

## Opening Hours

The GCG gardens has standard opening during school terms:

**9:30 to 11:30 Friday: Food forest working bee**

**9:00 to 12:00 Saturdays: U3A classes**

Bed renters have access all hours.

## Goulburn Show Results

We had some success with our entries into the Goulburn Show with the largest ribbon going to our very large tromboncino zucchini.



Our collection of cut herbs looked spectacular, another first place, too.



We also won first place with the apple jelly that Pat made from the apple tree that has been cut down with the new ambulance station construction. A second place was also obtained for an eggplant.

## Plant to Plate



We learn many things from Ray and Ros during our Plant to Plate course, here is one tidbit from our term 1 classes:

### 14 Day Compost

1. Finely shred all materials (enough to fill one cubic metre). Food scraps could go through the food processor and garden scraps through a shredder or mower.
2. Mix thoroughly with fine dry manure (chicken, rabbit, sheep, cow or horse).
3. Toss thoroughly.
4. Moisten but don't drench, about 40-60% moisture.
5. Turn heaps every few days to aerate it.
6. On the 14<sup>th</sup> day, add it to the garden.

A bit of preparation makes for a fast turn around with your compost.

## TAFE Class



The TAFE class has been working hard on the glass house construction. It's been a difficult project for the boys and has taken many man-hours but they are getting there slowly-but-surely.

The class has also planted out two beds to brassicas, onions and broad beans. Some of the students were very excited to see Marianna's goji berry plant so we worked with her to propagate some from cuttings. One of our students has become a member of the garden and has planted seeds in her own bed.

In the Food Forest we have been weeding and watering, mulching and laying bricks. We've also been enjoying beautiful figs for morning tea in the last few weeks.

## Free Workshops

We have 2 free workshops coming in May. The first is, with the support of **Southern NSW Local Health District**, a workshop learning about how to set up a wicking bed. It is on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> 10 – 12.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> is a composting workshop coinciding (nearly) with International Composting week. At this workshop we will cover both hot composting and worm farming. Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> 10 -12.

All welcome to both workshops.

## Construction Impacts



As you can see, all of the trees have been taken out by those constructing the new ambulance station. The fence is also being moved inwards as it is not correctly aligned to the property boundary. Needless to say, the impact on the garden is huge as all of our shade has been lost.

We will work to replant trees and look for shade solutions after we see what state we are in when the new fence is installed. Ideas for solving this problem are most welcome.

## Garden Newsletter

The newsletter is currently produced once a quarter. Your photos and stories are most welcome and help make for a better newsletter.

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