



Community Garden 3231

Growing food, friendships & community

April 2022

Working bees:

Saturday 2 April from 9am

Sunday 17 April from 9am

(You may find an Easter egg
growing in the garden)

***We are on Instagram and
Facebook***

communitygarden3231

Check out our new website at:

cg3231.org.au

From the President

Another summer has slipped away.

We have had two mild summers in a row which has been kinder on gardens - no scorching of plants or having to erect temporary shade structures. Yet it was a very good tomato season!! It's time again to start preparing beds for winter crops.

You will have noticed the shipping container has gone and our sheds have multiplied! We have new storage space for tools and have managed to keep our renovated shed clear of gardening things! A huge thank you to Keith and the team for the work they've been doing behind the scenes.

Now that we have a clean space to store things it's time to promote the fact that we have an excellent supply of crockery, cutlery and glassware which we are happy to loan to members for parties etc. So if you are planning a party and keen to reduce waste or save on party hire, consider this as an option. All we ask is that you replace any breakages (op shops often have wine glasses) or contribute to our supply with a new box of glasses. All you need to do is contact someone on the committee to check out what we have available and make a booking.

I had a delightful encounter with two young visitors to the garden over the weekend. They stopped by to have a rest and a snack, on an expedition to look for skinks. So lovely to see local young people enjoying the ambience of the garden.

Catch you in the garden soon

Liz



Our newest shed. Bonnie and Pemma visiting the garden looking for skins.

From the Garden Team

Autumn is certainly a time of big changes. The tomatoes will all be gone soon, zucchinis have given us last feeds, the carrots, corn and beetroot eaten, and remaining grapes have been turned into grape juice.

The first new wicking bed has been put in place with the promise of new crops. More carrots, beetroot, lettuce are in the ground. Plus the first brassicas.

Come along to the first April working bee and try new tastes with pepinos and tomatillos ready to eat. Plus more potatoes, apples and more. Start looking up recipes for broad beans, although it may take a while before they are ready to eat. Soon we'll be planting garlic.

Gretel, on behalf of the Gardening Team



Working hard at our last working bee to prepare the garden for winter plantings.
Our one and only pomegranate

Aireys Inlet Primary School

The community garden is supporting Aireys Inlet Primary School to renew their kitchen garden. During a working bee at the school on Saturday, four garden beds which had been overtaken by kikuyu, were emptied, lined with weed matting, and refilled with new soil. They are now all ready to plant some winter vegetables. There are still more beds to tackle, and we look forward to helping the school set these up and supporting them with advice as needed. If you have any excess seedlings when you are planting out your bed, please consider donating them to the school for their new beds. There is a red crate on the table where you can leave them. Thank you.

Kate Bulling



A productive working bee at the school

What's growing in the garden?



The figs are coming along. 'Kim's' garden bed is growing. The corn is ready to pick



Great produce from our twilight working bee.