

Our Aims and Objectives

- 1) To build a sustainable, supportive community of gardeners and custodians for the local environment.
- 2) Promote the growing of organic, sustainable food and plants by education and by practical example in the garden.
- 3) Promote Permaculture as a sustainable system of growing food.
- 4) Promote the conservation of nature, the protection of the environment and the attainment of an ecologically sustainable society.

Permaculture Special Interest Group

The Permaculture group met on Sunday 18th October in the gardens. It was a great success with many old friends getting together over a shared lunch.

It was decided to form a Permaculture Special Interest Group (SIG) in the gardens that would meet on the second Sunday of the month from 10:00 to 14:00.

The meetings will have the same format of bringing your own lunch and something to share.

David will continue with a wider Permaculture email list and other permaculture working bees will be decided at the new regular meetings in the gardens.

Bunning's Generosity

We would like to thank Bunnings for their donation of some garden tools and also for their help in weeding and planting in the food forest.

Opening Hours

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

Fri: 10:00 to 12:00 (Raina)
Sat: 10:00 to 12:00 (Pat)

GMC Sponsored workshop #3

Worm farming – Saturday 24 October 10 – 11am

Worms are nature's composters. In return for your food scraps they will help you build healthy soil and healthy plants.

This workshop will cover the benefits of worms in the garden. We will explore the Community Garden's bathtub worm farm, then we will take a commercially available kit and demonstrate how to fill it with bedding and worms. This ready-to-go worm farm will be available for sale on the day.

Morning tea will be provided and there will be the opportunity to have a guided tour of the Community Garden afterwards.



Robert Emerson (in red), the Mayor and Ray Shiel admire the worms in the Goulburn Community Garden bathtub worm farm.

Summer Solstice BBQ – Sat 19th

Following on from the very successful winter solstice and Spring Equinox we will have our Summer Solstice BBQ **starting at 3pm on Sat 19th December.**

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 U3A A Cappella choir will sing again and we would like to encourage everybody to bring a musical instrument and join in the singing.

Goulburn Connects

Goulburn Connects is Goulburn's sustainability festival. This year it will be held on Sunday 15 November at the Recreation area on Braidwood Road from 10am - 4pm. There will be displays, demonstrations, workshops and performances. The Community Garden is an important part of the sustainability community in Goulburn and we would like to be involved.

Today in the gardens we decided to have an information stall, talking about the Gardens, handing out brochures and selling seedlings. We would love some contributions to our stall, either by

- helping to design our display and
- growing some seedlings for sale, or
- staffing it for an hour.

Please talk to Raina for more information or send her an email on ian.raina@yahoo.com.

Water Feature Fountain Mosaic

The water feature is now finished.

The solar powered electric fountain pump is operating and Pat has added water plants and five gold fish.

Recycling

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

Gate Lock

The garden gate currently has a key lock and a combination lock. While both locks are being used please make sure you relock the gate as you found it so either lock will open the gate.

Soon we will be moving to a combination lock only, could bed renters please ask for the combination next time you are at the garden on a Friday or Saturday.

Also all members need to sign the attendance sheet each and every time they visit the garden.

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 Fridays. Some Tansy and

Parsley seedling were potted up with more to come. A Bunning's Cake stall is also a possibility, please talk to Pat.

Magazine Article

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

This magazine is available in our local library.

Garden Competition

Pat had entered us in the garden competition.

The results were announced at the Lilac Festival and Pat accepted the Judge's Special Award and a \$50 voucher from Goulburn Sand and Soil

Child Safe Policy

The parents/guardians of children coming into the gardens must at all times have full and direct responsibility for the children in their care

Our Child Safe Policy will be released shortly and all members will be given a copy and adherence to the policy will be a condition of using the gardens.

AGM

The AGM was held in the gardens on Saturday 10th October and the new committee was elected:

President: Brian Spilsbury
Vice President: Di Picker
Secretary: Pat St George
Treasurer: David Graham
Committee: Raina Emerson
Committee: Anne Bollen
Committee: Irene McGhie
Church rep: David Bollen
Alt Church rep: Sid Mawbey

New Email Contacts

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