

# HOME GARDEN

By Bill Pugh

We are fortunate to have room for a garden in our home, with vegies in the back garden including potatoes, carrots, silverbeet, tomatoes, lettuce and cauliflowers.

In the front we have rose bushes, lavender and sunflowers.

It is a treat to be able to share our produce with neighbours who are not so blessed with growing space.

Genesis has the wonderful story of the first garden.

God planted a garden eastward in Eden and grew a variety of trees, fruits, flowers and plants.

It was his gift to humankind for food and sustenance.

God was the first gardener. He means us to follow his example to grow and share the fruits of our labours, yet sadly we take his providence for granted.

At harvest festivals we gave produce for hospitals, aged-care homes and the needy in the community.

Hymns of praise were sung as we looked around the colourful display of produce ready to be taken to wherever there was a need.

We should never forget the source.

The hymn puts it thus: *We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.*

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