

Wentworthville Community Garden
Secretary's Report
2014 Annual General Meeting

2014 has been a very busy and successful year for the Garden and its members. Welcome to our new members who have joined us through the year.

Membership has remained relatively stable since 2013. Currently the Garden has 99 members and all the individual gardens are allocated.

We achieved success again this year at the **Easter Show** winning our fourth blue ribbon. Council has been very generous in allowing us to display our winning ribbons and other trophies in their foyer display cabinets throughout 2014. Planning has started for the 2015 display that will be judged in early April. Let us know if you have ideas for themes or can grow any produce in your garden for the display.

We also achieved a Highly Commended commendation following our submission in the Holroyd City Council Community Safety Awards. Thanks to Ted for putting the submission together.

This year's **Open Day** was an outstanding success with over 70 members helping on the day and record numbers of the local people attending the event. It is estimated that close to 1000 people came on the day. Thank you to all the members who contributed to making Open Day a great success. Generous support for Open Day also came from Community Greening and local businesses who donated prizes for the raffle and from Holroyd City Council who provided 100 plant to give away, pop up shades, garbage bins, a worm farm, a face painter, children's potting activity and Poppy the Possum!

We continue to encourage **partnerships with other local community groups**. During 2014 we:

- held a practical gardening workshop for the 1st Greystanes **Scouts**
- had regular visits from the **Out Of School Hours Service (OOSH)** of Holroyd City Council during the school terms.
- participated in **Our Lady Queen of Peace Craft Fairs** who in 2014 raised money to support Police Legacy and Careflight Rescue Services
- maintained contacts with the **local media**, (Advertiser and the Parramatta Sun) who published articles about our Easter Show achievements and were very generous in featuring articles prior Open Day
- maintained group membership of **The Community Migrant Resource Centre**. Our Garden provides gardening and social opportunities for senior members of the local Chinese community.

Have you had a look at the website recently? Special thanks to Brad who has redesigned the website to make it look fresher and brighter. Thanks to him also for publishing the Newsletter to keep members up to date with news about the Garden and Committee decisions.

It has also been a pleasure to work with the Committee over the past two years and to welcome Maureen to the Committee during 2014 as the Treasurer. I thank them for their dedication, thoughtfulness and care that they display when we are required to make decisions to improve the Garden and to ensure the effective and efficient management of the Garden.

Thanks to every one for helping to make the Wentworthville Community Garden the success that it is.

Robyn Main
Secretary
6 December 2014