

WENTWORTHVILLE

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The 2011 Open Day was a great success. Thank you to all who helped in the planning, preparation and on Saturday 15 October 2011.

Plant Sale

The plant sale is a big focus and one of our best fund raisers, reaping \$979.00. Judith with her able



team cleared the plants and seedlings. Vegetable seedlings remain very popular. Thanks to gardeners who planted,

propagated or potted for this stall.

Pre-Loved Goodies

It's obviously all treasure! Paul and team raised an amazing \$621.35. A big thank you to everyone who provided items for this stall.

Raffle

The generous offerings from our sponsors ensure that our raffle continues to provide a significant part of our earnings. Its popularity is reflected in the huge earnings of \$189.00.

Thank you to our sponsors for their kind donations.

Devonshire Teas

The best place to sit and enjoy the garden



with a cuppa and something to eat. Always a strong performer, Diane and team collected a tasty \$232.10.

Fresh Produce

Antionette and team cleared our open day beds of produce. Profits were up six-fold! Thanks to all who helped plant out and thanks to the members who donated from their own garden. A very healthy and chemical free \$640.95 was raised.

Barbeque

John and his team started cooking right from the start. It went so well they ran out of sausages before lunch!

This year's menu included steak sandwiches which were tasty and popular. A delicious effort earning \$522.70.



Craft Stall

This stall has so many different items and it has become the place of choice to buy gifts. Its popularity is reflected

with earnings of \$230.05. Thanks to all who knitted, stitched, sewed, crotched, painted ...

Cakes and Preserves

Another crowd favourite with customers returning each year. Angela and team cooked up a staggering \$1 254.40. A big thank you to the cooks who made the cakes, the sauces, the preserves, the pickles, the ...

NOTE: Gross earnings, costs not yet deducted.

Outstanding support from sponsors

A large part of our Open Day success must be credited to our generous sponsors who help with promotions, raffle prizes and supplies.

Please support our sponsors by shopping with them. It would be even better if you could acknowledge their support of our Open Day when you next buy from them.

Our Number One Supporter

Whether it be the Mayor, the Councillors, the General Manager or Staff of Holroyd City Council, it is very obvious that our best and most generous support comes from Holroyd City Council.

Holroyd City Council have provided us with this great location, have upgraded our premises and continue to improve our facilities.

The success of our Open Day is due to the strong support that we continue to receive from Holroyd City Council.



Open Day Honour Board

- Officeworks Wentworthville
- Woolworths Wentworthville
- Coles Merrylands
- Lisa's Hair Design Pendle Hill
- Bunnings North Parramatta
- Cordina Chickens Girraween
- McFarlands Quality Meats Greystanes

- Motographics Prospect
- Mary T R.

Congratulations to the Prize Winners

The lucky prizewinners were Christina of Greystanes, Ms Huckley of Wentworthville, Julie of Toongabbie, Catherine of Wentworthville Loretta of Greystanes and Margaret of Pendle Hill.



October Committee Meeting

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported that there is \$3,332.00 banked and \$80.70 petty cash held.

Garden Redevelopment

The Committee is organising a ceremony in late November to acknowledge Council's redevelopment and renaming of the Garden. We would like the newly elected Mayor to rename the Garden and we will provide refreshments.

Garden Management Work Plan

The Committee adopted the Garden Management Work Plan tabled by Ingrid and Kevin. The Garden's constitution requires this plan to meet HCC's Plan of Management for the park (Finlayson Creek Linear Park Network Plan of Management).

Access from Lane Street Units

The Department of Housing recently replaced fencing for their Lane Street premises. The new fencing no longer provides access to Finlayson Creek Park (and the garden) and this seems to be contrary to the Park Plan of Management. The Committee would like access restored and has identified this anomaly to Council officers.

Signage

Mark from the HCC sign shop has indicated that the new garden sign will be installed in time for the Open Day.

Welcome New Members

Syed, Joy and Ming, Shyama, Lyn, Nancy and Joan. Welcome back Ray.



Australian Chinese Community Association Project

The Garden is hosting a project for senior Chinese residents funded through the Clubs for Holroyd program. These workshops will be held on Wednesdays 19 and 26 October, 16 November and 14 December 2011 running from 10:30am until 12:30pm.

Half Year Garden Plot Fee

The Committee has set a new Garden Plot fee of \$15.00 for new members joining after September. New members are still required to pay full Garden membership of \$10.00.



Committees' Feedback on Finance Proposal

Robyn and Ingrid attended the annual s355 Committee meeting. Following this meeting, our Committee has been invited to offer comment on a range of financial matters identified by HCC.

Website

Due to changes with our web hosting service, the Committee has agreed to purchase the domain name wentworthvillecommunitygarden.com.au. Brad will investigate alternate hosting services.

Additional Gardens Along Boundary Fences

The Committee approved the construction of shared garden spaces along the southern and western boundary fences and the planting of seasonal food crops in these gardens.

Australia Day

We will have a BBQ on the Australia Day afternoon.



Open Day

Preparations for Open Day are progressing well. A big thanks to Council for donating shirts for members to wear and be easily identified.

Lomandras

A number of members identified concerns over the lomandras growing beside the entry path. The Committee has approved their removal.

End of Year

The Garden's Annual meeting will be held on Saturday 3 December 2011 at 4:00pm. The executive will report on the achievements for Garden during 2011.

Our end of year get together will follow from 5:00pm with a BBQ dinner. Please bring your own drinks and meat to cook, and, either a salad or dessert to share.

YOUR HELP PLEASE

Members are requested to make sure that they sign in and sign out when they attend and leave the garden. This attendance register is part of our accountability and can also help us demonstrate the popularity of the garden when seeking funding and other improvements. Members who have committed to opening the garden on Sundays and Wednesdays need to honour this commitment and keep the garden open for at least one hour regardless of attendance or weather conditions. Likewise, it would be appreciated if members can attend the garden close to opening times.