



# “Let’s get growing”

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## April 2013 Newsletter

Dear Gardeners,

Hope your Easter break was restful and enjoyable with family and friends. Autumn is upon us, time to cut back, revive the soil and plant for winter. Think about brassicas like broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage, and peas, spinach and broad beans all could go in now.

Big thank you to Paul who is getting a handle on plot allocation and plot maintenance, and to Peter who has been chasing up fees and keys. On Open Day many people commented on the site and how things have developed. Carolyn Payne gave some workshops on no dig gardens, which was of great interest to all. Some of her handouts are in the HUB, so help yourself to them.



Carolyn presenting a no dig garden method on Open Day.

### **Permaculture Workshops presented by Carolyn Payne at the Garden and HUB** (Healthy Urban Building)

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Permaculture Food Growing 9.30am – 4.30pm  
\$60 (half price for members ie \$30)

Weekend 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> May – Introduction to Permaculture 9am – 4pm  
\$120 (again half price for members ie \$60)

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Permaculture Food Forest 9.30am – 4.30pm  
\$15 inc lunch (members free, but could you donate towards petrol etc.)

These workshops are open to friends and the public.

Contact Pauline [hrlypln5846@yahoo.com.au](mailto:hrlypln5846@yahoo.com.au) or on 0429 928 511 to make a booking. Details of course content attached to the newsletter.

### **WHAT’S NEWS?**

- Raffle on Open Day was won by a visitor from Portland.
- We had 22 members and 30 visitors attend on Open Day and raised \$244 towards fundraising. Thanks to those members who supported this day.
- I have been reminded that those members who don’t have email and haven’t paid \$20 for postage need to read their newsletter in the HUB. We cannot print it out as I thought, as the cost for ink is too high. Sorry about that. I will still leave your pockets in the HUB for general notices and messages.
- We have purchased more chairs for the HUB as well as mats for the air lock entrance.
- Robyn is back taking orders for manure etc. Order forms are in the HUB – pop yours in her pocket or give her a call on 0450 719 917.

## MEMBERSHIP

We have 69 members and 54 plot holders. Of the 69, 5 are from Organizations. There are 3 plots vacant.

Welcome to all our new members! There has been quite a turnaround with plots this year and I sense a busyness getting the soil ready for planting. Please ask if you want help with anything, hopefully you'll be directed to the right person and/or pod. To understand better our organization detail refer to Appendix 1 and 3 attached to the Rules and Guidelines. Back copies of the Newsletters and Committee minutes are in the HUB.

Part of our membership agreement is to put back into the Garden an average of 1 hour per week. This may sound daunting but can be achieved in many forms to benefit of us all eg.

- attending meetings, eg committee/general/pod
- discussing garden development
- helping out at events
- working in the communal plots, watering/weeding
- general weeding of pathways
- cooking produce
- sewing towards fundraising
- potting cuttings, looking after same
- newsletter articles
- cleaning, laundry/tidying shed/washing HUB floors
- working in the Greenhouse (when ready)
- repairing tools
- looking after strawberry patches
- building skills
- attending working bees (monthly)
- administration work

the list goes on.....but imagine if every member just did just that little bit, what our Garden could be like.

Let me quote two comments I've heard recently,

"Quite a few members are treating the garden and its facilities as a service provider rather than a community/volunteer based facility"

Overheard by a committee member when discussing asking for 1 hour per week as a member community contribution "I knock that over several times a day".

The General meeting held last Saturday was a tad disappointing with one third of the membership attending. Big congratulations to the Governance & leadership Pod (Geoff, Julie and Clare) for the many hours they spent on the Rules and Guidelines. If you happened to miss this part of the meeting, we take it that the missing members are in broad agreement, understand the document and had valid reasons for not attending. **A critical part of the document is rule 2.2.1 and affects your ongoing membership of WCG.**

We do keep a register of those who make a contribution in some shape or form eg the suggestions stated above. Members must note that when we say it's a 'must attend meeting' there are valid reasons for doing so.

Geoff Rollinson – Convener. (0409 963 163)

## **DID YOU KNOW????**

For those of you who knew or worked with John Amor, a passionate conservationist who did some amazing work in our area, there has been a correa named after him. John died suddenly about three years ago, and I think this is a great way to acknowledge and remember him. I am presently trying to per cure a plant for the garden..

The Friends of the Botanical Gardens, Warrnambool and staff visited the garden last month – about 12 in all. Some have become members so we hope to see more of you soon and continue a liaison with the group.

Guided walks of the Botanical Gardens are conducted every second and fourth Sunday of the month commencing 2.30.

If you wish to hold an event at the Botanical Gardens you can get a booking form at Warrnambool City Council or download one on their website.



Marg and Chris preparing some of our produce for pasta sauce.

## **HUB (Healthy Urban Building) REPORT**

We have purchased a second whiteboard for bookings only. This can only be filled in by me, Pauline, just use it for your information.

With winter approaching I have brought some matting and a boot scraper to use at the air lock entrance. We intend to make some changes to the airlock space near the toilet/washroom. More information in the next newsletter, but basically this will be the main entrance in future once the locks are changed.

The HUB provides respite from the weather, tea/coffee and toilet facilities for garden members and work for the dole crews. There are photos to look at, books to borrow from the library or just browse through, information about sustainable living and upcoming workshops as well as community activities. There is also a display wall explaining the Pods and their activities and their goals. Near the fridge are pockets for you to communicate to Pod leaders.

Periodically WCG members will come together and cook up some extra produce. Some is used to sell as a fundraiser, some for a shared lunch together. A big thank you to all those hard working members who cook, make crafts and conduct the fundraising stalls at events. Any other members who would like to help with these activities please make yourself known to me, Felicity, Jenny or Clare or just leave a note in the HUB.

Pauline – HUB Co ordinator

### **REQUEST**

Before going out to buy these things Jenny has asked me to inquire if any members have **some hand tools** at home we could use in the garden. We seem to be in short supply. Just leave them in the shed. We also need **some shelving** to use in the sheds – has anyone got some out there they don't need? Contact Jenny via her pocket in the HUB.

Thankyou.

Quote “You can bury a lot of troubles digging in the dirt.”

Happy Gardening,  
Felicity Jackman  
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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
**Committee Meeting**  
@the HUB 7.30pm.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
**Working Bee**, members get together and Produce Swap – bring along any of your excess produce or preserves to swap or purchase for a donation.

Week of 13<sup>th</sup> May is **Volunteer Week**. Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, we will provide lunches for our volunteers who work in the garden, weather permitting we will fire up the Pizza oven. All welcome, just let Felicity know for catering. Pop a not in her pocket in the HUB if you would like to come and celebrate together.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
WCCouncil workshop on Sustainable House Design 7.30 in the HUB.

Does anyone know what happened to 12 pumpkins that went missing last week? Some members had been carefully nurturing them over the past few months, and to see them disappear is heartbreaking. Please *do not* pick anything on the site without permission.

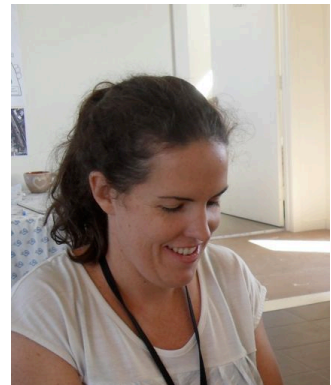




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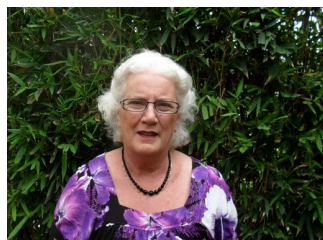
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