



## Garden Tours and Activities

- Show students what can be achieved in gardens – *inspiration and aspiration.*
  - Mixed gardens. *What most schools will do on their own site.*
  - Monoculture gardens. *How supermarket vegies are mostly grown.*
- See, touch, smell.
  - Herb garden. *Smell, taste & feel.*
  - 450 litre worm farm. *Learn, feel, & see.*
  - Big hothouse. *Walk in and feel the air.*
  - Chooks. *Get close, make friends.*
- Have tours focused on your group's needs.
  - Guided tour with discussion. *Educational and/or play activities available.*
  - Pollination / pollinators.
  - Companion planting.
  - Growing and using herbs.
  - Enriching / improving soil. *Mulch, compost, worm tea, and advanced ideas like biochar and rock minerals.*
- Discuss your curriculum support needs.



## The HUB Educational and Kitchen Space

- Commercial kitchen.
- Meeting room / classroom.
- Outdoor gathering area.
- Wood fired pizza oven.



## Bush Food Garden

- Still a young garden, so essentially a WCG research project into what native foods will grow successfully in what Warrnambool conditions.
- Locally endemic species (eg river mint) as well as better known sub-tropicals (eg finger limes).
- Being developed with input from both local lore and commercial bush food producers.



## The Old Quarry

- Future development space, but for now a possible site for extended investigations.
  - Geography, history, construction – Warrnambool's last working sandstone quarry (last worked early '60's).
  - Use in conjunction with reclaimed areas such as Tower Hill and the Tozer Reserve to look at land reclamation processes.
  - "Own" a section for a period of time – maybe experiment with weed reduction or strip a section back to bare dirt and observe weed colonisation over time.



## Visit the Chooks

- Poultry in suburbia.
- Get close.
- Lots of breeds.
- Great recyclers – with some limitations.





## Broad age range

- Preschools and kindergartens.
- Primary schools.
- Secondary schools.
- Post-secondary.
- Tours and activities, or actually play a role at WCG.
- Mud kitchen & kids' garden.



## Gardening design and soil improvement

- Garden layout in terms of hard design.
- Soil composition and amendment.
- Flat garden beds, raised beds and terracing.
- Plant positioning for sun.
- Composting and using composted products, animal manures, green manures, soil testing, mulches ...
- Worm farms & composting toilets.
- Companion planting – soil enrichment, pest deterrent, beneficial attractants, ...



## Warrnambool Community Garden (WCG)

**A great resource for a wealth of educational opportunities. Just a few of these are:**

- Gardening – almost any aspect of gardening you can imagine, from just coming for a look to long term growing on site. Get ideas for school gardens and advice from experts in successful cultivation.
- Outdoor play for young children – mud kitchens, children's' garden, chooks ...
- Science – endless opportunities in a site that varies from highly managed gardens following organic principles to the feral wilderness of the quarry.
- Art – endless opportunities from photography to collage to drawing to ... wherever your imagination leads you.
- Geography – close access to the old quarry wall. Linking the quarry to the use of local products in building. Overlooking one of Warrnambool's largest drained swamps (the racecourse area).
- History – this site involves or overlooks important sites for local indigenous history and local 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> century industrial history.
- Food technology – vegetables & fruits, herbs, bush foods, backyard food production, ...



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*WCG ... an educational resource for the Warrnambool and district community*

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