

OCEAN GROVE COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWSLETTER

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November in the Garden

GARDEN JOBS

- Prepare your patch! Dig in manure to garden beds & mulch
- Sow flower seeds - ageratum, cosmos, cornflower, nigella, poppy, nemisia, rudbeckia & geum
- Fertilise fruit trees

SEEDS TO PLANT

Asian greens (Pak Choy, tatsoi, mizuna), beans (climbing), beetroot, cucumbers, dill, leeks, lettuce, onions, peas, pumpkins, spring onions, tomatoes (in the greenhouse) zucchini

SEEDLINGS TO PLANT

Asian greens, leeks, lettuce, onions, silverbeet, spinach, spring onions, chives, marjoram, mint, oregano, parsley, rosemary, sage, tarragon, Vietnamese mint.

PESKY PESTS

White Cabbage Moth

- Deter with dummy butterflies or fine netting

Aphids

- A spray with the hose should knock these little nasties off the plant or a soapy spray. Avoid over fertilising plants as this makes them more desirable for aphids.



December in the Garden

GARDEN JOBS

- Watering - before 10am or after 4pm. Give the fruit trees a good soak twice a week. Plants in pots & green veggies will require daily watering and others every second day
- Cover lettuce & leafy greens on hot sunny days with a shade cloth
- Check the zucchinis and pumpkins early every morning. Assist with fertilisation if bees are in short supply.
- Continue to tie up the tomatoes as they grow to protect them from the strong winds.



SEEDS TO PLANT

Lettuce (hot weather varieties such as Cos, Oakleaf & Tango), spring onions

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Cucumber, lettuce (Cos), spring onions, sweetcorn, zucchini, basil, Thai basil

PESKY PESTS

Aphids

- Aphids thrive in hot dry weather and seem to appear overnight. They do have several predators such as ladybirds and soldier beetles so it is highly possible that they will disappear just as quickly.

MORE OF VIV'S GARDEN TIPS AVAILABLE ON THE OGCG WEBSITE

What's New Around the Garden

MID-WEEK WORKING BEE

We will now be holding an additional working bee on the second Tuesday on the month 10am-12pm. So now there's two options a month do some weeding. Fun.

MAINTAINENCE LOGBOOK

Can't make it to a working bee? No probs! We now have a logbook, located in the kitchen area to log any garden maintenance completed outside working bees and your contribution will count towards your yearly member requirements.

AGM

SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST

Thanks to all who attended! And welcome to our new OGCG Committee:

President: Vin McKay

Vice President: Jeff Harwood

Treasurer: Craig Byron

Secretary: Alice King

Ordinary Members:

- Ash Dwyer - newsletter
- Robyn Taylor - tues working bee, community plots
- Fi Cadorel - advice on seedlings & planting schedule
- Kate Thomas - social media & website
- Lyn Nurnaitis - senior citizens liason

Other roles:

- Emily Taylor - farmer's market, community plots, seedlings
- Chris Kliszing/Max Blackmore - composting and worm farms

Full AGM Notes on the OGCG Website



FYI

If you have any submissions for the newsletter please send through to ogcommunitygarden@gmail.com with NEWSLETTER in the subject line.

Upcoming

NOVEMBER

24th

Working Bee and Garden Open Day for National Community Garden Day (10am-12pm)

DECEMBER

10th

Midweek Working Bee (10am-12pm)

15th

Adhoc Working Bee and Pizza Party (10am-12pm)



Community News

GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARY - SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

This festive season, many in our community face challenging times, and together with Geelong Foodshare we're making it easy to donate fresh food to those who need it.

We're accepting donations of fresh produce like tomatoes, zucchinis, leafy greens and seasonal fruits to designated libraries on Thursday 12 December.

Whether from your local garden or a local food store, we're accepting fruits and veggies only - no eggs, meat or dairy due to food safety.

Libraries accepting donations:

Ocean Grove: 9:00-10:30am

Torquay: 11:30-1:00pm

Belmont: 2:00-3:30pm

Colac: 11:00-12:30pm

Geelong West : 2:00-3:30pm

You'll need to drop off your fresh produce within the times listed.

