

# Wentworthville Community Garden



June - July 2012

## Newsletter

Issue 9

### What to do now - what to plant now?

Now is the ideal time to prepare your soil for vegetable gardening. After removing old plants to the compost bin, remember how important the soil is and that the preparation you do now will give your vegetables the best start.



Add a sufficient amount of manure or compost to improve drainage, fertility, and texture. Since nitrogen, phosphate and potash are

removed from the soil by growing vegetables, they must be replaced regularly to maintain soil fertility. Generally speaking, the soil will not become deficient in these if animal manures and compost are used in conjunction with some of the liquid fertilisers available in the Garden container.

Another way to improve your garden is to grow a green manure. Growing a green manure crop is simple. Throw a handful of seed onto your newly prepared garden and rake to cover the seed. Digging the crop in at the end isn't really necessary. Cut the plants at the base just as flowers form and leave the plants on the surface for an instant mulch.

Many crops can be planted now including cabbage, cauliflower, carrots, parsnips, leeks, silverbeet, spinach, broad beans, potatoes and herbs. Have a look at this website <http://www.gardenate.com/> For more information. You can even subscribe to get an email reminder on what to plant each month.

### Open Day Planning

There will be Open Day planning meeting at 10:30am on Saturday 7 July 2012. The purpose of this meeting to confirm the team leaders and members. Why not come along and find out how you can help before and/or on the day and maybe even join a team? A barbecue lunch will be available after the meeting.

### Welcome to new members

- Ana, Troy and family.
- Caley and Ashley.
- Karen, John and Chi.
- Priyanka.
- Megan.
- Mary G.
- Ted D.



*Blue tongue lizards on Saturday 9 June 2012 - very welcome garden members!*



## s355 Committee Meeting

### Treasurer's Report

The treasurer report's indicated that we currently have \$7 779.00 banked with \$86.00 in petty cash. We expect that this will decrease during winter as we begin to install a range of new facilities such as the gardens on the south-western border fence, the green house and as preparations are made for Open Day.

### Open Day Planning

The Committee approved a budget of \$1000.00 to support preparations for the Open Day. Please see page one for more details about planning for the Open Day.

### Garden Development Update

Thank you to the members who responded to the garden development survey. Ideas will be sorted and presented in the near future.

Kevin reported that Council expects to shortly start some of the work for improved access and future connection to the electricity. Weather permitting, these improvements should be completed by mid-July.

## Key Holders and Garden Opening Times

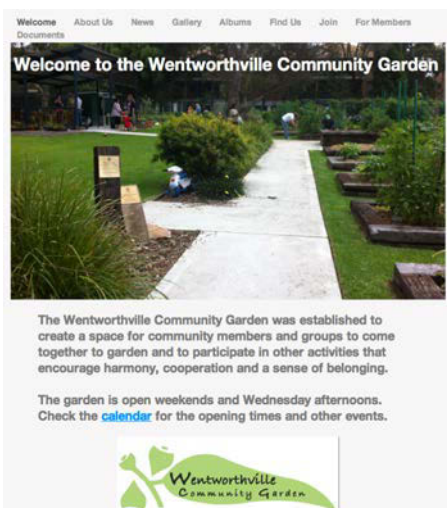
A new Garden Opening Roster is being prepared after membership renewal and changes to Members' availability. The new roster will be provided to the Openers and will be published on our website.

The Garden is opened by rostered key holders three times each week at 3:30pm Wednesday, 10:00am Saturday and 3:30pm Sunday. The Sunday and Wednesday opening times are scheduled to coincide with Sydney Water watering restrictions. Saturday opening is to support Garden maintenance and development as well as provide opportunity to maintain personal garden plots.

Key holders who volunteer to open the Garden must open at the advertised, remain onsite for at least one hour, and must secure the Garden at the end of the opening time.

No matter how hot, how wet or how cold the day is, key holders must remember that they provide a fantastic service that is relied upon by others who may make significant plans to be able to attend the garden at that time.

Likewise, if you plan to attend the Garden, please try to arrive at or soon after opening.



## Same website, different address

[www.wentworthvillecommunitygarden.com.au](http://www.wentworthvillecommunitygarden.com.au)

After using our slightly unusual *web.me* website address, you now find our website by using *all the Ws and our full name with .com.au*

The change is necessary as the service that hosted our website for free will close on 30 June 2012.

Our email address remains unchanged - [wentworthvillegarden@me.com](mailto:wentworthvillegarden@me.com)