

WENTWORTHVILLE COMMUNITY GARDEN

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OUTSTANDING SUPPORT FROM SPONSORS, CAREFUL PLANNING & HELP FROM SO MANY

Our sixth Open Day was held on a beautiful sunny October Saturday. The six months of planning and the combined efforts of so many ensured that the day was a success. A large part of this success is due to the generosity of our sponsors. A huge thank you to:

- Hollywood Studios
- Frankham Engineering Surveys
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- Good Guys Prospect
- Coles Merrylands
- Lisa's Hair Design Pendle Hill
- Taylor-ing Your Hair Wentworthville
- No Mis-Steak Butchery
- Ambey's Big A Wentworthville
- Phoenix Trading – Sandra Brown.

More than 900 people came to our Open Day and helped raise close to \$6 000⁰⁰.

Each of our stalls consolidated on the success of previous years, earning similar funds.

Our Plant Sale raised just over \$800⁰⁰ with the Vegie Seedlings sprouting \$400⁰⁰.

The Cakes and Jams cooked up \$1 600⁰⁰, the Craft Stall stitched up \$450⁰⁰ and the Pre-Loved Goods negotiated \$400⁰⁰.

The Devonshire Teas served up \$600⁰⁰ and the Barbecue made a saucy \$660⁰⁰.

The Raffle drew \$1 600⁰⁰ and the Fresh Produce grew \$800⁰⁰.

Thank you all for your preparation and help from more than sixty members on the day!

It was great to see Holroyd's new Mayor Councilor Nasr Kafrouni early in the day.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday 9 November 2013 10³⁰am - 12³⁰pm - Garden Connect Cooking Workshop

Saturday 23 November 2013 8⁰⁰am - 2⁰⁰pm - Craft Fair, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes

Saturday 7 December 2013 from 4⁰⁰pm - Annual Meeting and End of Year Get Together



At the last s355 Committee meeting Treasurer John reported that we had \$5 720⁰⁰ in the bank and \$60⁰⁰ in petty cash.

Secretary Robyn was pleased to report that all was well in planning for the Open Day. Supplies and resources have been sourced and most members are busy preparing and will be helping out on the day.

BoysTown are making steady progress with the upgrade to the garden plot

edging. The Committee has approved spending \$4 000⁰⁰ to buy another 100 sleepers to finish this upgrade and to also convert the long garden near the container into raised gardens for easy access.

The Committee is seeking ideas for Garden improvements as it reviews the Garden Development plan. Please give your ideas to Brad. Remember! Only approved projects may be installed and have their costs reimbursed.



WORM FARM

The old worm farm has been replaced with a new farm which should stop the worms from escaping. The worms should be happy in the new farm under the shade of the tree and should not get too hot during summer.



The worm juice is kept with the watering cans and is available for all gardeners to use. Worm juice is a nutritious tonic for seedlings and plants and is particularly helpful in spring. Please use as it does not store. Worm juice should be diluted 1 part to 10 parts water before being watered onto your garden. Leave empty worm juice containers in the shed for refilling.

You can help feed the worms by chopping and placing vegetable scraps into the container beside the worm farm. Please, no citrus, meat, onions or corn husks.

If any Gardeners are interested in starting a worm farm at home, talk to Dianne as she is willing to give you advice about the best way to start.



A BUSY PLACE BUT A QUIET PLACE ...

Although the Garden has been quite busy with Open Day, garden plot rebuilds and general gardening, many members enjoy retreating to the Garden as it is a *space to come together* where you can work with others, maintain your own garden, or, just sit and relax.

Our Garden community is diverse and rich with opinions.

Our rules are very clear about our gardening practices – we must be organic and sustainable.

Our rules about our gardening behaviours are very clear too – we must be tolerant and we must respect diversity.

Our fundamental value of respect is easily explained – you need to give it to get it.

Should you have an issue and are not able to resolve it, then the matter should be referred to the Committee for mediation. A short note or email outlining your issues and expected outcome is very helpful for getting a fast resolution.

FERTILISING TIP

All organic fertilisers are great for your garden. We do not recommend one over another. But we do recommend that you use a range so that you get the benefits of each. Wenty Wunda this time, Seasol the next, blood and bone, chook poo ...