers for picking

+ *Streptosolen jamesonii* – 1.8 m, arching stems, bright orange flowers for picking

+ *Phlomis fruticosa* (Jerusalem Sage) 1-1.5 – yellow flowers for picking

+ *Leonotis leonuris* – orange flowers for picking

+ *Hebes* – require summer watering, flowers for picking

### Others to consider:

Olives, Pomegranates, Feijoas, Strawberry Guavas, Persimmons, Lemons, Mandarins, Blueberries, Passionfruit

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Jane Urquhart is a horticulturist. After completing her training at Burnley in the late 1970s, she worked in the field of plant health and research for the Victorian and Commonwealth Departments of Primary Industries for over twenty years. For the past seven years she has been the gardener at Gowrie Victoria's North Carlton Children's centre. Working in collaboration with the Children's program, Jane is aiming to improve the garden by enhancing its potential for open-ended play experiences. The centre implements an indoor-outdoor approach to programming which integrates the garden, providing nature and play based learning opportunities; thereby supporting the pedagogical philosophy practiced at Gowrie. The position at Gowrie is part-time and Jane also studies part-time to complete a Bachelor of Arts (Anthropology major).

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