

November Home Visit - Lund Garden



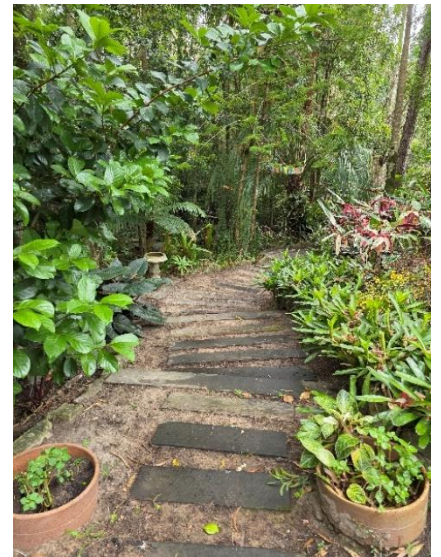
It seems that each time our Home Visit is to an acreage garden, as it was on 14/11/25 to Chris and Colin Lund's at Bonogin, there seems to be two dominant re-actions. First is the "Wow! They have done a huge amount of work. There is no way I could handle this amount of work!" and second the "Wow. Imagine how much I could do if I had this amount of space". The joy of gardens such as that of Chris and Colin's is that they have indeed been able to complete both of those things. Thus you enter via a large well maintained lawn area bordered by a bank studded with lots of plants and statues. It complements the house very well and encourages you to explore what is next.



What Chris and Colin have done with all the space they have is to add all the things you would expect in such a rural setting. Naturally there is a pool with waterfall and not far from that a great 'vegetable garden' area of large raised beds built into the slope and planted up with an impressive array of produce.



Below that area is the entrance to what is perhaps the greatest triumph in the garden. It is a 'rainforest' type area. As seen as right you enter via a path paved with railway sleepers. As you make your way along this path you get glimpses of what the Victorians might call 'follies' – statues, rock formations and bric-a-brac that are fun and create interest.



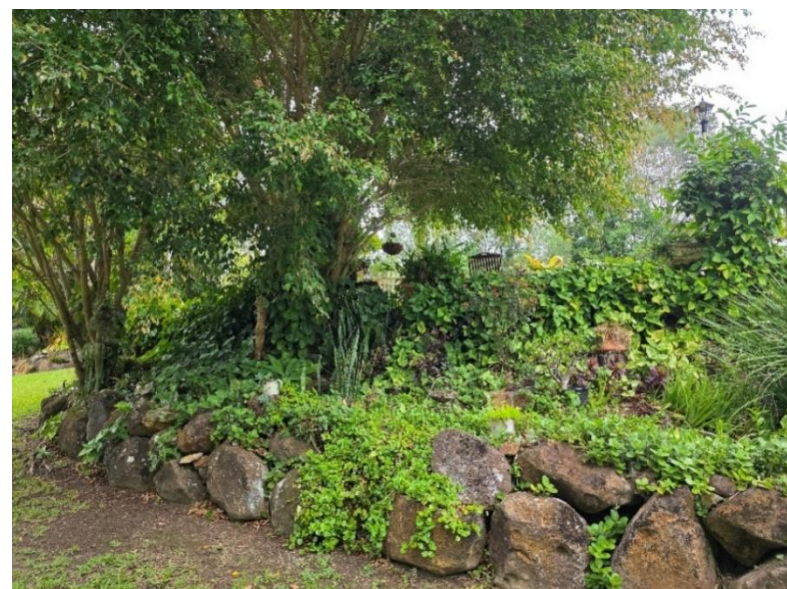


Walking through this area is like entering a wild tropical forest where unknown locals have left traces of their life everywhere. In fact all over the garden there are collections of things that add interest. As left there is a collection of watering cans, owls, chickens, barb wire globes and so on and so on. Many have a polynesian or Asian escetic such as the carving below and the roof tiles on a seat in the front yard. At literally every turn there is something to look at or be amused by.



Less welcoming for the Lunds is the bush turkey nest (at left) that appeared beside their Buddha while they were away for a short while. Very impressive but very annoying!

(P.S. - Barb Rose reports that if you keep it too wet they get too cold for the eggs to incubate and are abandoned).



On the lower side of the garden are long banks edged in huge stones that have been planted up with a very wide variety of flowering plants and even more decorative items.





Of course, it is never hard in an acreage garden to find examples of flowers – of which just a few examples are shown at right. The one that perhaps attracted the most attention was the large 'pink' **Epiphyllum**. The more common of these is the red one but there are several other colours in this larger size. At this time of year, it was no surprise to see some 'Dancing Lady Orchids' or **Oncidium**. Here they were mixed with white orchids to provide a lovely contrast not just of colour but of flower size.



For those who did a little bit more exploring there was this very healthy little crop of mushrooms. It is amazing how after rain they can grow so quickly – and in this case look so good as yet another point of interest in the garden.



As noted earlier one of the strengths of the garden is the small vignettes that dot the garden. The two weathered old folding chairs above left under a large shady tree is just one example. It is the sort of spot that really encourages you to just sit, relax and enjoy the garden as the woes of the world pass you by. On the fun side is the little chicken sitting in the basket of a rusting old push bike. These are just two examples in this garden of how you can recycle things to add interest and a touch of whimsy to your garden.



Anthurium



Day Lily



Roses



Epiphyllum



Lastly, **thanks to Chris and Colin** (who escaped the camera!) for so much effort on our behalf and for welcoming us so cordially to the garden. It was fun!