

Wentworthville Community Garden



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Boystown completes garden plot improvements

200 sleepers later and a great work effort from Boystown finishes the rebuilding of the original garden plots.

Boystown were the recipients of funds raised at the Holroyd Mayor's charity golf day. They pledged to use these funds for projects within the Holroyd area and identified our Garden as one project. Holroyd City Council contributed \$1 500.00 toward the



replacement sleepers. The remaining \$6 500.00 was provided by the Garden and was from funds raised at Open Day

and the November and May Stalls held at the Our Lady Queen of Peace church Greystanes. The Committee decided to fund Boystown for an additional day's work to start construction on another raised garden next to the entry pathway. Extra soil will be purchased and mixed with compost to fill this garden over the coming months.

Awards framed and on display

The Committee has been working with Holroyd City Council to get a display space at the Council Chambers to display our awards and some of the many newspaper articles written about the Garden in recent years.



John Carrington has made a beautiful frame to display our



Easter show pennants and certificates. A very big thanks to John for doing such a magnificent display.

February s355 Committee Meeting

Treasurer John reported that we had \$8 265.00 in the bank with \$60.00 petty cash on hand.

The Committee acknowledged the great work by Boystown in completing the garden edging project.

John Carrington presented his framing of our Easter show awards. The Committee recorded a vote of thanks for his excellent work.

The Committee thanked Councillor Lisa Lake for asking Council to connect the electricity for our refrigerator in such a speedy manner.

Thanks to Kevin for organising a fire assessment by the local NSW Fire Brigade. Issues identified included gas fuses for the BBQs, fire blanket location and need for extinguisher in the container. Thanks Ted for fixing these matters.

The Committee reminds members that meetings are held on the first Thursday of February, April, June, August, October and December each year. Garden members can present matters or issues (at least two weeks in advance) through Committee members or by emailing the Garden.

Your Committee executive is Paul, Ted, John B and Robyn. Other Committee members are Kevin, Ingrid, John C, Pallavi and Brad.

Annual Membership



Membership fees are due on 1 April 2014. Garden membership is \$10.00 and the garden plot fee is \$30.00. The plot fee covers the cost of purchasing tools, fertilisers, mulch, pest treatments and other consumables. All you need bring is your seeds or seedlings.

Our fee scale was set many years ago and has never changed. It is great value - you can grow your own fresh, organic food for less than one dollar per week.

Our fees are so low because of our fund raising efforts and the sensible use of consumables by all members.

Easter Show



The Garden has again entered the Easter Show and is growing crops for the competition. The display will be judged on Sunday 20 April 2014. You can participate by growing some high quality ripe/mature produce around this time or by watering crops in gardens marked with the red poles.

We will be assembling a display for the Community Gardens class. Please lend or donate your best produce to help us develop a diverse and interesting range of quality produce. Alternatively, we could enter your best produce into some of the classes in the Fruit Vegetables, Root Vegetables or Leaf and Leafstalk Inflorescence Vegetables sections. Check the notice board for more detail.

Mothers Day Stall



We are again having at stall at the Our Lady Queen of Peace church Greystanes for Mothers Day.

Last year we raised just over one thousand dollars and we hope to do the same again this year.

You can help by growing plants or seedlings, making craft items, cooking cakes or jams, or, by helping at the stall on for an hour or so on Saturday 3 May 2014. You can even help by saving clean, small glass jars (200-300mL) and leaving them at the Garden.

Please talk to Robyn or Maureen to find out how you can help prepare for this event or help on the day.