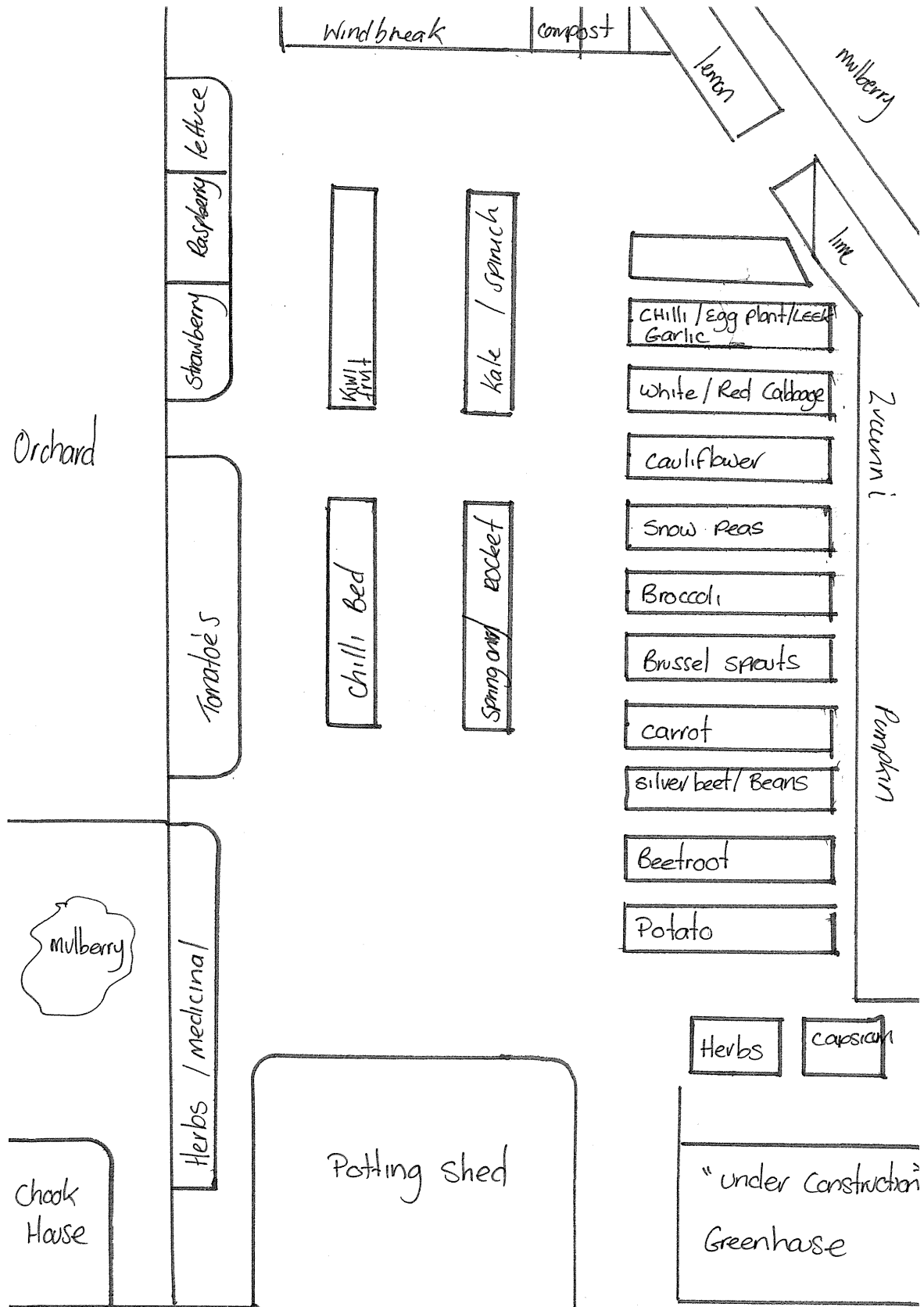


# GARDEN 1: MAP AND INFO



Welcome to our Edible Garden, we are proud to show you our dream in progress!

We have been here for 3 years and, the property came with over 250, 10-year-old avocado trees. We became accidental avocado farmers and embraced the challenge. In our first 12 months we invested our energy to bring them back from poor health and focused on building up the soil health and the whole tree community.

Working under the guidance of local soil expert Mark Tupman from Productive Ecology, we tested soil and sap to develop our own foliar spraying (100% organic), plus mulching, pruning and watched the result. We have now reduced the orchard by 100 and are planning to intersperse with a range of trees to reduce the monoculture and attempt a “food forest” approach.

On arrival at Harvest View, we also had to remove a few hundred blue gums on our fence line that had become a risk to the neighbouring property. We retained the trees and have used the resource for compost, mulch, building and firewood.

In the meantime, we sat and we watched what else was happening on our 7.5 acres over the seasons. We were impatient to get the veggie patch going but were unsure of the final location. We tried a few raised beds around the house but struggled with sunlight and the pesky rabbits. We planted and replanted several fruit and citrus trees 3 times!

We built a temporary chook shed and started to create our chicken family. After watching all seasons for 12 months we developed a plan and started our SLOW gardening journey.

As a full time working couple with our own business we snatch times in the garden when we can. Mainly weekends and some evenings or early mornings. We try not to stress on what needs to be done, we just do what we can with what we've got - and when there are things that have to be done we somehow make it happen!!

We have tried to use as much of our own resources and recycled material as possible and have completed the building and construction ourselves.

Jasper has supported our journey and been integral in our planning and creating with us a dream of self-sustainable food and regenerative practices - not to mention a lot of hard labour.

We find we rarely go to the shops now and can plan meals around what is growing. We bake our own bread and buy meat and cheese from local south west producers. There is nothing better than working in the veggie patch gathering produce and watching the sun go down with a G&T admiring your achievements – we love it.

We are only 2 years in but our dream is to create an experience for those who journey into our veggie garden world, take your shoes off and feel the earth, enjoy the flowers, experience the abundance, watch the girls do their thing, marvel at what works and what doesn't, be inspired to have a go and SLOW down.