



Community Garden 3231 Newsletter April 2014

2014 Working Bees

1st and 3rd Sunday of the
month from 9:30am
This Sunday April 20
May 4 and 18

When the last tomato plant has been pulled out, summer is officially over. Angela had the most spectacular and prolific tomato crop.

For me there is pleasure and sadness making tomato chutneys, passata and pickled tomatoes. They will be reminders of summer in winter, but nothing beats a freshly picked tomato and basil salad.

But now there is space for more winter vegies and around the garden, brassicas are doing well and garlic shoots are peeping above the soil.

There's a lot on this Easter weekend. On Sunday there is the **WORKING BEE**, Anglesea Easter Market. And don't forget the AIDA AGM at 4pm and Community Forum at 4:45 – *Connecting Aireys & Beyond* in the Community Hall. Aireys Inlet CFA, Community Garden, Tourists and Traders and the Fairhaven Surf Lifesaving Club will be participating.



Around the garden

It is good having greater certainty about the future of the garden for the next few years at least. It will be good having input to the Surf Coast Shire's Aireys Inlet Structure Plan – we should keep thinking about how the community garden can become an even more important resource for the Aireys Inlet, Fairhaven and Moggs Creek community in the future.

The April 6 working bee was a great success with about 20 members helping out. We harvested potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers and New Guinea 'beans'.



We planted garlic, peas, parsley and cabbages. The lawn mower effectively turned tomato plants into mulch and fine looking compost from our bins was spread around the garden.



On April 20 we will be harvesting more potatoes and figs if the birds have left us any! There is more garlic to plant and more winter vegies.

Plus morning tea and a chance to catch up with fellow gardeners.

Did you try the so called New Guinea Bean? It's actually a gourd that tastes like beans but you cook like like zucchini. We weren't that impressed as it didn't have much flavour.

King Parrots



These beautiful birds thoroughly enjoyed our tomatoes.



They clearly overindulged and sometimes their crops were clearly distended. They appeared 'drunk' and were barely able to walk let alone fly. But recently there have been 2 deaths in the garden - The parrot on the right died later that day. Have they died from overindulging or something else? I haven't been able to find anything about drunken parrots, but observing them after their binge eating it wouldn't surprise me that too many tomatoes are not a good thing for parrots. However, it is a reminder to use pesticides that only affect the target pest so we don't inadvertently harm birds and other animals.

Upcoming Events

- April 20 Working Bee
- April 20 AIDA community forum
- May 4 and 18 Working Bees



APRIL 20 2014 CONNECTING AIREYS & BEYOND

A community forum

This forum is being organised by AIDA (Aireys Inlet & District Association) to share the great work of four important community organisations in our town - that make a difference to all our lives!

Aireys Inlet CFA, Community Garden, Tourists and Traders and Fairhaven Surf Lifesaving Club. Come along and hear more!

Find out how to get involved with our brand new Surf Club

Hear how the Community Garden makes a difference

Learn what role the Tourists & Traders play for the town

Understand how to play your part in the work of our CFA

COME ALONG TO THE COMMUNITY HALL

Everyone is welcome

AIDA AGM 4.00pm