



GOULBURN COMMUNITY GARDEN
NEWSLETTER CHRISTMAS 2017

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WAS HELD AT THE GOULBURN COMMUNITY GARDEN ON SATURDAY THE 16TH OF DECEMBER AT 10.00AM. THERE WERE 11 MEMBERS PRESENT AND 6 APOLOGIES.

THE NEW COMMITTEE ELECTED IS AS FOLLOWS:-

PRESIDENT - DIANE PICKER

TREASURER AND VICE PRESIDENT - DAVID GRAHAM

SECRETARY - PAT ST GEORGE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS - CINDI DOLAN, ELIZABETH MACKAY AND HEATHER PEARSALL.

IF YOU ARE A BED RENTER YOU NEED TO CONTACT ONE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO OBTAIN THE NEW COMBINATION FOR THE LOCK ON THE GATE.

THE MEETING WAS FOLLOWED LATER IN THE AFTERNOON BY THE SUMMER SOLSTICE BBQ AND SOME MUSICAL INTERLUDES.

MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO KEEP THE GARDEN AND FOOD FOREST AREA LOOKING PRETTY GOOD DESPITE THE TERRIBLE WEATHER WE HAVE HAD DURING THE YEAR.

THE GARDEN RELIES ON DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS AND BED RENTERS. IT WOULD BE GOOD TO SEE MORE MEMBERS TURN UP TO LEND A HAND WITH THE MAINTENANCE AND WEEDING THAT IS ONGOING.



The U3A ACapella choir entertained us at the Summer Solstice BBQ and Open day at the Gardens.



Heather and Raina went next door and clipped the ivy at the base of the Peppercorn trees that give us some shade in the north east corner of the garden. Hopefully this will kill the ivy in the upper branches of the trees and stop them from strangulation.



Our latest batch of calendula oil is infusing. The flowers were harvested from our prolific, early summer crop of calendula plants. They self seed each year making our Food Forest look beautiful.

Used as a moisturiser in the same way as argan oil, calendula oil has a similar effect but is significantly cheaper.



Process:

Gather calendula flower heads while the sun is shining.

Dry them for a week or two.

Place in clean jars and cover with olive or almond oil.

Store out of direct sunlight for 3-4 weeks.

Strain off the calendula flowers.

And the oil is ready to use.

If anyone has got a bit of time to lend a hand over the Christmas/New Year break to help water and keep the garden alive over the hottest part of the year then please contact one of the committee members. Your help would be most appreciated.

If you are going away for the Christmas break and need your bed to be watered then let one of the committee know.

**THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A VERY
Happy Christmas AND BEST WISHES AND HAPPY
GARDENING IN 2018**