

## Insurance and Incorporation

A while ago the church decided that the gardens needed to obtain their own insurance.

In order to do that we needed to incorporate as an association. We have now completed this process, hence the addition of the Inc. on the end of our name.

**Remember: Safety First Always and if you don't know Ask!**

## Visit

A few months ago Aimee had a group of girls from Santa Sabina College in Strathfield do some odd jobs at the Wesley Centre.



One of the jobs was to plant 100 daffodil bulbs in the Eastern perimeter bed. The girls were helped by Anne Bollen.

As well as planting the bulbs sweet peas were planted in a couple of old wheel barrows. The sweet peas are looking good despite the interest from our feathered friends who seem to take delight in pulling out new seedlings.



Unfortunately the bulbs were knocked around quite a bit when we planted the the four cherry trees. However, a good few of the bulbs have come through their ordeal and are now starting to flower - just in time for daffodil day.



## Tree Planting

A few weeks ago our bare rooted trees arrived for the perimeter beds. There was a good roll up to help with the planting and pruning. The TAFE students, lead by Di, were a great help and their expertise ensured the trees will get off to a good start once the warm weather arrives. The planting consisted of a persimmon for the food forest and a peach, nectarine, two pears, two plums, four cherries, four hazelnuts and two currants for the perimeter beds.



## Plant to Plate

On Saturday the 22nd August the U3A held their "hands-on" talk at the garden. This month the subject, presented by Ray, was planting seed for Spring and Summer crops.

Ray showed the class numerous inventive ways of planting seeds in order to get a good strike rate. Amongst the seeds planted were tomatoes and lettuce.

A couple of the carrots, planted a few months ago, were harvested to show the class the results of their handiwork. Next month the subject of the talk will be planting seedlings for a late spring and summer crop.



**Next Talk at 10:00 Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

## Friday mornings in the food forest



It's so lovely to see our fruit trees bursting into blossom after a long cold winter!

We had an excellent composting morning recently where Ray

advised, Di and Raina shovelled and a big team collected green materials to give the compost a nitrogenous boost. We've largely chopped and stacked the silky oak branch that fell near the church, so that will be great firewood for next winter.

Some poor performers have been removed from the food forest, including the tagasaste (tree lucerne) and a boysenberry. We planted a persimmon tree in July and I hope this develops into a beautiful little tree.

We've extended the trellises for the choko and grape vines, anticipating lots of summer growth.

Di is tending to the worms, and we're doing endless weeding, cutting back and tidying.

Thanks everyone for your contributions to the food forest over winter.

## Morning Teas

Morning tea in the gardens is a long tradition.

There is something special about having a break for morning tea after weeding or planting and talking to our fellow gardeners.

We would like to all our gardeners to now include their own cup with the hand tools that they bring to garden sessions.

Anyone forgetting to bring their own cup can use a recyclable paper but we would like a gold coin donation to keep the supply of paper cups topped up.

## Water Feature Mosaic

Pat has finished his bee mosaic painting and it looks especially fine.

The solar powered fountain and water plants will be coming soon.

## Recycling

Please bring clean glass jars with metal lids, seedling pots or trays and egg cartons for us to reuse.

## Spring Equinox BBQ – Sat 19th

Following on from the very successful winter solstice BBQ we will have our Spring Equinox wood BBQ **starting at 3pm on Sat 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

So bring your own food and a little more to share and a gold coin donation in the money jar.

We will provide the Tea, Coffee and some cold drinks but you need to bring the rest.

The U3AA Cappella choir will sing again and we would like to encourage everybody to bring a musical instrument and join in the singing.

## Opening Hours

Just a reminder of the opening hours where the gates are open and anyone is invited to visit:

**Wed: 10:00 to 12:00 (Brian)**

**Fri: 10:00 to 12:00 (Raina)**

**Sat: 10:00 to 12:00 (Pat)**

## Fund Raisers

We now have to raise more funds to be a viable and self financing association. We will shortly be raising seedlings for sale on Saturdays and hope that our members will contribute to upcoming events like the Bunnings sausage sizzles and cake stalls

## Magazine Article

The gardens will be featured in "Your Vegie Patch" magazine possibly in the Nov or Dec issue.

## Garden Competition

Pat has entered us in the garden competition. Any help in tidying up will be appreciated, see Pat.

## AGM

Now that the incorporation has been finalized and we have our own insurance policy the AGM will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October in the GCG gardens at 2:00pm.

Nomination forms are available at the GCG office shed in the gardens and completed forms can be posted to our PO Box 143, Goulburn NSW 2580.

Nominations close 1<sup>st</sup> October at 5pm.