



Community Garden 3231

Growing food, friendships & community

October 2021

From the President

Dates for your diary

Working bees:

- **Saturday 2 October 9am**
- **Sunday 17 October 9am**

Welcome to new members

Valentina, Ian, Elysia and Marcus Abbott, Julie & Jon Beck, Michele Meehan, Alanah Parente and Mario De Pasquale & Maureen Flannery.

We are on Instagram and Facebook [communitygarden3231](#)

While we may not have gardened together much these last few months, in between lockdowns and restrictions easing, there has been a lot happening in the garden.

When you come to the garden next you will notice some pretty substantial changes going on. Our Building and Maintenance Team have been very busy! Keith, Barry, John and Scott assisted by Rod and a few others, have been getting on with the job of renovating our entry area. This work was identified in our master plan as a key element we wanted to improve.

The master plan brief we developed in 2020, outlined the need for a more welcoming and attractive entry for the garden. We have a beautiful pedestrian gate, but we haven't been using it. The sour cherry and fig trees had grown, and the gate was a bit lost in all of the vegetation. So, after receiving a generous donation of timber from Dave Hutchens at Timber Zoo, and the fine work of our talented team, we have replaced the rotting posts, created a new retaining wall and installed a structure for climbing plants (passionfruit would go well!). So, when you do visit the garden please use the 'new' entry, it's beautiful. Thanks Lads!

Another significant bit of action is the arrival of the shipping container. This coming working bee we need help to empty the contents of the shed into the shipping container. Once this is complete, we can begin the job of renovating our shed transforming it into our social hub! If you know of a kitchen being renovated - we're on the lookout for second-hand benches and cupboards.

Some sadder news is that the CG3231 committee has made the difficult decision to postpone our 10th birthday celebration which was scheduled for the last weekend in October. We realised that we were not prepared to compromise our event in terms of how many people could be invited to come. We want this to be a party for past and present members, and the people and organisations that have helped us along our journey. We will let you know the date for this celebration.

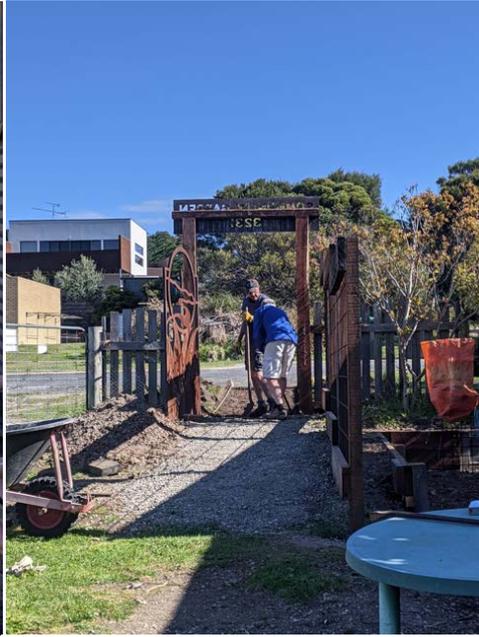
If you're about, I hope to see you this weekend in the garden, and we will get our hands dirty together!

Liz

Entrance Renovations



Conrad 'working out.'



Scott and Barry preparing the entrance



Admiring their fine work – Barry, Scott and Keith



Scott and Keith hard at work



Keith and Scott preparing the trellis

From the Garden Team

While lockdowns have made it difficult for everyone, we managed to fit in 2 working bees in September. The 'pop up' working bee was a great chance for people to get their hands dirty, have a chat and help get the garden ready for summer.

The normal Sunday working bee saw even more done, with beds moved, seeds planted and produce harvested and shared. Thanks to Kate B, who is stuck in Melbourne, for sharing her vegies with us.

A great job was done removing kikuyu and nasturtiums from behind the compost bays – we are planning on keeping the fence line weed free. New members Mario and Maureen arrived with Mario's Nonno's white bean seedlings. Some have been planted, along with tromboncini and pepinos, on the arbour. It should be spectacular in summer.

