

U3A PEGASUS GARDENING GROUP

MAY NEWSLETTER

Greetings to everyone

MAY Meeting

Our visit this month was to our member, Jane Cowan-Harris' home high up on Clifton Hill. The lane she lives in was developed in the 2000's by an architect who had a vision of a number of environmentally friendly homes. He sold a number of plots of land up to 1800 sq metres which were all to be designed by him with the windows facing north or northwest to capture as much sun as possible.

Jane showed the members around the very undulating garden which a number negotiated and she talked about the many rare trees including fruit trees she had growing. She also had a variety of native plants growing on their property. Jane had planted a cactus garden in front of the window of their lounge and had some very interesting varieties growing.

She had an amazing Herbaceous Border with all the plants grouped according to colour from pinks to yellows and there were so many in the border that no weeds could become established. She explained that she had had advice from a colleague at the Botanic Gardens, where she volunteers as a 'Friend of the Botanic Gardens'. Overall, it was a delightful garden to explore. View overlooking the Estuary

The Succulent/Cactus Garden

View looking South

We concluded the afternoon with a delicious array of food. We all enjoyed Jane's loaf which was so delicious, I am sharing it with you as she kindly sent the recipe to me to share. She was a busy lady as she and her husband were departing the next day for Europe for two months so we were very honoured she gave up her precious time for us!

PROGRAMME UPDATE

Below is the programme for 2025

June 23 rd	Visit to a Succulent grower and possible visit to Black Tin Shed - TBC
July 28 th	1pm Carolyn Collins – interactive plant photography demo TBC
August 25 th	1pm Ann Gain – hanging basket demonstration
September 22 nd	Jo McGirr – taking cuttings and seed raising demo
October 27 th	10.30am Visit to Stoneycrop garden and Rhodo Direct garden, West Melton
November 24 th	12.30pm End of year lunch at "Ambrosia", Strathlachlan Gardens, Doyleston