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Community Garden 3231

Aireys Inlet, Fairhaven, Moggs Creek, Eastern View



Working Bee Sunday 11th July

by Terrence Hoffmann

Over twenty garden members braved the cold but threatening sunshine to help out at the Sunday working bee.

Laurie began by reminding us all that we need to sign the members' agreement to meet our legal obligations, Kim showed us how to build a no-dig garden, and then it was into the manure (so to speak).

After harvesting about 9 or 10 trailer loads of Blazing Saddles' finest horse manure earlier in the week, the gardeners wheelbarrowed, newspapered and straw baled their way into the task at hand. Big thanks to Daryl, Keith, Alastair and Laurie for their efforts in gathering the rich harvest.



The next working bee will be on Sunday August 1st starting at 9.30am

This will be an all day working bee with a barbecue lunch. Please bring something to barbecue, and your gloves and gardening tools.



Individual plots were the primary target and nearly all were set up ready to plant. The next working bee on Sunday 1st of August will be the turn of the shared garden plots.

At the end of the morning we all went to the Red Cross BBQ at the Hall where we enjoyed a lovely lunch and met some new people.



The only casualties from the event were the four lonely shovels and a single gardening glove left behind. They have been taken in, washed, and garaged awaiting their owner's return. Email Terrence for details of the missing friends at thof4@bigpond.com





What would you like?

What would you like to see growing in the community garden plots?
What would you like to see demonstrated at the working bees?
What are you planning to plant in your garden plot? What would you like to see in the newsletter? Write in with your feedback to Trudy at trudyw@westnet.com.au and we will publish your letters in the next newsletter, and consider your ideas for the garden.



Garden Gates

Two garden gates designed by Bill Jackman will be cut out of steel and installed at the garden. Bill has kindly agreed to let us use his design as the logo for Community Garden 3231.

Planting for July/August



Now that some beds are ready to plant, get your skates on and start planting. Here are things that are perfect to plant now:

Artichokes – both globe and Jerusalem
Asian greens, lettuce, rocket and other salad greens
Blueberries, grapes, raspberries, strawberries
Mint, oregano, parsley, tarragon, thyme
Peas, potatoes, spinach, spring onions, swede, turnip, parsnips

There are more besides these, but look at the website on community gardens for more advice
www.communitygarden.org.au

You could also ask Kim, our leader of the Gardening Team, for tips.



The Vegie Patch at the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens

by Trudy White

In mid June, I visited the Vegie Patch at the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens in Hobart. It was utterly freezing, there was snow on Mount Wellington, and I felt sorry for the banana tree huddling against the brick wall.

The patch has a tamarillo grove, berry canes and espalliered apple trees alongside six main vegie beds, which were growing both crimson and white broad beans, garlic, cauliflowers, cabbages, radishes and spring onions.

It was really inspiring to see how beautiful a vegie patch can be.

