GARDEN & LANDSCAPING

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A low-water use garden has been designed for the Sustainable Lifestyle House in conjunction with a vegie garden and dedicated entertainment areas, providing ideal outdoor space for residents.

To account for the lifestyle of a range of occupants, the garden has been designed for use by couples, families and pets and can be easily adapted for other uses.

Wide sliding doors lead to entertainment areas that can be located in different areas depending on the weather. A vegie garden is located nearby for easy access by the resident cook.

Irrigation system

The irrigation controller is a programmable timer based system. This is the best type of system to use for residential landscapes and is the most preferred for this site. Due to the slopes and the variety of species being irrigated, a soil moisture sensor was not an option.

The irrigation controller is very user friendly which includes percentage increase / decrease functions to easily adjust watering quantities for winter / summer requirements without having to reprogram the controller. There is a rain delay / off ability that can be used without having to cancel programs or turn off the controller.

Vegie Garden

It is important for any household to understand where their food comes from and how it has been grown. Two raised vegetable garden beds have been installed so that residents can grow their own kitchen food garden. Over time, a range of vegetables will be grown in the beds which will be watered by the greywater treatment system.
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Plants Used
Native plants have been used where possible with garden beds covered with a thick layer of mulch to reduce moisture loss and weed growth.

Local species such as grevilleas are mixed with native cultivars so that the natural and human environment is accounted for.

Grevillea rosmarinifolia
Callistemon viminalis
Phormium Purpurea - Flax
Leptospermum - Tickled Pink
Grevillea juniperina - Yellow
Grevillea Mt. Tamboritha
Westringia Jervis Gem
Lomandra longifolia
Liriope muscari
Brachyscome
Erigeron karvinskianus
Hebe Snowdrift
Hebe Inspiration
Leptospermum - Pink Cascade
Lagerstroemia Natchez - Crepe Myrtle
Eucalyptus scoparia
Rosemary Grevillea
Hannah Ray
Flax - Purpurea

Tea Tree
Yellow Juniper
Mt. Tamboritha Grevillea
Jervis Gem Rosemary
Mat Rush
Evergreen Giant
Break Of Day
Seaside Daisy
Hebe Snowdrift
Hebe Inspiration
Tea Tree
Natchez Crepe Myrtle
Wallangarra White Gum

For further information
“Good Gardens with Less Water” by Kevin Handreck
“Creating your Ecofriendly Garden” by Mary Horsfall

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