

WENTWORTHVILLE COMMUNITY GARDEN

APRIL - MAY
ISSUE 2

Monthly Events

1st & 3rd
Saturdays



Working days from 10:00am

Come and help mow, whipper snip, weed, turn compost and tidy the garden. Lunch sometimes organised by those willing to stay.

Sundays

Garden open from 3:30pm

Sunday afternoons are a chance to water, plant, harvest and maintain your plot.

Wednesdays

Garden open from 3:30pm

Wednesday afternoons are a chance to water, plant, harvest and maintain your plot.

Saturdays

Garden open from 10:00am

Saturdays are a chance to water, plant, harvest and maintain your plot. Morning tea is about 11:00am.

Opening

Key holders

Garden Members with keys can access the garden during daylight hours (not dawn or dusk). This is 8:00 am to 7:00 pm during Spring and Summer, and, 9:00am to 5:00pm during Autumn and Winter.



GROWING AN ENTRY

SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW

GROW PLEASE GROW

A fortnight for five vegies and a chance of \$550

What are you growing? We have entered this year's Community Garden Section of the Sydney Royal Easter Show. We need to present at least five different vegetables. Are you able to help?

WELCOME TO OUR SECOND NEWSLETTER!

A friendly reminder that your membership fee (\$10.00 per person) is now due and if you want a garden plot there is an additional \$30.00 fee (payable in two installments). The introduction of the garden plot fee was necessary for payment of water usage. So make sure you're waterwise and keep our costs down.



In the last newsletter I wrote that the Committee had agreed to purchase supplies such as fertilisers, pest controls, mulch and stakes. I also mentioned that Council had donated three wheelie bins. During the past few weeks I have been stocking (and re-stocking) these bins with mulch and fertilisers. It certainly seems that these resources are greatly appreciated. More

gardens than ever have a good layer of mulch - very helpful for reducing our water usage (and keeping membership cost down!) and ultimately it improves your plot's soil quality. Over the next few weeks I will be sourcing a variety of other supplies such as stakes, secateurs and pest controls for everyone's use.



We're now six months away from our next open day so planning (and work) needs to start. Please let Anne know if you would like to be part of the planning team.

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April Committee Meeting

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that we have \$3 293.23 in trust with Council and \$147.48 petty cash.

Keys and Opening

Members can request a key after a qualifying period. Keys are HCC property and can't be copied. Lost keys may be replaced by paying a \$20.00 fee.

Volunteers are needed to help open the Garden on the second Sunday with Patrick or the fourth Sunday with Peter H.

Signage

The Committee will request from Council extra street signs at the Lane Street, Veron Street and Lytton Street entrances to the Lytton Street Park and a large entry sign at the garden which displays opening times and contacts.

Council Workshops

Council is running three gardening workshops for the community; *Worm Farming and Composting* (7 May), *Growing Your Own Vegies*

(14 May) and *An Introduction to Permaculture* (21 May). Members may attend but need to register on (t) 9840 9643.

Garden Promotion and Membership Dive

Council have proposed an Open Day for 18 June. We reserve *Open Day* as our annual fund raiser and have suggested it be a "community workshop day". This is a good opportunity to gain more members and raise funds by selling drinks and a BBQ.

Other promotions include posters at the Libraries, Council venues and in local shops. Include brochures with our Easter show entry and ask Danny to help get media coverage.

Shared Gardens

Shared gardens are shared. No one member has exclusive rights to plant or harvest. Members decide what to plant, usually at morning tea on Saturday. If you can't make morning tea, then put your

suggestion on the list in the container. Plantings are quick growing, high yielding seasonal vegetables or flowers. Shared gardens will be planted for our open day.

Any Member may tend a shared garden. Only Members who contribute to garden maintenance harvest from shared gardens. Harvest with thought and respect for others who come after you.

Garden Development and Funding

The Committee will draft a management plan to provide clear direction for the development of the garden and improvement of facilities. This will also support applications for funding.

New Members

Welcome to our new member Aesha and her children.

Feedback

The Committee values your feedback and suggestions – just talk to us or email us.



Blood and bone contains slow release nitrogen, and the bone meal is full of calcium and phosphorus. But it lacks potash. That means adding sulphate of potash. Apply one cup full of blood and bone to your plot and a tablespoon of potash at least a week before you intend to plant. Water in well. Remember that over use or misuse can kill or damage your plants.

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SHARED SUPPLIES – MULCH & FERTILISER USE IT – RESPECT IT

Four important reasons to mulch

Water conservation. Mulch stops the top of the soil drying out and keeps the soil moist. Five centimeters of mulch can reduce watering by about 60 per cent.

Stop weeds and weed seed germination, which compete with plants for moisture and nutrients.

Keep the soil temperature constant and cooler.

Improve the soil by using organic mulch. It adds extra organic matter to the soil.



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