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Sunshine all weekend, so the vegetable garden gets a makeover.

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After a full month of continual rain we had a weekend of sunshine! Hopefully that was the final onslaught of the wet season.

I cut back more of the pigeon pea side shoots allowing all this lovely sunshine onto the vegetables seedlings that survived the rainy onslaught. I wove those shoots in and out of the uprights creating a sort of rustic cucumber trellis. The helconia branches I kept for plant supports have rotted, so that idea has been shelved. Oh well, you live and learn.

I planted some more lettuce seeds, more beets and silverbeet. those are the seeds that came up and drowned. The bok choy, radish, cucumber and gemsquash have done ok. I also transplanted some tomato seedlings into the ground, planting them deeply so that they can form a good network of roots. They are in the framework behind the row of cucumbers.

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I was left a couple of Malay apple trees when the gardening group met at my place a couple of weeks ago. I gave one to my neighbour as she has a bigger yard than mine. Then I had an idea to create an espaliered tree against the back fence. I have never done this before, but Glen has done a few on his allotment in England, so I will be looking to his pages for advice.... It is still little, but I planted it next to the passionfruit vine that did so well. They always succumb to woody passionfruit virus after a year or two, and I have already started

another passionfruit a little further down the fence. Its roots can go down into the neighbours chook pen and there are comfrey plants to the left of it. So now I have a few new projects to work on, as our "winter" season begins.

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