

S E P T E M B E R 2 0 1 5



Community Garden 3231

Growing food, friendships and community

Coordinator's comments

Have you had a look at the Aireys Inlet to Eastern View Draft Structure Plan?

http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/My_Property/Building_Planning/Planning/Strategic_Projects_Studies/Aireys_Inlet_Planning_for_the_Future

A hard copy is in the shed. As expected CG3231 is favourably viewed as a 'thriving community hub' and a 'valuable community asset and social hub'. Key Action 1 is to '*Facilitate the redevelopment of 2 Fraser Drive for higher density housing suitable for older persons and incorporate the community garden on the site*'.

Clearly the efforts of members made an impression. The draft Structure Plan highlights many of the benefits of CG 3231 to the community and the advantages of the current site that we detailed in our written submission, illustrated when the planning team visited the garden and repeated in member involvement in the various community engagement events. We will be submitting a response to the draft Structure Plan. You can also find out more or provide feedback at the 'Listening Post' at the top shops on Saturday 5 Sept, 12.30 to 2pm – drop by after the working bee!

The garden is looking wonderful thanks to all the Garden Team planning and members work at the working bees. See you in the garden.



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Next working bees

Saturday

5 September 2015

Planting up the potato patch, converting Bed C to a seed-raising bed, preparing the pumpkin patch and lots more!

Sunday

20 September 2015

Saturday

3 October 2015



BBQ by solar light



With a flick of the switch,
Rod turns on the lights!

It was a good night. About 24 people attended and thanks to the brazier and tarp at the end of the verandah we all kept reasonably warm.

Chicken sates, sausages and peanut sauce with a great variety of salads and sweets were enjoyed.



The lights were officially turned on by Rod and made for a really successful evening.

Tania



There are lights under the verandah ...



Many thanks to Tania and Sue for making the night such a success ... what a team! Tania prepared the sates and Sue cooked. And the brazier is a huge success, thanks to Alastair who magically made it from a donated oxy cylinder.

lights over the barbecue and sink ...

and lights in the shed.



There is also a reminder in the key safe asking 'Have you turned off the lights?'



Training program – Community Garden 3231

A Garden Training sub-committee was formed at the last Committee of Management meeting in July. Terrence Hoffmann and Marg Dunn agreed to put a program together.

The following program has been developed and will be commencing during September.

1. A learning needs questionnaire. This will be conducted using the Survey Monkey website. All members will be invited to complete the survey in an email in the next week or so. The aims of the survey are to
 - a. Determine areas of training that members currently require
 - b. Topics for the Summer Speakers program
 - c. The degree of commitment to training held by members
2. A Summer Speakers Program. This will be a series of speakers on aspects of gardening that will be open to all community garden members in the Surf Coast Shire. Costs will be kept to a minimum.
3. A set of Internet links to put members in touch with the main sources of training locally. This will be emailed to garden members next week. Hard copies of the document will be available at the garden shed as well. Members are encouraged to add to the document through their own research. It is proposed that an updated hard copy will be printed each month to place in the garden shed for use by members not active on the Internet.

Terrence Hoffmann

Recipe tip

per favour Epicure, The Age 25.8.15



Pick the tips of broad bean plants, wash and sauté as you would spinach. They have a sweet broad bean flavour (apparently).

The CG broad beans in Bed L are in flower, so pods will be appearing soon. If trying this recipe tip, pick tips without flowers, please!

Did you know?

The Aireys Inlet Tennis Club has purchased and installed a DEFIBRILLATOR.

This is a great community resource for emergencies. It is located on the external wall of the Community Hall, near the Tennis Club door.

Working Bee

Saturday 19 August

New nectarine

Good turn up of hard workers who finished all the tasks on the list except two that could not be completed. The weather was definitely on our side.

The fruit trees were sprayed with oil, extra bales of straw were added to the lemon tree wind breaks, manure was spread over most of the community beds, some herbs were shifted to new sites, and the lemon tree and adjacent plot were cleared of all but the roses and several huge plants after massive trimming, including the lavender, were transplanted to other spots.

Lovely morning tea and Tanya talked with the group about the idea of visiting some vegetable gardens in the area in the forthcoming months.

And the potatoes should be ready for planting at next weeks WB.

Barbara Evans



We've named the bed with the lemon tree in it, Bed R. A lot of work was done by Leonie, Sue and Graham cutting back, removing and transplanting overgrown shrubs.



Sue and Margaret added another bale of lucerne to protect the new lemon trees on the Fraser Drive nature strip.



Fellow gardeners chat and relax over morning tea.



SPRING 2012

Garden Team update

We've decided to convert Bed C to a seed-raising bed.

Graham Raby has made three transparent lids for Bed C (raised), which will become a seed-raising bed. We plan to germinate our own seeds in trays and punnets to plant out in Spring. If there are plants excess to requirements, we plan to pot them up at working bees and to sell them.

Call for pots

If you have any small plastic pots suitable for tomato seedlings, we'd be pleased of any donations. We plan to pot up the tomato seedlings this month, so please leave any you have in the shed in the next 2-3 weeks.

Thank you.

Rod and Gretel ... a good reason to smile and for a celebratory glass of red ... it's a cold evening, the solar panel and lights have been installed and Rod has just flicked the switch! What a difference the lights will make to our evening social activities. Thanks Rod.

