



“Let’s get growing”

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June 2013 Newsletter

Dear Members,

Tina and I are preparing this month’s newsletter because Felicity has resigned from the committee and her many roles within WCG. Felicity leaves huge shoes to fill. She has an enormous capacity to organise large events such as the Open Days, Dirty Weekends and fundraisers such as Bunning’s BBQ’s.

Felicity has been involved in WCG since the early stages and has continued to contribute vast amounts of time, effort and donations to help get the garden where it is today. As well as being the Newsletter Co-ordinator she headed the Marketing & Communications Pod, was the Events Co-ordinator, a committee member and a member of the Education & Training Pod.

Felicity is responsible for keeping the photo album up to date therefore maintaining a valuable record of the history of WCG. She has also been key in putting WCG on the community radar.

We are all very grateful for all the hard work, time and energy Felicity has given to the garden and the community.

Hopefully this newsletter finds you all well and warm as the first frosts of the winter arrive.

Pauline.



In the Garden in June

Broad Beans

Cabbage

Cauliflower

Garlic

Kale

Kohlrabi

Lettuce

Peas

Rocket

Silverbeat

Snowpeas



WHAT'S ON IN JULY?

- Commencing **Sunday 7th July** the HUB will be open on the first & third Sunday from 2-4pm for **Craft, Coffee & Chat**. Both males & females are welcome for informal skill sharing and socialising. Bring along your small project & meet other members.
- Our **Crochet** tutors are unavailable for the present however, when either of them is available we will recommence crochet lessons.
- Our next Committee Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10th July** in the HUB at 7.30pm. A call for agenda items will be made via email prior to the meeting.
- The next working bee & produce swap scheduled for **Saturday 13th July has been cancelled**. The frequency of these events is currently being reviewed.
- From **Saturday 20th July** our associate member group "art4" will hold their meeting and art activity on the **third Saturday of the month** from 10.30am to 4pm. Whilst members always have access to the toilet we ask that you have your tea/coffee/meal breaks during the **SHARED TIMES** of 10-10.30am, 1-2pm, 4-4.30pm.

COMING UP IN AUGUST

- Saturday 9th August **General Meeting 12 pm** in the HUB
- Wednesday 14th August **Committee Meeting 7.30pm** in the HUB

WHAT'S NEWS?

- **Christian Schultink** is now our **Librarian** and his wife Rebecca will cover our books for us. We have a small library of books & DVD's in the airlock section between the main room and the toilet. The borrowing period is for 2 weeks and it is a condition of borrowing that you provide your contact details in the borrower's book.
- The **Food Forest Workshop** by Carolyn Payne scheduled for Saturday 15th June was postponed and will be rescheduled for August at a date to be confirmed. The DVD "Establishing a Food Forest the Permaculture Way" by Geoff Lawton has been doing the rounds. Christian is overseeing the borrowing of the DVD as it is currently not part of our library.
- Minutes from the General Meeting held on June 8th and the Committee Meeting held on Wed 12th have been sent as an attachment to this newsletter.

WANTED

- Drawer suitable for card filing system for library cataloguing. Contact Christian on 0439 732 688 if you can help.
- Can you donate a small, easy to use microwave for the HUB especially so the Work for the Dole crews can warm up their lunch on these cold, wet days? Contact Pauline on 0429 928 511 (WCG phone).

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND:

- 1 man's watch with broken band
- 1 red wooden beaded bracelet

If you lose or find something at the garden please contact Pauline or place the item on the desk area near the bookings whiteboard with a note of explanation.

Something of Interest

Sunday **28th July** is National Tree Planting Day (supporting Coastcare)

Can You Help?

We need assistance with fundraising and upcoming events. Are you a photographer? Would you like to take photos for our photo album? Contact Pauline on 0429 928 511

HUB Update

- **Water Situation:** The current pump is faulty often resulting in no water flow and not being able to flush the toilet. Dave is overseeing the purchase of a new solar panel, deep cycle battery and new pump. If you experience the abovementioned problems please notify Pauline on 0429 928 511 (WCG phone) OR 0408 167 282 (private).
- **Kitchen Equipment:** Thanks to the Eat Well Be Active program we now have approximately \$1000 worth of new cooking equipment to be used in conjunction with the EWBA program which emphasises eating healthily and cooking food grown at the garden and at home.

UNATTENDED PLOTS

Members Please Note:

Re: Rule 3.2.8 Policies & Guidelines 2013

If you are unable to attend to your plot for a period of time please inform the Member Plot Co-ordinator (Paul Horsnell). If you arrange for a non-member to care for your plot in your absence please **Ensure the non-member signs the visitor's book in the shed each time they enter the garden for insurance purposes.**

FLAG SYSTEM

Re: Rule 3.4.14

The Committee has endorsed the introduction of the following flag system:

- If a plot has been unattended for 3 months a yellow flag is erected on the plot and a letter of notification is sent, allowing two weeks to attend to the plot.
- If after two weeks the plot has not been attended, an orange flag will be erected and a letter allowing a further two weeks to attend to the plot will be sent.
- If the plot has not been attended at this stage the plot is automatically forfeited and a letter of forfeiture is sent.

A NOTE FROM THE CONVENOR

The Finance and Funding POD through Clare are looking at funding opportunities for a shelter in the grassed area in the middle of the main plot area. This is a result of the site development priorities listed as a result of the member survey and collated by the Site POD (thank you to those members who contributed to that survey). If you'd like to have an input into the development of this facility, let me know by email or phone call 0409 693 163 and we'll add you to a working group list.

Geoff Rollinson

GREENHOUSES

The first greenhouse is very close to being operational – just waiting to be fitted out. One half of this greenhouse will be shared with WDEA.

A special thanks to Barry, Sam, Grant, Keith, Suzanne, Dianne & Robyn for putting the covering on the second greenhouse on Thursday.

Keith Fisher is the nursery co-ordinator and will be assisted by Dianne, Suzanne, Keith McLeod, Andrew and Pauline.
