



June – July 2013

Wentworthville Community Garden

Winter in your Garden

Ordinarily you would expect that winter is a time where things are slower and not much happens in the Garden.

But not in our Garden! Things continue to change and people are keeping busy hosting visitors, turning compost, improving garden plots, planting seeds and seedlings, and, maintaining and improving the Garden.

The Garden is a wonderful place and looks spectacular! So many people working hard and offering so much to everyone else – there is a great feeling of community.

Welcome to our new members. We are sure that you will have a great experience growing fresh organic food and enjoying the company of the interesting and diverse people that make up the Wentworthville Community Garden.



Ray and Joan's beautiful sunflower

Using our water tank

Before switching the water tank pump on, be sure to check that the tank is at least one quarter full. Checking the dial can see this. Green at the bottom is full, red at the top is empty. Make sure you remember to switch the pump off after use.

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June s355 Committee Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John reported that we had \$9 730.00 deposited in the bank and \$67.00 in petty cash.

Emergency Management Plan

Kevin presented an Emergency Management Plan. The most important aspect is ensuring access from Fullagar Road for ambulance help. More information will be provided to members shortly. A big thanks to Barry in assisting Kevin to develop this plan.

Turrumurra Lookout Community Garden

Our Garden recently hosted a visit from TLOG. They wanted to view and get information about our greenhouse but according to the ladies they went "*away with loads more and a feeling of having had a great morning viewing good community spirit in action*".

New Community Garden in Holroyd

The Committee has offered to act as a mentor for the new community garden being established in Byron Street Merrylands.

Sustainable Cities Award

Ted and Robyn are drafting an entry for the Garden into the Sustainable Garden section of these awards.

Garden Induction

The next Garden Induction will be held from 10:30am on Saturday 6 July 2013. This is an opportunity for new members (and recently joined members) to be shown how to effectively and safely use the many hand tools and consumables available to them at the Garden.



What to Plant Now

If you haven't planted anything for winter yet, you might like to start preparing your garden plot ready for spring planting. Top it up with some of our compost, add a small amount of potash and four hands full of nitrogen rich material such as blood and bone or animal manures.

Try sowing some of the maple peas to use as a green manure to add nitrogen to the soil. Spread a generous layer of the seed over your garden, rake in and water. When the peas are about 10cm tall, dig in with a fork. Leave 2 weeks before planting with your spring crops.

If you prefer to be growing some winter crops, now is the time to plant seeds for broad beans, garlic, lettuce onion, peas, radish and snow peas. From July you can plant seeds for beetroot. If you would like cabbage then plant cabbage seedlings now.



Funds raised from Open Day are used to improve the Garden and help keep our fees low

Open Day Planning

Planning for Open Day is well under way. Planting of seedlings for the fresh produce has started with around a thousand seedlings planted so far. We have been provided with a number of donations for our raffle prizes – please talk to Liz or Robyn if you know of a business that is able to offer us a prize donation or if you have any unwanted and unused items to donate.

Don't forget to come to the Garden on Saturday 20 July 2013. From 10:30am for the initial planning meeting to form the teams and find team leaders for the Craft Stall, the Trash and Treasure, the Plant Stall, the Fresh Produce, the Cakes and Jams, the Morning Teas and the Barbeque.