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the Wentworthville Community Garden

Newsletter 13



Wenty Wunda

Smells bad, grows good!

Great for watering newly planted seeds and seedlings, and, leafy plants including vegies and flowers. Use up to 3 times per week diluted 1 part to 9 parts water (or put 1 litre in a watering can and fill can with water). Stop using when flowers appear.

Therese can't keep up with demand and needs your help!

- Save green leafy plant material.
- Tear or cut into small pieces.
- Put into the bag in the bin.
- Top up with water to within 6 inches or 15cm of the top.
- *No roots, no dirt, no fruit, no vegies please.*

Thanks for your help!

Welcome new members

A big welcome to May and Barry.



What to grow now?

As summer draws to a close it's time to tidy up the garden and start planting autumn crops. Prepare your soil, mulch, plant and water well.

Sow direct into your garden seeds for beetroot, carrot, cucumber, dwarf beans, lettuce, parsley, radish, silverbeet, swedes or turnip.

Broccoli, brussels sprouts, cauliflowers, leeks and onion should be planted into seed trays, kept under cover before planting out in 4-6 weeks time.

Save the Date!

Induction

2 March 2013

New members come and learn how the garden functions and to use tools and equipment safely. BBQ to follow.

Membership Due

1 April 2013

Membership (\$10.00) and plot fees (\$30.00 which includes tools, fertilisers, mulch and pest treatments!).

Easter Show

31 March 2013

High quality, unusual, and, different coloured vegetables needed for display (you can have the vegies back afterwards!)

Open Day

12 October 2013

Our big fund raising event! Planning team making plans for this year. See Liz or Robyn to find out how to help.



Compost

We have a good supply of materials to make compost. Please put your old plants in the compost bins without tags and ties as it will be mowed – smaller materials compost quicker. Turning the compost helps speed up the composting process so it can be used sooner. Compost improves your garden soil and helps plants grow better. Can you help turn some?

February 2013 s355 Committee Meeting

Treasurer John reported that we have \$7 155.00 in the bank and \$67.00 in petty cash.

Council has advised us that the water pump for the water tank will be installed over the next month. The works will also include connection of taps for the sink and to help fill the hot water urn.

An Induction Program will be run on Saturday 2 March 2013 for new members to explain Garden safety and procedures. BBQ lunch provided afterwards.

The Open Day Planning Team has been formed and will be seeking your help in the lead up to, or, on the day.

Maintaining our garden

Keeping the garden functioning and looking its best relies on all members helping out in some way. Working days are on the first and third Saturdays of each month. This is a time to help mow lawns, sweep paths, turn compost and clean and maintain the garden. Some members set up morning tea while others water and weed gardens. *We help each other, we contribute what we are able.*

Mulch and Fertiliser

A couple of our basic principles in the garden are to be organic and to save water. The Garden provides organic fertilisers for all gardeners to use. Please use sensibly. Too much is a waste and can harm your plants. The Garden also provides mulch. Spread a layer 5cm thick over your garden. This reduces the need to water and helps improve your soil. It is ok to use the last of anything. Please leave a note on the whiteboard so more can be purchased.

Tools and Equipment

All the tools and equipment for successful gardening are in the container. If you don't know how to use something then ask. If you break something that is ok – things wear out. Please leave a note on the whiteboard so it can be replaced or repaired.

