



# Community Garden 3231

## What's happening in the Garden

### 29 April 2020



### What happened last week?

Went to the garden yesterday for exercise. What a joy it was to see the birds—magpies and parrots; the insects—white cabbage moths; and the humans—only four at a time—all busily employed in the garden, either nurturing and growing food or consuming it. And some of our new members enjoyed harvesting the last of the tomatoes.



*New member enjoying the yellow currant tomatoes*



*The last tomatoes!*

The part we play in the cycle of life at CG3231 is immensely satisfying. Without those pesky white moths, we'd see far less of Gretel who, single-handedly, is attempting to ensure the 100% survival of all the brassicas planted in the garden—community-shared beds and private plots.

Without a garden we'd not have the chance to welcome home friends (Barbara and Angela) who have been away.

Without a garden we'd know a lot less about

- \*\* saving and propagating seeds
  - \*\* creating compost
  - \*\* rotating crops
  - \*\* growing unusual veggies on arbors and fences
  - \*\* sharing our bounty with passersby, and
  - \*\* keeping the paths weed-free and getting the 'jobs' listed on the whiteboard done.
- Citrus grove—mulched! Pumpkins will soon be ready to share. New seedlings in community beds need watering everyday—check them out.

Thanks to Charlotte and Steve who donated a very healthy cumquat tree that David and Avril have planted in the grove. Mmmm ... cumquat marmalade.

Gotta love our garden!

Cheers from the Garden Team.



*Evidence can be seen on the adult leaves of those pesky white moths' caterpillar activity when seedlings were young,*

### From our mailbox, here's a challenge ...

#### Welcome to the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria's –Great Victorian Hanging Basket Competition 2020

Due to COVID-19 the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show 2020 was cancelled, and our Great Victorian Hanging Basket Competition could not be displayed. We had nearly 550 hanging basket entries which would have been a great tribute to the 25th Anniversary of the event.

The Great Victorian Hanging Basket Competition has now gone online in a truncated form and it is up to you to choose your favourite baskets from the basket survey. Follow the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2LFH26M> to get there.

You are now the judge! Anyone can vote. You do not need to be a member of the RHSV or of an Affiliated Society. We welcome you all to get away from Covid-19 for a short while and become a real Basket Case! Forward it on to your friends so they can participate in the spirit of the competition and "Have A Go".

The Most Popular Basket in each section and other minor sections will be announced in the Winter edition of the RHSV Gardeners' Gazette, on the [RHSV website](#) and the [RHSV Facebook Page](#).

The RHSV especially thanks all its' sponsors who have continued to work with 'The Royal' during these unprecedented times.

If you have any questions about the RHSV or the Great Victorian Hanging Basket Competition, please contact the [RHSV Secretary via email](#).

Good luck, keep safe, keep gardening and thank you for being part of the Great Victorian Hanging Basket Competition 2020!

### Keep safe and please remember

- \* only 4 people in the Garden at any one time
- \* enter using your elbow at the double gates
- \* wash your hands on arriving, before & after touching anything, and on leaving
- \* as well, wear you own clean garden gloves at all times
- \* use sanitiser, as necessary, near the sink
- \* if you can, bring your own tools

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