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Community Garden 3231

Growing food, friendships and community



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Note Seeds are being ordered for summer veggies now, so please let anyone on the Garden Team know what you would like grown in the Community Beds.



Coordinator's comments

It has certainly been a cold winter and many wiser members have been enjoying warmer climes, but the remaining hardy souls have done a fantastic job at the July working bees preparing the communal beds for planting.

Did you notice the photo of CG3231 on the front page of Groundswell. Pity it is over 5 years old and I don't know why it is under the heading 'Capital works snapshot'.

See you in the Garden.

Gretel

Next working bees

Saturday

1 August 2015

Kim will demonstrate how to prune fruit trees.

Individual plot advice available from Garden Team.

Sunday

16 August 2015

Saturday

5 September 2015

Working Bee

4 July 2015

Citrus trees for food sharing

Three citrus trees were planted on the nature strip on Fraser Drive – two lemons and a lime. CG3231 has decided to adopt a 'food share' policy whereby we share food with the community. The citrus will be part of our offerings. You will be hearing more on this in due course.

Weeding the garlic bed

Debra (right) got to work weeding the garlic bed.

Conrad (left) built protective 'barriers' for the citrus using bales of lucerne, to protect them from the southerly winds.



Preparing the potato bed

James did a spectacular job preparing the potato bed. First he whippersnipped the overgrown area next to the strawberry bed (right). Then he dug it over, before adding sheep manure and lucerne (far right). The plan is to plant four different varieties in Spring.



More brassicas

As some of the early brassicas had done so well and were pretty much over by June, we decided to plant another lot. Leonie planted cauliflower in Bed K and Caryl weeded in Bed where the broccoli is still producing side shoots.





CG3231 Goes Solar

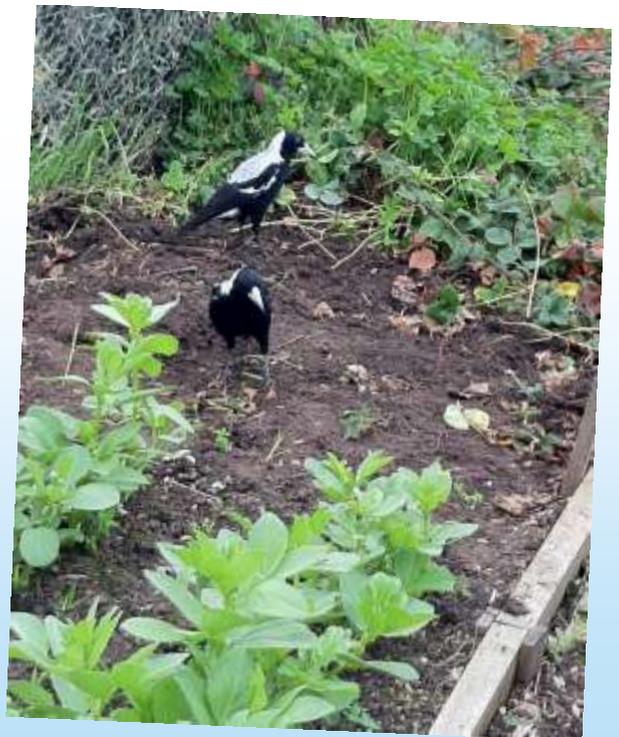
Thanks to a grant from the Surf Coast Shire, CG 3231 now boasts a solar- lighting system. A solar panel on the roof of the shed charges a battery which powers lights in the shed, under the veranda, under the pergola and over the sink and BBQ. The battery will keep the lights running for about 4 hours.

If you use the lights, please make sure that they are turned off when you lock up.

Many thanks to Rod for researching the system for us and to Daryl and Rod for installing it (left).

Magpies come to visit

Everyone is welcome at Working Bees including the magpies. It is just so nice to be digging up in the garden or pulling out excess strawberry plants when along hops a magpie or two looking keenly at the newly dug earth, watching for movement. They know the look of good, wormy soil when they see it and while the young magpies squawked, the parent birds grabbed the worms. Just as well the worm farm has that sturdy roof on it or we might not have worms.



Help yourself

When you visit the garden, don't forget to look in the 'Help Yourself' crate on the table outside the shed for freshly picked vegetables.

At the moment there is a pair of gardening gloves that were found. Do they belong to you?

Working Bee

19 July 2015

Good Working Bee on a gorgeous sunny winter's morning.

We achieved about a third of the tasks on the whiteboard. Good, given that there were only four men and six women there. Hope the others are sunning themselves in warmer climates.

Rod and Daryl have made good inroads into placing the solar panel - that should be finished soon.

Graham fixed the worm farm. Terrence gave us moral support. Gretel, Tania, Megan and June weeded the garlic and asparagus beds, cut the green manure and dug it in. Tania fed the leafy greens and us. Trudy and Frazy tied up the sweet peas and helped me put some compost into bed H - more to do on that front.

I replanted the sage to the pizza bed after removing the lavender and digging some compost in. Gretel planted perennial tarragon in that bed as well. As a result we weren't able to complete all the Hefty" jobs, because the men were focussed on the solar lighting. thingee.

Thanks everyone! We got a lot crossed off the list!

Gay

