



**Community Garden 3231
Newsletter
November 2013**

**Next Working Bee
Sunday
December 8**

**End of Year Party
Friday
December 13**

**Spring Planting and Garden News
From Terrence and Kim**

The Spring planting ran very well with 15 members sharing the work. The garden team had propagated tomatoes rocket, two types of lettuce and other plants from seed and brought the seedlings along to plant. The salad bed is looking good. Beetroot and parsnip seeds were planted.

The sun shone and the weather was balmy. We cleared away the peas as they had finished and prepared several beds for summer crops. However, there wasn't any manure so there is more to be done.

A bed of Kipfler potatoes was harvested and quickly snaffled for that night's dinner.



Next working bee we will need some soil replenishment in the fallow community plots and a final layer of manure and soil in the top tank bed in readiness for pumpkins. The manure should be here soon!

Garlic needs to be dry to mature. Let's hope the rain will ease off now for the garlic to mature. If you are watering please don't water the garlic - if it begins to look shabby it is because it is dying down, not because it needs water.

Ready to pick – broad beans, mizuna, herbs, and rainbow chard. Soon there will be potatoes, garlic and lots more!

Wondering what needs to be done in the garden? Apart from the never ending weeding, you can always put more soil or weeds in the circular garden near the tap and bay tree at the top of the garden. Also the bushes outside the fence need pruning.

Construction

A shed has been donated and the building team will erect it – hopefully this weekend. When up, the sheep manure will arrive and we'll be able to keep smelly and non smelly things apart!

Where we are going?

Over morning tea we discussed the garden's future and decided that we needed to do something to raise the profile of the garden and to increase our membership. Liz Wood volunteered to put together a PR strategy. She is currently designing a new brochure and there will be a new recruiting drive to gather more members. If you know someone who is interested in joining the garden tell them how to do so, or better still give them a membership application and tell them why they should join. Membership forms are in the shed.

Community Garden 3231 Xmas Party

This year we are celebrating the end of another successful year and all the seasons' festivities on Friday, Dec.13th.



That's right! Friday 13th! What could go wrong???

From 5.30pm onwards, come down for an evening of friends, food, wine and fun.

There will be a charge of \$5 per head to cover the cost of meat/fish to barbecue, and members are asked to bring a salad or a sweet to share.

BYO drinks.

Please indicate on the list at the garden whether you can come, and whether you will be bringing sweet or salad.

Thanks and see you there!

Garden Thoughts

We came home to find our tomato plants have thrived in their 'walls of water'. Before we left in mid September we planted 3 tiny seedlings in each. Today we removed the walls and the excess plants.

A CG3231 neighbour asked me if there are enough bees to pollinate our tomatoes. One look at the flowering broccoli shows the benefits of no pesticides – can you see the pollinators hard at work?

While there are far too many snails in our plot, plus a few cabbage moth caterpillars I spotted a couple of lady birds. Go to it 'ladies' and eat all the caterpillar eggs and larvae!



We have just returned from a fantastic trip to Burma and Laos. We ate lots of interesting food including water rat, squirrel and many unknown vegetables. The floating tomato gardens on Lake Inle, Burma, were amazing – the house below is on stilts in the middle of the lake and is surrounded by tomatoes – a huge hydroponic garden! The plants are floating and are held in place by the bamboo poles you can see. Weeding and harvesting is done by boat.



Tomatoes arrived by the boat load and were sorted and packed into wooden boxes.

Upcoming Events

Nov 29 – Dec 1 Aireys Inlet Christmas Tree Festival at the Pub, organised by the Aireys Inlet Uniting Church. Use your imagination and create a Christmas tree. See brochure in the shed or contact Keith Bremner bremnerkm@gmail.com

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