Have a look at the new net on the apricot – we are trying a new technique with a tent like net that just sits on the branches.

Our parsnips have been extraordinary. Grown from seeds from Anglesea Community Garden, they were very difficult to harvest as some were over 50cm long and well and truly stuck in the ground. Fifty centimetres is greater than the depth of soil in the raised garden bed – it shows that our soil improvement goes deeper than bed.

With most of the brassicas and carrots harvested, we are ready to plant zucchinis, spaghetti squash and more. The potatoes are growing well, and N, O and P have been planted with herbs and spicy greens seeds.

Have a look at the new raised beds where beds A and B were – we hope to keep them weed free and grow happier plants. In the future we plan on installing more wicking beds that reduce water consumption and have easier weed control.

See you in the garden (hopefully). In the meantime, stay safe and dream of tomatoes.

Gretel for the garden team



Our parsnip crop this year was a cracker with large and small parsnips aplenty shared by those at the two recent working bees.

What herbs are in the garden

The garden has a wide range of herbs for your culinary needs. Some are within the garden and can be accessed by members; others are outside the fence and the broader community is welcome to pick as they need.

What herbs are in the garden?				
	Herb	Perennial (P)	Annual (A)	Bed
B	Basil			O
	Bay			L (top end)
C	Chervil			O
	Chives (common)			Trough near shed
	Chives (garlic)			Community bed
	Coriander			P
D	Dill			O
K	Kaffir lime (leaves & fruit rind)			L (top end)
L	Lemon balm (leaf tea)			Trough near shed
	Lemon grass			Food Field
	Lemon verbena (leaf tea)			Food Field
M	Mint (common)			Trough near shed
	Mint (Vietnamese)			Trough near shed
	Mizuna			N
O	Oregano			Trough near shed
P	Parsley (Italian & curly)			P
R	Rocket			N
	Rock Samphire			Trough near shed
	Rosemary			Top bed & Frank's bed
S	Sage			Beside shed
T	Tarragon (French)			Trough near shed
	Tarragon (Russian)			Top bed
	Thyme (common)			Pot near shed
	Thyme (lemon)			Pot near shed



The pretty pink blush of the new growth of our strawberry grapevine.

Beyond the Fence



The Great Ocean Road is being impacted by rising sea levels, extreme weather events and storm surges. Coastal erosion and cliff collapse are occurring with increasing frequency and severity. The threats to fragile ecosystems, beaches, the liveability of coastal settlements are increasing, and along with the significant risk to a sustainable future for local tourism, these changes are growing cause of local stress.

Discussions around risk, responsibility, social impacts and economic loss are becoming more frequent and intense. The solutions are complex. However, while the stakes are high responses by government agencies are only at an early stage of development.

In response to these issues the Great Ocean Road Communities Network (GORCN) has organised a four-part Webinar series to explore climate change and coastal erosion.

The sessions will all be on-line at 3pm on 18, 19, and 21st of October and on 8 November. They will be open to everyone in the community.

To register for the sessions, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/177607146757>

During the first three sessions, some community members will join with professionals with expertise in areas such as geomorphology, marine and climate science, and the social and legal implications of coastal erosion to share what is happening now along the coast, what the science is telling us, and the very real social and legal implications that we face.

During the last session Victoria's coastal agencies, the **Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority, DEWLP, Regional Roads Victoria, Surf Coast Shire, Colac Otway Shire**, will respond to the issues and outline the short, medium and long-term plans for the road.

The moderators will be ex ABC reporter, Zoe Daniel, ABC Science Show presenter, Robyn Williams and well-known science broadcaster, Dr Gael Jennings.

The Great Ocean Road Communities Network (GORCN) was established in 2020 to provide a united voice on shared interests and issues to the governments and agencies with responsibilities for the coast, the Road and its hinterland as well as the broader community. GORCN aims to facilitate communication and coordinated action and will advocate for the shared interests of the groups guided by the principles of environmental sustainability, community benefit and socially responsible tourism.

<https://greateoceanroadvoices.com.au/gor-futures-2/local-community-engagement/gorcn/>