



Permaculture Projects

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What the clients got:

1. Interview and site walk with the client to determine preferences, priorities, needs and skills and resources.
2. Advice on placement of vegetable and growing beds to make better use of sunlight, proximity to kitchen and home access and protection from 'predators' (kangaroos, birds, dogs).
3. Ongoing support to build confidence to expand beds.

Design intent

The concept was to make better use of zones of use. The initial change was to use an available sheltered area on the north side of the kitchen access for raised beds. The beds grow picking greens and fruiting edibles (e.g. tomatoes) and are more protected from grazing animals, being sat on by dogs. They can be seen each day. The larger existing vege bed sited at the rear of the house had its soil revamped for edible "crop" plantings (e.g. beans, corn, melons).

Identified the best zones and rhythms for growing edibles with the client in a cold temperate climate with low water use. Designed a planting regime for year round production.

Rural 2 - Cold temperate climate. Horse agistment and home business. Share housing, human occupants 2-4



North facing zone 1 area. Raised beds near kitchen access under pergola roof shelter to provide shade during height of summer sun.

Picking greens and herbs. Situated in a grassed patio area with a hot tub. Previously needing mowing maintenance and creating a dust bowls from the dogs in summer.



Bathtub beds on north wall of metal shed near kitchen courtyard

Between you and me, sometimes I have jealous of what the client can grow early in the season in this sheltered spot.



Pallet no dig beds made by the client



Rear crop bed with fencing and screens to deter grazing animals.

Right hand photo - Preparing for the new season plantings. Foldaway fencing for easy access.

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