

## 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)**

Holiday closures: 25-26 December, 1-2 January

## Have you seen our new sign?

It's beautiful and painted by Cindy - our artist-in-membership!



## Great News

We recently applied to Goulburn Mulwaree council for a Community Grant. We were the only successful applicant. The grant was for a modest amount (\$917) to enable us to purchase an electric mower and whipper snipper (battery operated).

The items are now at the garden so, if you feel so inclined, feel free to do a bit of mowing and trimming. If you use either leave a note in the book as the batteries will need to be charged. Brian and Pat each have a charger at home where the batteries can be recharged. Hopefully next year we will have our own solar panel, installed on the shed roof, which will allow the batteries to be recharged at the garden.

## Making Calendula flower oil at the community garden

This month at the community garden we had many Calendula plants with a multitude of flowers so we decided to make use of them and make a healing oil for the skin.



## How to make Calendula oil from your garden:

1. Collect a jarful of calendula flowers. It doesn't matter how big the jar is but depends on how many flowers you have.
2. Dry the flowers in a warm place for a few days. Drying will reduce the weight of the flowers considerably.
3. Put the flowers in a glass jar and cover with enough olive oil to submerge them.
4. Leave the jar in a warm place in the sun for about 2 weeks shaking twice a day.
5. Strain the oil through muslin cloth into a dark jar for storage. Squeeze the cloth to get as much oil out

as possible.

6. Store in a cool dark place.

### Uses for Calendula oil

This is a very safe preparation that can be used externally for cuts, burns, abrasions, rashes and other skin irritations.



## Goulburn Connects

Our stand at the Goulburn Connects event on November 15<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Numerous members volunteered to set up and look after it during the day. Many thanks to Raina, Di and Jesse for all the work involved in gathering the plants from the garden and transporting them, and setting the stand up, and for those who manned the stand throughout the day. Ros did a great job providing and wrapping the books for her lucky dip box. The freshly picked lettuce went like hot cakes. We sold seedlings, gave away armloads of lettuces, and talked to lots of people about the Gardens.



## Southern Harvest AGM in the Gardens

Southern Harvest is an organisation working to develop the local food economy in our region. They will hold their AGM in the Gardens on Wednesday 16 December from 10am. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

## Your Vegie Patch, Vol 6 No 1

The Goulburn Community Garden is profiled in the current edition of this magazine - five pages long with lots of beautiful photos. Ask around at the Gardens if you haven't seen it, we have a few copies, or you can get it from a newsagent.



Robyn Ann, Brian, Sid and Raina in the Gardens (photo by Tess Holderness)

## Bits and Pieces

Pat has applied for another grant, to have some of the members do a first aid course, he has the knack of getting things for us, so our best man is on this job.

A reminder that all bed renters are to keep 1m around their garden bed clean and clear of weeds – just a little time on a regular basis is all that is needed.

U3A did a quick course on drip irrigation which was

attended by several GCG gardeners including Ray, Raina, Brian. A drip irrigation of the front perimeter beds was designed, and implementation has begun.

## The Water Feature

The water feature is looking good. The fish are thriving, some water snails have been sighted and we have had the first water lily bloom. It can only get better.



## Plant to Plate

Ray has given several more of his well-attended talks, the last two being on worm farming and watering during these summer months. As this series has been so popular, Ray will be back next year.



## 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 5pm on Sat 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Garden Competition Award

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we won an award in the garden competition, valuing \$50. Pat was on hand to collect the prize for us.



## Broad Bean Harvest

We had a very successful broad bean crop this year. We did two plantings of broad beans. This bucket of broad bean pods was a quarter of a bushel (9 litres) and when the beans were shucked yielded a small bucket of 2L or 1.4Kgs of broad beans.



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