

“Lindisfarne”

6 Water Street, Wahroonga

This house was built in 1897 for Mr Arthur Graham Saddington, Clerk of the Court/Sydney and many of the mature trees were planted during his time. The present owners have carried out major upgrading and extensions on the house.

This beautiful established garden has remained remarkably unchanged since its inception. A magnificent Chinese elm, well over 100 years old, dominates the front lawn. Other mature trees, including Taiwan cherry, Camellias, Japanese maple, Magnolia grandiflora, Illawarra flame, Port wine magnolia and Weeping Lilly Pilly, visually enclose this front garden. The garden beds which are hedged with box contain azaleas, gardenias and hydrangeas as the mainstays. *Gardenia augusta 'Radicans'* borders the garden to the right of the driveway which then has an annual bed for display in the foreground.

As you walk along the path beside the tennis court, wonderful old fashioned Azalea 'kurumes' are planted beneath a mature *Magnolia stellata*, Liquidambar and Japanese Maple. Behind the court adjacent to the road the property is hedged with *Camellia japonica* providing an excellent screen, with plantings of Oak leafed Hydrangea and Azaleas. Along the far side of the court are interesting plantings of *Tibouchina sp.*, Strelitzia reginae, Oyster Plant, Mango, Cherry and Olive as well as native plantings which include Waratahs, Gynea Lillies and both our Christmas Bush (*Ceratopetalum gummiferum*) and the NZ Christmas Bush.

Mature plantings of Camphor Laurel underplanted with Clivea and Aspidistra line the tradesman's entrance to the left of the tennis court. At the back of the court there is an old fashioned rose garden bordered with sandstone rock edging. Annual beds offer a wonderful spring display as well. Behind the privet hedge (an old fashioned hedge kept well pruned to avoid fruit and flowers) is the food garden. A marvelous vegetable garden and orchard provides food all year round. The trees include Avocado, Citrus, Plum, Apple, Fig and Macadamia.

Behind the swimming pool is a collection of *Helleborus* (Winter Rose) and Cymbidium Orchids. Two Chestnut trees are to the rear and an enormous English Oak overlooks the garden.