



Front garden

Our Approach

The first step in renovating this bombshell site was to spend time discussing the clients needs and ideas, and identifying the opportunities the site offered.

The client, an architect couple with a French heritage, wanted a low-upkeep garden that reused many existing elements and cleverly screened some views while maintaining sightlines to a rear cabin.

By preparing two different and challenging sketch design options, with a combination of hand-drawn sketch plans, section-elevations, lots of notes and

Rippon Lea Garden

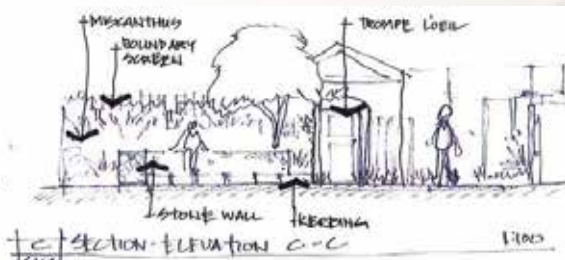
French-inspired urban potager garden



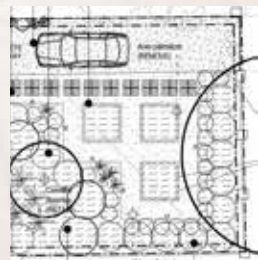
Detail of sketch plan

photos, we inspired the client to actively participate in the design process, by cut-and-pasting their own combination of the range of offered solutions.

Resolution of the design through preparation of technical layout drawings guided the project through quoting and construction and allowed the contractor to also become an active part of the creative design process, while ensuring the outcome was just what the client had dreamed of.



One of numerous sketch elevations



Detail of documentation

Project Specs

- Client:** Private Client
- Location:** Rippon Lea, Victoria
- Date:** Construction completed 2016
- Budget:** \$50k
- Role:** Design & Construction management

The materials reflect the clients heritage by combining natural stones and gravels, wrought iron, with a variety of native, Mediterranean and productive plants.

Natural stone ashlar paving creates a loose geometric rhythm and the ragged outline creates opportunities for herbs and small flowering plants to soften the edges, blending paving and perimeter plantings.

A potager-styled front garden allows the clients to harvest their own food, while chatting to the neighbors.



Rippon Lea Garden - a French-inspired urban potager

