



# “Let’s get growing”

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## Nov/Dec 2012 Newsletter

“A Gardner is someone who believes that what goes down must come up!

“The hand that’s dirty with honest labor is fit to shake with any neighbour.”

Best Wishes to all our members for a Happy and Safe holiday season!

### APOLIGIES

My apologies for not sending out the November newsletter, too much on my plate that month. (I had side dishes too!)

### ANNUAL SURVEY OF MEMBERS

A full review of the 2012 Survey of members is in the minutes folder in the HUB. Common threads seem to be:

1. People generally love being at the garden – it’s a peaceful, social productive place.
2. People are pretty amazed at what has been achieved by the committee and volunteers.
3. Sense that its time to slow down and consolidate – focus on some of the details. Don’t overwhelm or wear people out by taking on too much.
4. Take time to make it clearer who is responsible for what and to make and communicate policies or guidance about the details – eg. the community garden areas.
5. Find ways to continue to improve communication with and among

what is planned at the garden.

6. Provide more opportunities for social gatherings and ways for members to contribute.

Special thanks to Julie who put together this comprehensive report to members with what is working well, and suggestions or ideas collated under each strategic area to improve on. Thanks also to the members who participated.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members of the WCG Committee for 2013 were elected as follows:

**Convener** Geoff Rollinson

**Assistant Convener** David Mitchell

**Treasurer** Peter Jackman

**Secretary** Evonne Dart

**Public Officer** Andrew Gray

**Site Coordinator** Jenny Gent

**Marketing & Communications** Felicity Jackman

**Sustainability Education Coordinator** Pauline Hurley

Additional Roles were accepted;

**OH&S Coordinator** Pauline Hurley

**Grants Officer** Clare Vaughan

**HUB Coordinator** Pauline Hurley

**Nursery Coordinator** Andrew Gray  
(interested members Marita M., Keith Fisher, Ann-Maree McMahan and Kieth McLeod)

**Volunteer Coordinator** Jenny Gent

**Newsletter Coordinator** Felicity Jackman  
(interested member Tina Reilly)

**Membership Coordinator** Robyn Drechsel  
or Tina Reilly

**Events** Felicity Jackman or Emma Charlton

**Plot Coordinator** Paul Horsnell

Thank you to those members who have put their hand up to take on a role and help share the load as we move forward.

## WHAT'S NEWS?

- **Bring along your Christmas Tree to be used for mulch in the garden on Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday January 9<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Warrnambool City Council for providing the mulcher and Jenny for arranging this.**
- Our 'Carrots by Candlelight' was attended by 30 odd members and friends and special thanks go to Emma who did a fun quiz with us. It was a memorable night.
- Membership and plot fees will come out in January, please be prompt in payment.
- **Please take all your daily rubbish from the site, especially from the HUB as the ants will find anything left around!**
- First Aid stuff is in the Hub. Please record *any* accidents/incidents. Pauline has agreed to be our OH&S officier.
- Overheard in the garden, 'How do you know when the potatoes are ready?' 'You tickle them like a bandicoot and see – look I'll show you'

## MEMBER PROFILES



**Name:** Keith McLeod **Plot:** 45

**Lives:** Warrnambool **From:** Grassmere

**What got you involved in the W.C.G.?** Lack of space at home and I wanted to get back into it ie. growing vegetables.

**Do you have your own veggie patch at home?** A small one.

**What days do you come?** Weekends

**What do you like about coming?** I enjoy the fruits of my labor, I like the serenity and meeting other members.

**Garden tips?** If it grows it grows. Listen to what others say too.

**Favourite vegetable?** Carrots, snow peas, raw beetroot.

**Philosophy on Life?** Always listen to your wife, that's the wisest thing I can say.

Keith is a diligent gardener, always turns up for garden days and works hard with the team. He is a little obsessed with the pathways and leads us by example as to how to keep them clear. His garlic crop this year was impressive as you can see below.





**Name:** Pauline

**Plot:** No plot

**Live:** W'Bool      **Originally:** Cootamundra

**What got you involved in WCG?** I have been involved for a couple of years, I used to do the raised garden beds. Now I am keen to be involved in the HUB

**Do you have a veggie patch at home?** A small one.

**What days do you come?** Varies

**What do you like about coming?** I like to social interaction and the ambiance of the place.

**Garden Tips?** No, I am here to learn!

**Favourite vegetable?** Pumpkin

**Philosophy on Life?**

Pauline has enthusiastically embraced running the Hub. She is well organized and has lots of

ideas. She is a good listener too. Pauline is involved in LETS. She is also our newly elected OH&S officer. Pauline is an example of one member who knows her skills and is happy to offer them to the club.

## COOKS CORNER

### FELICITY'S BRANDY SAUCE

3 tablespoons butter  
2 tablespoons flour  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup caster sugar  
pinch salt  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
5 egg yolks  
1 cup beaten cream  
brandy to taste (3-4 tablespoons)  
1 cup boiling water

Blend butter and flour over stove and cook. Remove from heat and add 1 cup boiling water, sugar, salt and vanilla. Return to heat and stir, cooking till thick. Remove from heat again and add 5 beaten egg yolks. Continue to beat for about 2 minutes. (at this stage the sauce base can be frozen till needed) Cool in refrigerator, then fold in beaten cream. Add brandy to taste.

## EVENTS

All member are welcome to come to committee meetings. If you have any specific item to raise please notify our Secretary, Evonne, through [info@communityhub.net.au](mailto:info@communityhub.net.au) or the post box on site so she can add to the agenda. We would like this 1 week beforehand please i.e. the first week of the month as all committee meetings are the second Wednesday.

JANUARY 2013

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January,** bring you Christmas tree to the gardens for mulching.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January,** Committee meeting 7.30 at the HUB.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January**, Garden day get together 10am onwards followed by shared food and catch up.

FEBRUARY

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**, Committee meeting 7.30 at the HUB

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**, Sustainable Living at the Civic Green (W.C.G. will have a stall)

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February**, Bunnings BBQ fundraiser 9am – 4pm.

This calendar of events will be growing as we introduce workshops so keep posted via the blackboard, whiteboard in the HUB or word of mouth, email etc.

Have a lovely Christmastime,

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