



## Community Garden 3231 Newsletter September 2016

Growing food, friendships  
and community.

**Next Working Bees: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

### ***Blossom in the garden –***

*Photo by Jen McIver*



### **Community Garden Produce**

*- Photos by Kim Neubecker  
Passionfruit in winter*



### **Community Co-ordinator**

**– Gretel Lamont**

When I came home from a recent working bee, I was grinning from ear to ear. The energy and enthusiasm were infectious. Everyone chose a job, found people to work with and got down to it, all the while talking and laughing. There was an interesting article in *The Weekend Australian Magazine* on August 13 about community gardens (copy in the shed). It mentioned things like sharing knowledge, taking home produce, physical activity and contact with the soil. But I think one of the most valuable things about our garden is the social interaction – we talk, laugh, cry, challenge ideas and introduce each other to new activities in the community. Plus we take home the best fresh produce and ideas about how to cook it. See you in the garden!

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### **A Year in Community Garden 3231**

**- Rod Tucker**

Inspired by how much the garden changes with each season, I am setting up a camera to take time-lapse photographs of the garden over a 12-month period. Powered by our solar panel, about 25 photos will be taken at the same time each day. It is impossible to get the whole of the garden in the picture, but the lens is a wide enough angle to capture most of the garden. When shown at normal video rate of 25 frames per second, this will produce a 6-minute movie of the changes in the garden over one year. Because each photograph

Fennel



Cornflowers



### Re-sale shed

Last year the garden 'earned' over \$1,100 from helping at the Re-sale shed. Not bad for not a lot of work. In fact it's fun and you never know what you'll find for yourself!

If you can help please email [daryl.love@bigpond.com](mailto:daryl.love@bigpond.com) or call him on 5289 6239.

will appear on the video screen for only one-twenty-fifth of a second, individuals will not be recognizable on the video. I will also experiment with taking images during a working bee – a good way to see how much work is done in a single morning. I'll put these on the web page so you can see for yourself. Want to know more? See me at the next working bee.

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### Summer Speakers Series - Survey

Last summer, the Education Team organized three speakers at each of the Community Gardens in the Surf Coast Shire and invited all the garden members to come. There are plans to repeat the exercise this summer when warmer nights and longer daylight hours allow us to linger over an evening discussing the talk and meeting new people from other community gardens.

What we need are your ideas. What would you like to learn more about? Is there a topic or skill you want to see demonstrated and hear more about? Give it some thought and drop me a line at [thof4@bigpond.com](mailto:thof4@bigpond.com) We already have a few great ideas and will be approaching speakers over the next few weeks. Send me your ideas in the next week and the Team will leap into action.

Regards to all, Terrence Hoffmann  
(Education Team)

### Do you have any spare paper bags?

*Our garden team would love to use them for seed saving. Thank you!*

**Did you know?** -*Leonie Mugavin*

To control pests and diseases without using any poisonous sprays in the veggie garden, don't plant the same specific vegetables in the same bed year after year. If you did you would get an incredible build-up of pests and diseases. But by moving them along and growing vegetables in different beds, you shatter the breeding cycle of all sorts of pests and diseases.

**CROP ROTATION IN OUR COMMUNITY BEDS** -*Jo Murray*

This table shows our next rotation in our communal beds.

	<b>Autumn 2016</b>	<b>Spring/Summer 2016/17</b>
<b>Bed E</b>	Root crops – carrots, parsnip, beetroot, fennel. Also spring onions	Cucumbers and zucchini
<b>Bed F</b>	Green manure	Tomatoes, capsicums, chillies, eggplants
<b>Beds H (wicking bed)</b>	Brassicas – broccoli, cabbages, cauliflower	Peas and beans
<b>Beds I (wicking bed)</b>	Green manure then leafy greens	Root crops – carrots, beetroot, parsnips, fennel

Beds A & B will have a few varieties of potatoes.

Bed D will be a new permanent home for asparagus.

Bed T will have white corn which Gretel is going to sow for the members after having a very successful crop in her own plot last summer.

***If you have any ideas and suggestions for what to plant in the garden, please talk to a member of the gardening team (Jo, Angela, Barbara, Gabriel and Kim)***

**“Outside the Fence”**

Anglesea Community House are running an online survey amongst local people to gather information about the community newsletter, Newsangle. Community gardens do get regular write ups in the publication and will continue to do so. The Community House would very much welcome your feedback on the Newsletter

The link to go to the questionnaire is below. Click on it and simply follow the instructions. It should only take a minute or two as there are not many questions.

<https://goo.gl/forms/QwhoKSjyMqKmswOj1>