



# “Let’s get growing”

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## February 2013 Newsletter

Greetings all, February in the garden.... A time for harvesting – whether it be beans, onions, potatoes, tomatoes, zucchinis or in some cases weeds. It is hard to remember what it’s like mid-winter with all this beautiful weather. There is a lot happening in the soil and also out and about around the garden, the HUB and beyond. Happy February and happy gardening! ☺

I would like to thank Tina who has changed the format of the newsletter for 2013. Hope it’s more user friendly.

Also a big welcome to our new members, pop into the HUB anytime and say hello.

*“Every time you water the garden you also water the weeds”* The Waifs.

### Ways you can help our garden

- Some of the tools need repairing, pickup near the blackboard.
- There is a visitor’s book in the shed. Please get them to sign in for OH&S.
- We want to start a no dig garden bed on site near the HUB. Can you bring along any old newspapers to spread over the ground?
- Shed Cleanup – please try and keep it tidy.

### JOBS for MEMBERS

If you have a spare moment but can’t get to a working bee....  
Weeding and watering is the flavor of the month!

- Weeding / watering around the trees
- Weeding / watering the front garden beds in and out of the fence
- Weeding pathways
- Weeding / watering the community patches

### What’s News?

The Roundup Crew cleaned up under the Hub. Thank you! (OH&S)

Barry’s Team has nearly completed the veggie beds near the HUB.

Bruce has erected some cute mobiles in his plot to protect seedlings

**37 members, 20 paid up plot holders.** Please attend to this ASAP, especially those members renewing.

All Pod Groups have had meetings out of Committee and are formulating Pod Objectives.

We are changing ‘Garden Days’ back to ‘Working Bees’ as there has been some confusion with the name. Working bees are to be held each month alongside Produce Swap.

**The next Working bee will be on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March** which will be a good time to meet other members and Produce Swap all your extra vegetables, preserves etc.

## MEMBERSHIP & PLOT RENEWALS

It's that time of year again.... Please attend to membership and/or plot renewal by the end of this month (February).

Even if you have paid online.....please remember to fill in those forms for

Membership Renewal

- answer all questions on membership form
- Sign and return to the Treasurer or leave at the HUB

Plot Renewal forms

- Please sign and return to treasurer
- Please confirm your key number also

Extra forms are in the shed file or in the HUB. Thankyou.

## REQUEST FOR SEEDS

Jenny, one of our members is involved in the 'Giving Garden' project in Cambodia. She is looking for seeds to send over and would prefer any fruit or vegetable seeds either hand collected or organic. If you can help leave them (marked) at the garden or drop them off at the Warrnambool Mini Golf on Pertobe Road. Thank You. There will be a local group going back to Cambodia in October.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** – Sustainable day @ the Civic Green 10am till 3pm. We shall have a stall where you are welcome to help out.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February** – Fundraiser @ Bunnings, 9am till 4pm.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March** – Working Bee @ the Garden 10am till 12 noon, a great opportunity to meet each other and do some jobs together to keep the general garden area looking great.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March** – Produce Swap, bring along any extra vegetables, preserves, herbs, flowers etc you would like to swap. Community members are welcome too.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Committee meeting 7.30@ the HUB.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Open Day @ the garden, 10am till 2pm. Please keep this date free as we need as many members as possible to help showcase our site. More to follow in next newsletter.

WORKSHOPS IN THE HUB WILL COME UNDER A SEPARATE NOTICE WITH BOOKING INFORMATION INCLUDED.

*Due to popular demand....*

### Zucchini Pickles

- 1kg zucchini
- 2 large onions
- 1 red capsicum
- 2 tsp salt
- 2 ¼ cups white or cider vinegar
- 2 tsp mustard powder
- 2 tsp ground turmeric
- 2 tsp corn flour
- 2 tbsp white or cider vinegar (extra)

Dice and place zucchini, onion and capsicum in a bowl, add salt and mix well. Leave to stand for 3 hours. Drain well.

Combine sugar, vinegar, mustard powder and turmeric in a saucepan and bring to the boil, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Add vegetables and boil for 25 mins. Mix corn flour to a paste with extra vinegar and stir through. Cook for 2-3 mins more or until thickened.

Spoon into warm sterilized jars and seal. Eat now or store in cool dark place until your zucchinis start growing again next year. 😊

Makes approx. 1.5 litres.

## REPORTS FROM THE Pods

**Governance and Leadership:** are working on the policies and guidelines for the garden, as well as roles and responsibilities for specific areas.

**Finance and Funding:** are looking at grant opportunities, financial reporting, follow up of key ownership, budget, and petty cash needs.

**Site Planning Maintenance & Development:** are working on  
1. Comprehensive Site Plan, 2. Maintenance 3. Nurseries,  
4. Security, 5. Working Bees, 6. Communal Plots,  
7. Food Forest, and 8. Pest and Weed Control

**Communications:** are looking at effective ways to communicate, eg. flowcharts. They are working on forming a 'cloud' for the membership database, updating the website and updating the Membership package. Planning events, fundraising and the newsletter publication all are under this Pod.

**Education & Training:** Looking at workshop ideas, booking and overseeing. Also Visitors and Excursions (from schools) to the site.

Everyone involved in these Pods are volunteers so the process can be slow, however we are moving forward *and* sharing the load. If you have anything to contribute let us know, either by email or via pockets in the HUB.

### REMINDER

Our Work for the Dole teams come Tues/Wed with Phil and Thurs/Friday with Barry. It is important that members realize that Jenny liaises with Phil and Barry as to what needs to be done and Phil and Barry manage their crews, not members.

*'Emotional tensions and gardening are incompatible, it is nearly impossible to be angry when admiring your first ripe tomato'* James Crockett



Happy Gardening,  
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Don't forget there will be a **General Meeting** for members after the Working Bee on Saturday 13 April in the HUB. This will be your chance to have a say in our current developments.

I have placed some pockets attached to the fridge in the Hub for members to communicate to Pod leaders. If you have ideas related to that Pod share them.

Pockets will also be used for those members who aren't on email and have indicated a preference, to pick up their mail at the HUB. This will help save postage so thank you.

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### ATTACHMENTS TO THIS NEWSLETTER

1. List of workshop ideas for your comment. Please indicate order of preference and place in Pauline's pocket in the HUB. Thankyou
  2. Order form for pea straw, hay or lucerne from Robyn.
  3. HUB Report
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