



“Let’s get growing”

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GREEN GUIDE

Geoff Jamie and Ian are to be congratulated on the publishing of the Green Guide, launched on the Open Day. When I congratulated Ian he said, “Jamie and Geoff should be commended for bringing this idea to reality. These two guys continue to amaze me.” Well they amaze us too. They have certainly been instrumental in putting the Warrnambool Community Garden on the map. The Guide is available at the Hub or Warrnambool City Council and there will be two more issues I am told.



Ian Fitzgibbon, from Warrnambool City Council launching The Green Guide at the Hub Opening.

I don’t believe the half I hear

Nor quarter of what I see

But I have one faith sublime and true

That nothing can shake or slay

It is that each Spring, I firmly believe anew

All that the seed catalogues say.

HUB OPENING SUN 9th SEPT.

What a fabulous day we were given for this. The sun shone, we had approx 300 visitors and we raised \$1000 with the raffle, BBQ, produce, craft and plant sales.

However, the week before the opening I wondered if we would ever complete the Hub to a reasonable standard. I underestimated the amazing ability of Geoff, Dave and Jamie who worked day and night and called in a few favors to boot. Thank you guys for all you have done since that Hub was installed. You had the vision and it is something to be proud of. When I saw those signs go up indoor, it brought everything together.

The Saturday before the Hub opening we called on members to help finish things off and tidy the site generally. A *big* thank you to the following members who turned up and worked *very hard*, what a team effort! Geoff, Dave, (with friend Jeff) and Jamie again, Paul, Mark, Marty, Keith, Mick, Jenny, Madia, Anne Maree, Suzanne, Felicity, Andrew, Bruce and Julie. Enjoy the Hub facilities knowing you have done your bit.

Special mention to Geoff Whyte, Ian Fitzgibbon and Phil and the Roundup team for their efforts too.

Raffle winner was Angela O’Brien.

We would request that only Phil and the Roundup Team, and Bob Sobey use the mowers and the whipper snipper. The wrong petrol was used in the whipper snipper, which has destroyed it, at great expense to us.

These items should never leave the site.

WHAT'S NEWS

The best news is we have been successful in obtaining a grant of \$3000 from the Warrnambool City Council Community Development Fund. This will be put towards the major kitchen items eg fridge, cooktop and oven. Thank you to Clare who applied for this, fantastic result.

With the purchase of the cooktop we received a free set of saucepans too.

Billingtons offered to clean our windows for free before the event. Much appreciated, give them a call.

Tafe group have a plot and come on Tuesdays.

Garden bed along fence line will be used for beans and a passionfruit vine.

Planting for summer started in Community area.

Post box repainted red, please use for communication.

Strawberries have been replanted for summer.

There was a meeting last month with Warrnambool City Council and the Garden committee on updates and mutual benefits. It proved beneficial to meet across departments and meet each other face to face. Thanks to Geoff for instigating this.

ALLOCATION OF PLOTS

Please do not indicate to new members what plots may be available. Only Suzanne has the right to do this, just refer them to her. Some new members are talking to everyone within earshot and getting mixed messages! Since the open day there is a waiting list for plots. If you intend to give up your plot please let Suzanne know asap with a note in the letterbox, or email her wcgtreasurer@gmail.com

Moved house? Changed email or phone?

Please update you details NOW

info@communityhub.net.au or via the post box.

MEMBER PROFILES



Name: Jenny Gent **Plot No:** No plot but coordinates the large Community plot.

Lives: Warrnambool **From:** Warrnambool

What got you involved in WCG? My daughter Marty said why don't you come along and help?

Do you have your own vegie patch at home? Yes

What days do you come to WCG? Tuesdays and Saturdays.

What do you like about coming? Working in the open air and forming friendships.

Garden tips: Don't stand on the little plants!

Favourite food: Fresh vegies (except broad beans).

Philosophy on Life? Always look on the bright side.

Jen has been an active member since the start. She is passionate about the Community patch (produce of which goes to the local food kitchen or the Eat well be Active program). Jen always has a smile to share and is a wealth of knowledge in many practical ways. She is on the committee and puts her hand up whenever needed. She does a bit of crochet and knitting too! Jen's major roles are site planning, maintenance and development, and coordinator of volunteers. So you can see she is quite a busy lady, help her when you can.

The stuff in the shed eg. lime, snail bait etc on the table, is for the community patch *not* for general use. Thankyou



Name: Kath Merrett **Plot No:** 34

Live: Warrnambool **Originally from:** Cobden

What got you involved in WCG? I went to the original public meeting. I wanted to meet like-minded people.

Do you have your own vegie patch at home? Yes, small but I *love* growing things.

What days do you come to WCG? Mainly weekends, sometimes Tuesdays.

What do you like about coming? Peace and quiet.

Garden tips? Make up your own fertilizer by soaking couch grass and leave to rot. Then dilute and use on plants. the rotted couch can be dug back into your bed.

Favorite food? All vegetables

Philosophy on life? Be happy.

Kathy scoots around in her chair and achieves amazing things. She likes to do tricks! She grows vegies and flowers and helps bring bees to us all. Always happy to lend a hand and attend member functions. Kathy helped sell raffle tickets on Open day and did a great job too. Thanks Kathy.

Please note that **wasps** have been seen around the Hub area. If you notice where they are coming from jot a note on the whiteboard for us to attend to them. Meanwhile with summer approaching, please do not leave food or drinks around unattended.

GARDEN TIPS

Dig your nails into soft soap, before digging them into the soil, it will help keep your nails clean.

Use newspaper as a mulch, shredded.

Egg shells can be dried in the oven then crushed and sprinkled around plants to keep snails and slugs at bay. They can also be fed back to the chooks for shell grit.

Plant out tomatoes now for summer harvest.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Now the weather is picking up we thought Saturday at the Hub for a cupper and a chat with fellow members would be a good idea. Just come along, and be friendly! We want to hear you ideas, and maybe some shared advice. **Starting this Saturday 12 onwards.**

Saturday September 22nd Garden Day, Produce swap, BYO plate to share. 12 onwards. Lets just enjoy the garden after all our hard work.

Saturday 27th October Dirty weekend, all day workshops

If you hear that anyone had some mould on their Lemon butter please tell me. One batch made early seemed to have this and I would like to replace or refund them. Any lemon butter made will be in the fridge from now on!

A LITTLE PLEA

We are desperate for more jars with lids for our produce stall. Have you any at home???? Also if you can't cook for us could you donate things like butter, eggs and sugar to go towards our cooking for fundraising? Just leave them in the Hub and I will pick them up. (please name who it is from so we can thankyou too) It would be so helpful, as presently I am paying for all this. Thankyou.

Lets finish with three Big Joys to work towards

Relax more,

Share more,

Co operate more,

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