

# "Let's get growing"

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# July 2013 Newsletter

Dear Members,

Although winter is often a cold and wet time of the year with minimal garden activity, there has been a lot going on at WCG!

There has been progress with the greenhouses, installation of a new solar pump system and new security lighting installed around the HUB. Robyn and her communal plot team have been working hard and the area looks great. Phil and his crew have constructed some steps near the water tank. Fruit trees have been pruned. Mesh for the gabion seating has arrived and plans are afoot for a shelter to be built in the centre of the site.

On a less noticeable level, the various Pods (sub-committees) have been working on the strategic areas that make the garden tick. These areas are: Governance & Leadership, Finances & Funding, Site Planning & Development, Communications and Education & Training. The Site Pod is the largest and has several area coordinators who meet on a monthly basis. Each Pod reports to the monthly WCG committee meeting. There are many hours of behind the scenes work that goes on!

We know many of you have joined WCG because of the "community" aspect. So...the next opportunity to meet other members and to participate on a family friendly/social level is the **Produce Swap/Working Bee on Saturday 10**<sup>th</sup> **August.** This will be followed by a hot lunch, short General Member's Meeting, then a short presentation about the sustainable features of the HUB.

Some of our newer members may not be aware that there are fantastic opportunities for your input and assistance both on an occasional basis and also as part of a pod. With big events such as the Dirty Weekend, workshops and fundraising activities, there are heaps of opportunities for members to share the load and get involved!

Hoping to see many of you on  $10^{th}$  August  $\odot$ .

### Happy gardening! Pauline



## **GREENHOUSE UPDATE**

Apologies: In the last newsletter we failed to mention Peter's help with the greenhouse covering. Belated thanks for your help Peter – much appreciated ©.

Keith, Barry, Grant, Sammy and Alex have spread gravel over the ground. It is hoped the compacting will be done in the next two days. The benches need to be collected on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July. We need 4 men to please meet at the garden at 2 pm. If you can help, please phone Pauline on 0429 928 511 or 0408 167 282 as soon as possible. Thanks!

Robyn, Clare and the communal plot team are getting their potting gear, seeds etc organised and hope to be growing within the next couple of weeks.

If you would like to use the greenhouse and/or assist with the running of it please complete the form attached to this newsletter and put it in Pauline's pocket in the HUB. Thanks!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Dry stone Wall Workshop (it'll rock!)

October 12 & 13th

#### WANTED!

Two very large pots suitable for relocating the blueberry plants in the communal plot. Please see Paul or Robyn ☺



**LOOKING FOR WAYS TO HELP?...**BUT UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN WORKING BEES?

Good news! The buzz from the bees is that there are many other ways you can contribute to the overall running of the Community Garden...for example:

- Fundraising stalls
- BBQ's and/or produce cook ups
- Cleaning and maintenance tasks
- Assisting with big events like the Dirty Weekend
- Taking photos for the WCG album
- Sharing your skills or knowledge related to gardening or sustainable living
- Participating in decision-making or organising some of our events

Please ask about any of the above by putting a note in my pocket (on the side of the fridge) in the HUB, ringing me on 0429 928 511 or by emailing the Secretary – Evonne – as per the letterhead. Thanks, Pauline

#### **THANKS**

We'd like to thank Stephen Coveny from Local Electrical & Solar Service and David Mathieson from Battery World for their work on installing the new solar panel, pump and battery system. David and Stephen have asked us to express **their personal thanks to David Mitchell**, our Deputy Convenor, for building the framework for the appliances. Thanks on behalf of everyone David!

The next Committee Meeting is

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August

7.30 pm

You can request items to be added to the agenda by writing or emailing Evonne (our Secretary). The agenda is then emailed to all members prior to the meeting.

# Craft-a-noon

1st & 3rd Sunday of Each Month

2 - 4 pm

Bring your small craft project or even your mending. Share your skills over a coffee and chat with others. Pauline is happy to show beginners how to knit.

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**Crochet lessons** 

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August

2-4 pm

Marita is back. Join us in the HUB for a relaxed learning experience.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August

**Working Bee/Produce Swap** 

10 - 11.30 am

**General Member's Meeting** 

& Hot Lunch

11.30 am

Followed by a short presentation about the HUB's sustainable features

(e.g. solar system, tank, worm farm, building design)

The HUB is generating 5 - 6 kW/day electricity and we are only using about 1kW per day. Good news for the grid!

**DIRTY WEEKEND!** 

Includes....

Food Forest and other great workshops

October 12th & 13th