

Wentworthville Community Garden

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Garden growing and going well

Starting as the Holroyd Community Garden in 2007 and emerging as the Wentworthville Community Garden in 2011, members had much to celebrate at this year's Annual Meeting and end of year get together.

Chairman Paul provided us with a summary of this year's highlights including our successful fund raisers – Craft Stalls, Open Day and Plant Stalls, our successful entries into the Easter Show, Keep Australia Beautiful and Holroyd Community Gardens Awards, the improvements to the garden such as replacement of garden edges. He applauded these achievements and made it clear that our success was a team effort from a group of very diverse individuals.

Treasurer John announced that we are in a strong financial position and continue to support members with the provision of tools and consumables.

Secretary Robyn reported that the Garden has over 100 members. She highlighted the many important partnerships and the outstanding support that we continue to receive from Holroyd City Council.

Kevin thanked members for opening the garden at scheduled times and reported that 43 members had keys to the Garden and all was operating without issue. He also reminded members to be familiar with the Medical Emergency Management Plan.

This year we recognized the efforts of Russell and Dylis Warner and Julie-Anne McDonald by confirming them as *Friends of the Garden*.

Members finished the evening with conversation over a tasty BBQ dinner and other treats.

Calendar

26 January	Australia Day BBQ from 4:00pm
1 April	Membership renewal
20 April	Easter Show Category - Fruit & Vegetables (non- commercial) Fruit, vegetable and community gardens classes
3 May	Mothers Day Stall OLQOP



Planting Now

Basil, beans, beetroot, capsicum, carrots, celery, chillis, chives, choko, cucumber, eggplant, leeks, lettuce, marrow, okra, pumpkin, radish, rockmelon, silverbeet, squash, sweet corn, turnip, watermelon, zucchini.

WCG s355 Committee December meeting

Treasurer John reported that we had \$9 145.00 in the bank with \$60.00 petty cash on hand. John was keeping us well stocked with the full range of consumables such as fertilisers and mulch. The Committee approved purchase of a further 110 garden stakes.

Secretary Robyn provided a full report for Open Day. The Committee approved an initial budget for the next Open Day.

The Committee has approved entry into the Sydney Royal Easter Show. We will again enter the Community Gardens class. **Members are encouraged to grow and show vegetables for the many other classes in this category.** At last year's judging, the judge stated that many of the vegetables in our display would have won their class.

The Committee is seeking display space at Council to showcase the Garden and to display our many awards.

Councillor Lake will make enquiries for installation of a power point for our new refrigerator.



Garden improvements near completion

Boystown are almost finished upgrading the garden plot edges.

Boystown were the recipient of proceeds from the Mayor's Charity Golf Day. They have used these funds to employ their trainees to complete this upgrade.

The Garden and HCC co-funded the purchase of A-grade sleepers at a cost of \$8000.00.



Wentworthville Community Garden –
Winner of the Schools and Community
Gardens category and
Grand Champion of Holroyd.

Merrylands RSL Holroyd Community Gardens Awards

Although the Garden looks to be in poor shape after Open Day, each year we enter these awards to support the efforts of HCC and, this year's co-ordinators, the Merrylands RSL.

Kevin and Robyn represented us at the awards evening and were gob smacked when Wentworthville Community Garden was announced as the winner of the Schools and Community Gardens category. They were stunned even more with the award of Grand Champion of Holroyd.