



Plant and Garden supplies in the area

- * Affordable Plants, 5327 Frankford Hwy Moriarty
- * Becks Mitre 10, 104 Alexander St Shearwater
- * Di-Vine Plants, 4/70 Barclay St Latrobe
- * Lifestyle Gardens, 167 Gilbert St Latrobe
- * Mitre 10, 110 Gilbert St Latrobe
- * Terra Firma Nursery, 173 Wilmot St Port Sorell

There are many specialist plant outlets within the NW Tasmanian area. We would be happy to discuss these with you and send a list.
Please email: psgardenclub18@gmail.com

SET AND FORGET (ALMOST)

Beautifully Simple Gardens

PESTS AND NEIGHBOURS

All new plants must be protected for the first year no matter what it says on the label. Our Wallabies change their eating habits to what is available so give your plants a chance and protect them. Once established many plants will tolerate and often benefit from a nibble - natural pruning! If you look around the area you will see a variety of ideas of how people have protected their new plantings. The Tip shop is an excellent source to find materials.

Jack Jumpers - beware especially on hot days these little black ants with orange nippers are very active. It is reported that more people in Tasmania die from these ants than by snake bites. The toxin builds up in your body and each bite may cause a more severe reaction for some people- Many have an EPI pen as part of the garden kit. So don't mess around with them.



PORT SORELL GARDEN CLUB

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**A guide for new gardeners to
the Port Sorell community**



This booklet is designed to help and encourage newcomers to our district. New members are always welcome to join our club which meets regularly.

Tastes in gardens vary as much as interior decor and preferences in music or art. If you are not an avid gardener, the following ideas might help to inspire you to create a beautiful, easily maintained garden and attract the right wildlife and insect life to do a lot of the maintenance work for you.



FEAR NOT! - You are moving into a wonderful area with people who smile, wave and are happy to help out if asked.

The Port Sorell Garden Club's latest survey showed that the majority of members each have over 20 years plus of gardening experience.

So with the help of some "Gardening Angels" you might find some practical ideas and inspiration for your garden in this little booklet.

Have a go at something creative and if you are still unsure then book a session at your place for some experienced advice.

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THE NATIVE GARDEN



Layer and Height are essential and a nondefined landscape will give a natural look.

Bring in nature to everyday life. Place flowering plants so you can watch the birds feed from inside. It's great entertainment!

SUGGESTED PLANTING Per Square Metre

1 x Medium Shrub

Sunshine Wattle (Acacia Terminalis), Yellow Dogwood, Yellow Hakea, Small leaf melaleuca, Dolly Bush

3 x Herbaceous (grass like)

Kangaroo Paw, small Grevillea, White flag iris,

1 - 2 x Ground cover

Old Man's Beard (clematis) Cushion Plant, Clustered Everlasting

Bushy shrubs will give birds both food and a place to nest.

Reds and yellow flowering plants look great in a native garden.

Just because the label is "Australian Native" it may not be Native to Tasmania. Some plants sold as natives have the potential to become weeds - research or buy from a nursery who knows the difference.

THE COTTAGE GARDEN

Colour in the Garden - By choosing a colour palette with your flowering plants you will instantly create style with a cottage garden.

Traditionally cottage gardens are blues and whites but have some fun and choose the colours you like. By keeping it to two colours and some white you can't go wrong.

Cottage garden plants are usually open and lots of small flowers. Mass repeat planting of the same will give a quick result. Check for long flowering plants for the most effective design.



The blues of Lavender and Rosemary are always beautiful and create a delicate visual when combined with whites and provides an environment for bees.

Blue, yellow and white depict coastal colours (or the Crows football team) but you might prefer a "hot" garden of reds or a combination of Pinks and Yellows for a striking contrast. Each bed can be a different colour, so enjoy yourself.

Weeds can be a problem in cottage gardens, put newspaper between the plants, water it well, then finish with mulch on the top. This helps to keep weeds down and nourish the soil and saves watering. Make sure the news papers are not exposed as you can end up with it blown around the area.

Bales of peastraw are effective, readily available, and add to the look also making great mulch for a Cottage Garden.



Plan your colour palette in this garden for greater effect. Use mass planting and only two or three species in each bed.

Although a Cottage Garden is a messy look, it works best visually if the colour is controlled.

SUGGESTED PLANTING Per Square metre

Flowers, Fragrance and Textures
and lots of it.

3 x Small Shrubs

Lavender, Rosemary, Herb type plants

1 x Large flowering bush

Carpet Rose, Correa

5 x Tough ground covers

Osteospermum daisies

Cottage gardens are always in flower and changing so vary flowering times. Lots of bulbs will also add a change to the garden over the seasons and just keep coming back each year.

Use curves and angles when planning garden beds as this will help to tease the eye

THE MODERN SCULPTURE GARDEN

Native Gardens are one of the easiest to develop as the plants are adaptable, forgiving if you get them in the wrong spot and slightly less likely to be eaten by the wallabies.

In Port Sorell our mild coastal climate allows for a wide range of native plants to be grown, including many WA species.

The variety of bird life they attract makes for a continual show in the garden so make sure you include some water stations in your plans for them to drink and bathe.



When planning you want to create a non defined landscape so to recreate an Australian bush environment.

Gum Trees are a problem in a suburban garden and need to be avoided, but by using layering of plant height and density you can still get the look.

Providing habitat for wildlife in a Native garden is the main aim. Attracting birds should be a priority as it will not only benefit your garden but also the surrounding gardens.

If you are lucky enough to bring in some Bandicoots you will also lessen the need to dig the garden as they are great little workers.

The Australian Native Plant society has a great range of plants for sale and priceless advice for a special spot.

Australian Native Plant Society
Rita 0448 386 909
or John 0475 566 389



Plants are chosen for their shape, colour and personal appeal. Minimal planting works well.

Like decorating rooms, each plant is “placed” to make a statement.

Water features are a great addition and will provide a water source for animals and birds.

SUGGESTED PLANTING
Per square metre

1 x Feature plant

Find one plant you love

This is purely personal taste as it makes a statement.

5 x Accessory plants

These are used to compliment the feature plant. Consider succulents, mondo grass, or native grasses.

Pebbles look good in small areas when first done, but it can make gardening difficult to dig around or add more plants in the future.

Pots and pebbles will make weeding easier.

Coloured pine bark will give a similar modern look and break down into the garden.

N.B If using grasses or flax plants check before buying as some will become problems and removal may require a bulldozer and others cannot be composted.