



## Community Garden 3231 Newsletter

Growing food, friendships &  
community

April 2019



### Dates for your diary

#### Working bees:

**Saturday 6 April and Sunday 21 April from 9am**

**Green Living Festival- a mini sustainable living festival:  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April, Anglesea Community Garden**

**Waterers are urgently needed - please put your name on the  
sheet outside the shed.**

**Always needed for our compost: shredded paper; grass clippings; manures; egg shells and kitchen green waste.**



### **From the Coordinator:**

At the last COM meeting we decided to proceed towards incorporating Community Garden 3231. Currently we are auspiced by Anglesea Community House and have public liability insurance through them. Advantages of incorporating are that we are able to manage our finances, which will make life easier for all. Also we'll be able to independently apply for grants and work directly with other organisations. Watch out for a meeting to vote to incorporate.

### **HELP URGENTLY NEEDED**

Leonie is resigning as secretary on May 31 as she heads off on a long road trip. Leonie has been a fantastic secretary and will be missed greatly. A few people have said 'next year – I'm too busy now' but we need someone NOW. There will be lots of assistance, lots of laughs and good fun.

We also desperately need assistance with communications – final checking after Heather has put the newsletter together and sending out, updating the web page and posting things on Facebook. Again you will be helped.

We always love having new people working on the various teams – it is fun and you get more of a say on what we do in the garden.

**See you in the garden.**

**Gretel**

## From the Garden Team

### Coming soon

Changing of the seasons is happening and the garden is looking a bit empty as we get ready for our new plantings of autumn and winter vegetables. Brassicas, leafy greens, root vegetables, broad beans and others are all planned. We rotate crops to maximise health and productivity around six community beds. The noticeboard above the sink will soon have a list of what is going where to help you find things and to guide plantings at working bees.

### Friends

We need **Friends** to help look after particular activities and crops in the garden. If you are able to help keep an occasional eye on an area (a small team for each would be great!),



please sign up on the list on the shed in any area of interest. This is a great way to learn more about a particular crop and get involved without having to commit too much time. The garden team will be available for help and advice as required.

Also, you may not be aware that garden members collect vegetable waste from most of the local hospitality businesses to add to our compost. This reduces food waste going to landfill and feeds our garden. Can you offer to understudy one of our collectors when they go away or are unavailable for some reason? Please let us know through the garden email.

### Garlic



Three years ago Garlic Rust (*Puccinia allii*) was found in the garden. It was decided not to grow garlic for a time as the disease spreads extremely easily. The garden team have decided to have a controlled trial this season. We have sourced some particular bulbs to reduce the risk of infection (we hope) and

will plant garlic in one of the round wicking beds. If you have a plot and want to grow garlic, we ask you to join our trial in the following ways:

- Plant only cloves sourced from us. Let us know if you want some.
- Improve drainage in your plot if possible. Add compost, mound soil for planting.
- Avoid adding manures or fertilisers: rust is encouraged by high nitrogen levels.
- Dunk cloves in alcohol before planting (BYO vodka or alternative!) to kill any rust or mites before planting.
- Do not water. Rust loves wet leaves. It is unlikely your plants will need winter irrigation at all. No overhead watering to avoid contaminating yours and other plots.
- Plants should be spaced at least 10-15 cm apart to improve air flow.
- If you see any signs of rust (flecks of white, then orange spores) on leaves, spray with an organic fungicide (there will be some in the shed). If no improvement, plants must be removed to green bin and garden team notified.

It is very likely that we still have rust spores in the soil. They can spread very easily so we really need your help by following the above measures and working with us. We love growing garlic so fingers crossed. Thanks all!

## Sustainability

Make sure to visit the Green Living Festival at the Anglesea Community Garden precinct, McMillan Street, Anglesea on Saturday April 13.

From tiny homes to big ideas, the festival is about thinking seasonally, growing locally, living sustainably and having fun along the way!

There will be activities and events happening all day including a range of free talks and demonstrations – wicking beds, edible weeds, attracting beneficial insects, worm farms, speed-date a stylist, tiny homes, vegan and vegetarian cooking, sourdough bread making, chooks and more. Workshop bookings are essential. There will be a tiny house display, an electric vehicle display and a pop-up market.

Go online to Facebook: [greenlivingfestival](#) or [www.greenlivingfestival.com.au](http://www.greenlivingfestival.com.au) for all the details and to book for the free workshops.

Remember to take your reusable shopping bags and coffee cups.

### Recycling

With the current recycling crisis let's continue to:

**AVOID** things that will become waste

**REDUCE** the amount of waste we generate

**REUSE** items

**RECYCLE** to recover materials

**REPAIR** to keep good things in use and avoid having to produce more

For more ideas, check out our AGM guest speaker, Katie Traill's post @ Towards Zero Waste Geelong on Facebook.

### Outside the Fence

#### Launch of the Home Grown Workshop Series 2019

This year as part of Councils' Local Food Program, we will be hosting a series of free community workshops and events. These events are for both beginner and more experienced gardeners alike and will cover a range of topics from how to design your own productive garden, building great soil, bee keeping and edible native gardens.

Upcoming workshops:

## April

- Taste & Tour- Cloudhill Diggers Garden- Community Garden networking event: Friday April 26th

For the full list of the FREE 2019 workshops and to book visit:

[www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/environment/local-and-sustainable-food](http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/environment/local-and-sustainable-food)

or Contact Local Food Officer, Sarah Bolus on [sbolus@surfcoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:sbolus@surfcoast.vic.gov.au)

A poster for the Green Living Festival. The background is a light teal color. At the top, the words "GREEN LIVING FESTIVAL" are written in large, bold, orange capital letters. Below this, the date and time "April 13, 10-4pm, McMillan St Anglesea" are written in a smaller, black font. In the lower-left quadrant, the text "FROM TINY HOUSES TO BIG IDEAS" is written in bold black letters. Below this, a list of activities is provided: "POP UP MARKET", "TINY HOME DISPLAY", "WORKSHOPS", and "KIDS ACTIVITES & MORE". To the right of this text is a stylized illustration of a pink bicycle with a basket full of orange flowers. At the bottom of the poster, the website address "www.greenlivingfestival.com.au" is written in bold black letters.

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