

Wentworthville Community Garden

August – September 2013

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What to plant now



It's not too late to prepare your garden for spring and summer crops. Top your garden up with compost and add a small amount of potash and four hands full of blood and bone or animal manures – remember less is more. Too much of any fertilizer or soil additive can be harmful. Use according to manufacturer's instructions.

Crops that will do well if planted directly into your garden during August and September include beetroot, carrot, chives, coriander, daikon, Jerusalem artichokes, lettuce, onion, parsley, parsnip, peas, potato, radish, rocket, silver beet, snow peas, spring onions and turnip. Help them along with a regular watering of *Wenty Wunda*.

Check out www.gardenate.com for greater detail.



WCG wins!

The Garden submitted an entry in the Sustainable Garden Award in the Keep Australia Beautiful – NSW Sustainable Cities Awards 2013. This Program is a leading community and environmental awards program for metropolitan communities in NSW. Projects are judged on their ability to enhance the environment, and to improve the standard of living and quality of life for urban communities. The Program recognises communities which make a genuine and lasting contribution to their area.

We promoted that our Garden has an established culture where members take responsibility for the day to day running of the Garden and for implementing and managing initiatives. It is this ownership, sense of belonging and community pride that ensures the long-term sustainability of our Garden. Our solid partnership with Holroyd City Council is a significant factor that demonstrates the sustainability of our Garden. The judges agree!

Thanks to everyone for making our Garden successful and sustainable!



S355 Committee Meeting

Treasurer's Report

John reported that we have \$9 769.00 banked and \$67.00 held in petty cash.

Garden Bed Improvements

The Garden development plan identifies replacing the phase 1 and phase 2 garden plot edging in the immediate future. The Committee approved improvement to these garden plots with a similar quality construction to garden plots completed (in the north-eastern corner) by HCC during phase 3. The Committee has written to HCC requesting funding. We are pleased to announce that HCC has agreed to fund materials up to \$1 500.00 and that Boystown (who constructed phase 2 gardens) will build these improvements starting in August and finishing at year's end. Your Garden will fund the remaining costs of approximately \$2 600.00 for materials. There will be a short period disruption to your gardening activities when your garden plot is improved.

Merrylands Community Garden

HCC is establishing the Merrylands Community Garden (MCG). The Committee has written to HCC offering support to MCG committee and to provide mentoring support and copies of documentation and procedures.

Garden Emergency Plan

The Committee has endorsed the Emergency Plan developed by Barry and Kevin. It is on display under the shelter and in the container. Please read it and know what to do in an emergency.

Forward Planning

John and Ted have analysed our history of costs and income. They have developed a forward estimate for our budget. This estimate confirms that there is no need to increase our membership or garden fees just yet. Also, we have the income to continue to provide members with garden plot consumables and other garden improvements from time to time.

Open Day Planning

The Open Day planning team is busy working toward open day which is Saturday 12 October 2013.

Teams are formed and the resources for each stall have been determined. Many teams are busy growing, gathering, planting, propagating or making product for their stall. **If you are not part of a team and would like to help in some way, please see Robyn or Liz to find out which teams need more help.**

We have taken delivery of our fliers. Kevin and Barry are planning for distribution. Please let them know if you can help distribute fliers around where you live.

The raffle is gaining much support from local businesses. The team would like members to donate non-perishable food items (with a best before/use by date during 2014) so that we can offer a food hamper as a raffle prize.

Remember, Open Day is our major fund raiser. Funds raised reduce membership costs.