

# WENTWORTHVILLE COMMUNITY GARDEN

JUNE – JULY

ISSUE 3

## Garden a place for many things

Although we are moving into winter, the garden remains a busy place. Since the last newsletter we have won the Community Garden section of the Easter Show, hosted the Council's Sustainability Workshop Series, hosted a visit by a Campbelltown group looking to start a community garden, and, have been the focus of a few news stories in the local press. The pace continues as more members join, as work starts for Council's Green Thumb Day, and as planning gets underway for our Open Day.

### WHAT TO PLANT NOW

Cabbage, cauliflower, carrots, parsnips, leeks, silverbeet, spinach, broadbeans, potatoes and herbs.

### GARDEN PLOT SIGNS

These signs have been purchased and will be installed over the coming weeks to help identify plots. There is also a list and plan in the container.

### CONSUMABLES

There are now laminated sheets hanging in the container that tell how to use the fertilisers, mulches, composts and pest and disease controls. Mulch your plot to reduce water and it also restricts weeds.

### OUR WATERWISE RULES

Watering with hoses is allowed any day before 10 am and after 4 pm. All hand held hoses must have a trigger nozzle. No hosing of hard surfaces such as paths. Watering once a week should be sufficient in the colder months. Do not overwater as this will harm your plants. It's best to water on the same day each week.

### FEEDBACK

Send us your comments and suggestions – just talk to us or email us.



Hear experts talking about  
composting, worm farming,  
permaculture, vegetable  
gardening and bee keeping.

Sausage sizzle  
Lucky gate prize  
Give aways

**Green Thumb Day @  
Wentworthville Community Garden  
10 am - 1pm 18 June 2011**

## Council Sustainability Workshops

Wentworthville Community Garden was the venue of choice for Holroyd City Council for the outdoor workshops in their recent Sustainability Workshop Series. The workshops were held over the first three weekends of May and were fully booked.

Experts provided engaging and practical advice in composting and worm farming, growing vegies and permaculture basics.

Attendees enjoyed the workshops and were very complimentary of the garden with several deciding to join the garden.



COMPOSTING & WORM FARMING



GROW YOUR OWN VEGIES



INTRODUCTION TO PERMACULTURE



# WHAT TO DO IN THE GARDEN NOW



**TIDY:** Tidy, tidy, tidy as Green Thumb Day approaches.

**PLANT:** Strike those cuttings, plant the seeds and seedlings for Open Day.

**PLAN:** Open Day team leaders need to start to identify requirements. Meeting Saturday 9 July from 10am for all leaders and helpers. Stay for a BBQ lunch.

# June Committee Meeting



## TREASURER'S REPORT

We have \$3825.00 in trust with Council and \$107.30 petty cash.

## GREEN THUMB DAY

Council's next event is on 18 June. We will fund raise with a BBQ. John Cole will coordinate but needs helpers from 9:00am.

## LETTER TO COUNCIL UPDATE

The committee wrote to Council seeking improved garden signage, connecting electricity to the garden and harvesting more rainwater. The Committee recognised that the request required significant funding and could only be considered over the longer term.

Members of the Committee met with Council and were extremely pleased to secure agreement to install additional signs, to cost the connection of electricity and to seek a funding source for greater rainwater capacity.

The meeting clearly demonstrated Council's commitment to the garden and their willingness to improve the garden

## KEY HOLDERS HELPING TO OPEN GARDEN

The Committee endorsed the proposal that key holders become the "reserve list" (if available) to help open the garden at set opening times when rostered members are not able to open the garden.

## OPEN DAY PLANNING

Planning for our major fund raising event, the Open Day and Plant Sale has begun in earnest. A number of members have volunteered to be team leaders. We need a few more team leaders and team members to help run the various stalls. A planning meeting will be held from 10:30am on Saturday 9 July 2011 to organise planning teams and to work out supplies and other needs. A BBQ lunch will be provided after this meeting.

## SAFETY AND CONSIDERATION

The Committee reminds members to use safe gardening practices to prevent hazards. Please make sure that your garden does not spill into walkways or other members' gardens.

## NUMBERS

Dollars profit set as our fundraising goal

# 2500

Months until Open Day

# 4

Stalls on Open Day

# 7

Garden members available to help on Open Day

# ?

## Welcome to New Members

Sam, Catherine and Sien

Peter (Z)

Julie-ann

Kylie

Pralhad and Pallavi

Emilia and Sona