

Update on the Bruce garden as at 16 Jan 2013

Our trial garden at Bruce is really becoming something we can show off and enjoy working and pottering in. The hedges are developing beautifully, much of the vegetable area is planted and the perennial beds are being established. Our perennial collection has been boosted by generous donations of new plants by Plant Growers Australia Pty Ltd (PGA) and by some contributions by members.

While time has prevented drip irrigation being yet connected to every part of the garden, the challenge has been to keep new plantings going through heatwave conditions, and they have certainly tested the plants. Nature has played a part too, with some of our delightful new plants being attractive food for the local wildlife, rabbits and ducks. Luckily, they are regrowing, hopefully tougher and less succulent as a food source to the locals. Fortunately, with few exceptions, the new perennials are romping ahead and have already proven their worth. The dahlias have been planted, staked and are now starting to head towards the sky, while the daffodil tank beds have been worked on and some bulbs removed.