

## **Paradisus**

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## 'Sea-Changer' for 'Planty Fierce' - 21 Lavinia Street, Forresters Beach

Welcome to 'Sea-Changer', my 6th Paradisus work/home garden and the first with beachside growing conditions.

'Sea-Changer's' journey starts backing Coachwood Nursery's Sales Tables under the callistemon tree street front. Ruth & Peter Donnally have many 'Sea-Changer' plants you will see in the, garden and a wealth of information on where they might grow best in your home garden. Take a look over the semi-shade garden of mixed snake skin patterned Vrisea, Canistropsis billbergoides and Aechmea bromeliads, mixing with Medinilla, Costus afer & C. vargasii Spiral Gingers, Scadoxus Paint Brush Lilys and aroids like Amorphaphalus and Xanthosoma maffafa aurea 'Lime Zinger'.

Moving from the sales tables to your right, saunter through the front door gates to collect your SeaChanger' Guide and step up past the Entry Garden of ground covering bromeliads, onto the Mirror Deck. The main interior house floor plan sight line is trained on the mirror as an invitation to 'walk-thru' onto a deck extension, to serve this Trompe-l'oeil or 'trick of the eye'.

Proceed past the Dining Canopy, off the deck and under the retractible Shade Hut canopy, where tin foil threads of Corokia 'Silver Ghost' line one side, Billbergia pyramidalis underplants 'Sea-Changer's' hammock and Pavonia coccinea 'Shooting Star' flank both sides of an advanced Michellia figo shade tree. Notice tiny scarlet orange manettia cordifolia and Cyprus Vine, Ipomoea quamoclit with flints of cardinal red flowers growing through the northern end of the Shade Hut's laser cut panel.

Looking north, enter a rush of warm temperate coastal combination, from towering Native Hibiscus heterophyllus, species tibouchina to 'warm roses' Rosa sanguinea 'Miss Lowe's Rose' & R. sinensis 'One Thousand Lights' from Southern China. Alcantarea imperialis Giant bromeliad hero plants punch through a sub-shrub haze of Agastache 'Summer Breeze', Ruellias, Ruspolia, Kalanchoe hindbrandtii & K. synsepala and Abelmoshus moschatus ssp. tuberosus on all sides of the central crossed paths. **Spot Ulric Steiner's Fun Fish sculptures the are for sale,** "swimming though a gauze of Dwarf Euphorbia 'Diamond Frost'.

Boundary framework screening shrubs in Odontonema, Heliconia 'Hot Rio Night', Posoqueria longiflora, Plumaria pudica the Evergreen Frangipani & P. bahamiensis with Hibiscus boryanus to screen the Master B/room step out shelter panel ... are still in early development but will eventually back the northern and eastern sides with Costus comosus X erythrophyllus & C. comosus X belize screening the garage wall.

Flowering feature shrubs may include Tibouchina clavata and Ipomoea arborescens White Tree Morning Glory.

Exit 'Sea-Changer' following the western path past a future 'living fence' of Solanum longiflora growing through the boundary black coated pvc mesh, Quisqualis pseudomussaendifolia 'Red Riot' the Golden Plume - Schaueria flavicoma, Rotheca serrata minor, Ornamental Bananas Ensetes ventricosum & E. dwarf and Heliconia pendular waxy red. **You have been 'Sea-Changed'!!** 

21 Lavinia St - Sea Changer 25 Curringa Cl - Paradox

21 Toomeys Rd - Tabone Garden

1483 Peats Ridge Rd - Living Edge

Edge

1)'Sea-Changer' - 21 Lavinia Street, Forresters Beach (closest to coast)

2) Tabone Garden – 21 Toomeys Road, Mt Elliot (Near Holgate), "Lunch at Bamboo Buddha, 221 Wattle Tree Rd, Holgate 4365 5810 or Lotus 127A Ocean View Dr, Wamberal 4385 9260"

3)'Paradox' - 25 Curringa Close, Glenning Valley (southern end Tuggerah Lake)

4)'Living Edge' 1483 Peats Ridge Rd, Peat Ridge (western side Pacific Motorway)

