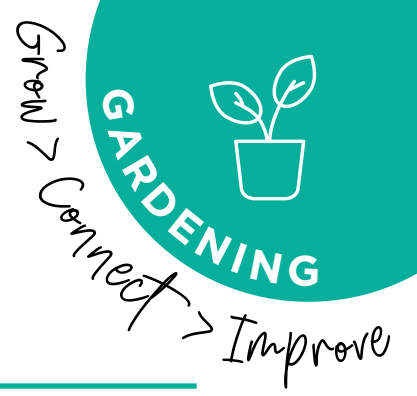




# Week Nineteen



## Lemons, Luculia and clearing the jungle

What beautiful bright sunny days we have had this month.

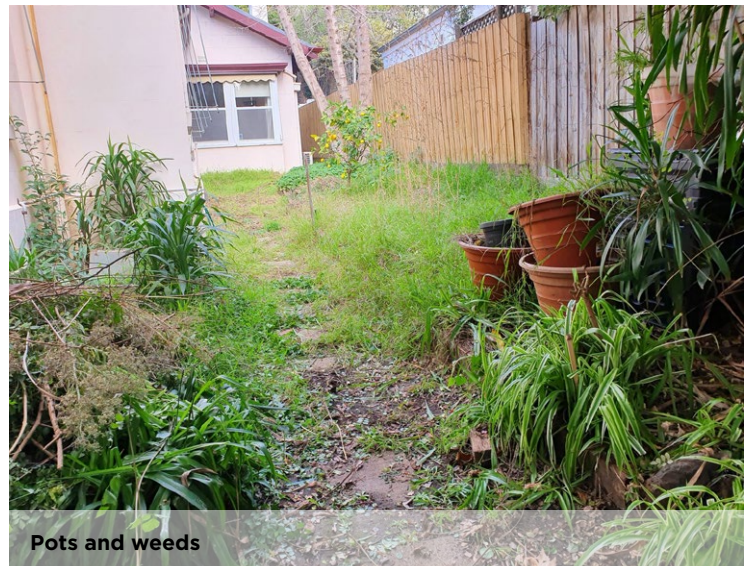
I have enjoyed getting out in our vegie and herb garden to do some clearing of overgrown plants and weeds. In fact, the only thing going for our poor little back garden at Umina is the lovely little lemon tree. Now is a good time to begin feeding your lemon tree: use small amounts of an organic fertiliser throughout the growing season. Don't use too much of a nitrogen-based fertiliser, as it may cause your lemons to fall off the tree before they mature.

Of course, fruit and vegetables and beautiful flowers aren't the only benefits we get from gardening. There is a less obvious return that cannot be measured in kilos or flower show prizes, and that is the easing of tensions and stress that gardeners experience from getting out in the garden digging and caring for the plants.

I particularly do not care much for exercise for exercise sake but will cheerfully walk to the shops for a purpose or be out in the garden for hours to get a job done and I certainly need to clear our jungle. Look out for updated photos of this project.



Lemon tree

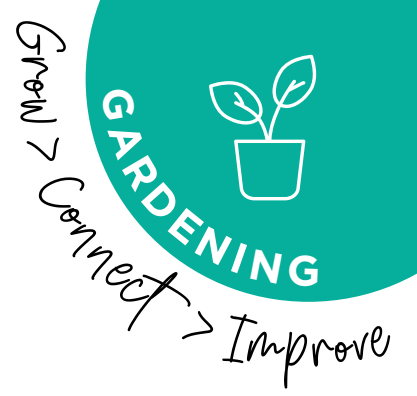


Pots and weeds

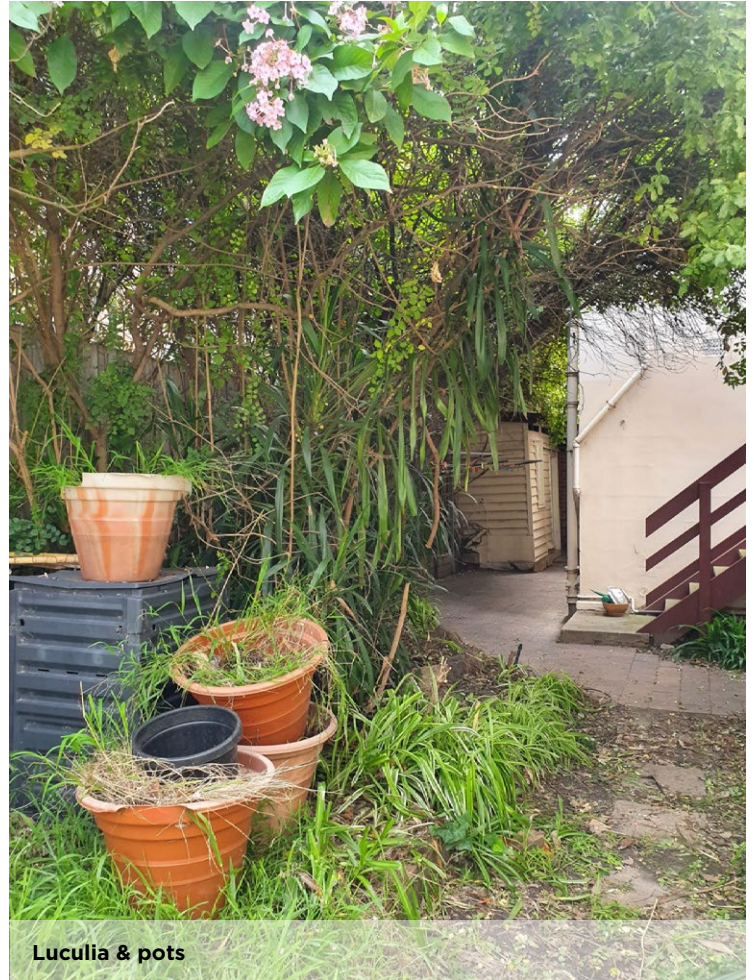


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In the top corner of this photo you can see that our *Luculia gratissima* is still flowering. It is a shrub or small tree with the most wonderful perfume, and lovely pink flowers in winter and early spring. It will benefit from well mulched soil, a position protected from frost, with morning sun and part shade. Prune off the spent flowers after flowering has finished, and you will have more flowers next year.



**Luculia & pots**