

NEWSLETTER

New Committee Elected

Saturday 12 February 2011 was a new beginning for the garden.



Despite the bad weather, a large number of members attended the garden to elect the first Section 355 Committee for the Wentworthville Community Garden.

We were joined by the Mayor of Holroyd City, Councillor Peter Monaghan and North Ward Councillor Vasee Rajadurai. The

meeting was chaired by Bert Leonard the Manager of Administrative Services at Holroyd City Council.

Bert reported that he had received ten nominations for the committee and that Council would consider an increase in committee members.

Welcome to our first newsletter

The last six months has seen many changes in the garden; construction of our sheltered area, installation of a 10 000 litre water tank, a shipping container to replace our shed, new concrete paths and new garden plots in place of the native garden.

Following this, we moved under the administration of the Holroyd City Council and had our name changed to the Wentworthville Community Garden. This has meant a lot of change. We are now, more than ever, in charge of our garden and are responsible for its smooth operation.

I am sure that we all can continue to work together to keep the garden the wonderful place that it is.



*John
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HELPING OUT AROUND THE GARDEN

The success and efficiency of the garden relies on all members helping and contributing as much as they are able.

Working days are the first and third Saturdays of each month.

Working days are a time for us to tidy and keep the garden well maintained.



We whipper snipper and mow the lawns, weed, water and turn the compost.

With everyone's help, these chores are shared and finished with ease.

Stay safe in the garden by covering up from the sun and drink plenty of water. Be aware of others and of what is happening around you.

WENTWORTHVILLE COMMUNITY GARDEN



COMMITTEE REPORT

Election of Committee Executive

The first duty of the Committee was to elect the office bearers. Each of the executive accepted nomination and were appointed unopposed.

Chair - Paul Hardman

Vice-Chair - Ingrid Postema

Secretary - Robyn Main

Treasurer - John Brinson

Helen Kirkland and Kevin Horne remain on the Committee with Kevin continuing as the key registrar.

The new members of the Committee are Wiesia Trefler, Helen Lu, Liz Boyle and Brad Main.

The Committee is responsible for implementing the Constitution and Handbook approved by Holroyd City Council.

The interim Committee made a number of recommendations to the incoming Committee.

Membership

Membership is available to residents of Holroyd City Council or adjoining suburbs. Garden membership is \$10.00 per person and payable on or by 1 April each year.

Garden Plots

One garden plot is available for each household for an additional fee of \$30.00 payable

with membership or in two \$15.00 installments on or by 1 April and 1 October each year.

The introduction of a garden plot fee is necessary for payment of water usage.

Supplies

The Committee has agreed that all supplies such as fertilisers, pest controls, mulch and stakes will be provided without cost to members. This will save members from carrying supplies on and off site and allow efficient storage of these supplies on site.

Garden Induction

All members will be required to complete an induction to the garden which explains how the garden operates and what resources are available to members. Separate inductions are being developed for tool and machinery use.

Open Day 2011

The Open Day is scheduled for Saturday 15 October 2011. Anne Brinson has volunteered to be the co-ordinator.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that we have \$2 378.17 held in trust by council and \$173.50 petty cash.

Secretary's Report

The Royal Agricultural Society has invited us to enter their community garden competition at this year's Royal Easter Show. The competition requires the presentation of five different vegetables. First prize is \$550.00. The Committee has agreed that the garden should try its best to grow an entry.

Wheelie Bins

We have had 3 wheelie bins donated to us by Council which hold mulch and fertilisers for use by all members.

FEBRUARY – MARCH 2011

Calendar

Saturday 5 March 2011

Working Day from 10:00am

Sunday 6 March 2011

Garden open from 3:30pm

Wednesday 9 March 2011

Garden open from 3:30pm

Saturday 12 March 2011

Garden open from 10:00am

Sunday 13 March 2011

Garden open from 3:30pm

Wednesday 16 March 2011

Garden open from 3:30pm

Saturday 19 March 2011

Working Day from 10:00am

Sunday 20 March 2011

Garden open from 3:30pm

Wednesday 23 March 2011

Garden open from 3:30pm

Saturday 26 March 2011

Garden open from 10:00am

Sunday 27 March 2011

Garden open from 3:30pm

Wednesday 30 March 2011

Garden open from 3:30pm

Friday 1 April 2011

Membership and plot fees due

Find Us

The Garden is located in the Lytton Street park behind the tennis courts and Parramatta Holroyd Lapidary Club, 73 Fullagar Road Wentworthville. You can access the garden from the pathway beside the canal.

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New Members

Welcome to our new members Mary, David, Sue and John.

Feedback

The Committee values your feedback and suggestions - just talk to us or email us.