



Community Garden 3231

Newsletter

June 2021

Dates for your diary

Working bees:

- **Saturday 5th June 9am (CANCELLED)**
- **Sunday 20 June 9am**

Events

Soup in the Garden

- **Saturday 3rd July**

CG3231 AGM

- **Saturday 28th August**

New members

Marcus Rodda and Helen Purnell

**We are on Instagram
Facebook
communitygarden3231**

A Word from President

1 June is the beginning of our traditional winter season. The indigenous calendar recognises 6 seasons (and up to 8) and June/July is known as *chunnup* - the season of cockatoos¹. *Chunnup* season is characterised by freezing winds, bleak mists and rain, not to mention it is the coldest time of year. I've noticed the cockatoos have been busy along the Painkalac Creek where they've dug into the soft moist soil – I assume they are digging up roots or bulbs.

If you have been to the garden recently you may have noticed that we now have a QR code for contact tracing. COVID is going to be with us for a while yet, so please get into the habit of scanning the QR code when you are at the garden, especially when you are at a working bee or planning to be in the garden for any length of time.

Our home base – the shed – is about to receive a bit of TLC. The roof, currently covered with a tarpaulin, is being replaced in the next few weeks. The committee has also decided to push on with the master plan by proceeding to Stage 2 (given Stage 1 is on hold). This involves making, what we hope will be, significant improvements to the shed. This includes securing temporary storage and we are currently seeking funding to bring this project to fruition. Please check for further updates in the July newsletter!



¹ source: BOM Indigenous Weather Knowledge website accessed 30 May 2021

Whilst we are in the midst of a 7-day circuit breaker lockdown, there are a number of events to look forward to.

If you fancy pumpkins and meeting members of the Anglesea Community Garden, you are invited to their special event - a **Pumpkin Party on Sunday 13th June at 12 noon**. This is an opportunity to bring family and friends – no limit on numbers. Please let Wins know for catering . For more details see Outside the Fence at the back of this newsletter

Soup in the Garden Saturday 3 July - 11:30 am to 1 pm at the Community Garden. Soup in the Garden is an event of Winter in Aireys and an opportunity to invite friends and family, local residents and visitors to visit the garden and enjoy a cup of homemade soup. **Anyone interested to help out on the day please let us know – we have several offers of help, but more helpers are welcome.**

CG3231 AGM Saturday 28 August - 11am at Aireys Pub

Keep getting your hands dirty

Liz

Garden Team report

It felt really good putting out the CG sign in Albert Ave for the May working bees and having visitors coming through the garden – let's hope we can again soon. Both working bees were very productive, particularly the social side. The garden is looking great.

Our brassicas are growing very well - some clever gardeners have already harvested broccoli and cauliflower. But the communal plots were planted later as we waited for the corn to finish. Hopefully we planted the brussel sprouts early enough.

But we need to keep an eye out for pesky grey brassica aphids. Unfortunately lady birds do not like these insects so alternate control methods are necessary. They tend to hide in curled leaves or tucked away in less obvious areas so careful inspection is needed – if they infest a head of broccoli they can make it inedible.

Ladybirds do not like the mustard compounds concentrated by the brassica aphids





Look hard for the aphids hiding in the centre of the curly kale in bed M

The best thing to do is to squish any you find, and also spray with white oil – you can make this yourself by shaking vegetable oil with water and liberally spraying. Also keep an eye out for snails which don't mind the cold.

Plans are being developed to reorganize the North east area of the garden with more raised wicking beds. The potatoes have been ordered and before too long, we'll be harvesting the brassicas.

Don't forget that from 1 September 2021, only **netting** with a **mesh** size no greater than 5mm x 5mm at full stretch can legally be used to protect your plot. This is to prevent birds and bats getting caught. Unfortunately, this netting cannot be recycled. Quite a number of rental and communal plots have the wrong netting.

See you in the garden,

Gretel for the garden team.



(Just) Outside the Fence

I notice that the Little Free Library stocks are a bit depleted at the moment. There must be lots of books you have read and are prepared to share with other readers

Mary Bremner (Friend of the Little Free Library)



'Students at the Aireys Inlet Primary School have asked for help/advice to get their veggie garden going again. If anyone is interested please contact Avril for more information 0448165218 or via garden email. Thanks!'

Outside the Fence



From our friends at the Anglesea Community Garden:

We invite you to our **Pumpkin Party on Sunday 13th June at 12 noon (POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE YET TO BE CONFIRMED)**

Anglesea Community Garden: 5 McMillan Street, Anglesea

You may remember the fun we had at our last Pumpkin Day 4 years ago when visitors ran off with all the prizes!! This could be you. We will serve you a yummy Pumpkin Lunch with all treats pumpkin of course. And tea and coffee. Please bring your own mug.

There will be a Pumpkin Competition - bring as many entries as you like. You can come without a pumpkin too.

And lots of Pumpkin Games.

**All we ask is that you let me know how many people are coming (for catering)
to: wins.coutts@gmail.com (Individual or group replies are fine)**

PUMPKIN COMPETITION

1. HEAVIEST PUMPKIN – ANY VARIETY
2. SMALLEST PUMPKIN - ANY VARIETY
2. BEST DRESSED PUMPKIN
4. BEST NOVELTY / UNUSUAL PUMPKIN

Grafting & Pruning with Stefan Roth

Winter has definitely arrived so what better time than to brush up on our winter gardening activities. Hoping that restrictions are eased again but we will still have new rules for gatherings which we have all become accustomed to. It's been wonderful to see the continued work happening in all our CG's, Urban Farms, Food Swaps, Food Carts & garden groups.

Details are:

Date: Sat 17th July 10:00am to 3pm

Location: Norlane Neighbourhood Centre [39a Rose Ave Norlane](#)

Workshops: Grafting & Pruning with Stefan Roth

Fee: Gold coin donation to NNC

Covid sign in for NNC plus sign in for CGA

Tea & Coffee provided, Lunch: please bring a plate to share

The Agenda will include updates on CGA plus results of The Pandemic Gardening Survey & maybe a surprise or two.

We also have new CG's & Urban Farms to welcome to our network. NNC is a great venue with ample parking.

An update will be sent prior to the event.

Keep warm & keep gardening

Cheers

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Vic Rep & VP CGA