



BUMPY THE GIPPSLAND WATER DRAGON AND HIS MATES LOVE THE GARDEN.

Spring beneath the mountain

Chris Malmberg takes us on a (mainly visual) tour of her garden

We've been here about eight years. We had a few dramas with building the house so I started gardening to keep my sanity. You can garden whether you have a house or not. It was going to be a planned garden but that didn't happen — it just grew. Fungal diseases have been my biggest problem. When you take gum trees out, apparently it takes about fifteen years for the roots to disintegrate. The roots that remain deep down, ones you can't take out harbour fungal diseases like phytophthora and when your plants' roots get deep down into that they can die within a week. I've lost a lot of plants.

