



Spring News

Spring has brought some really warm weather. After a bumper winter harvest there has been much planting for the summer season. It's time now for planting tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, corn, eggplant, capsicum and basil. I've spotted a sweet potato plant that is looking very happy. It has been a dry autumn, winter and spring so keeping up watering is important. If you are going to be away ask someone to water for you. Remember to keep up the liquid organic fertilizers to the hungry feeders. The garden continues to look wonderful. The recent rains have been a blessing
Thank you everyone.

Garden Sale

The response for Saturday 21st October was overwhelming in your generous giving of time and goods. All the help in setting up, cleaning up and looking after each area of activity made it a very worthwhile and enjoyable day.
We raised a grand total of \$675.50.
Thank you everyone.



Plum Blossoms in the 50s—
view from Nubeena Crescent looking south. (W James)

Thursday,
21st December
6-8pm
Family Event



You are invited to join us
for a relaxing evening soiree in the garden.
We will fire up the BBQ. Please bring food to
share and drinks

2018 plot fees

Keep your eye out for the an email from the treasurer requesting payment.

I would be wonderful if we could all remember to pay by the end of January.

Chicken Poo

We have had a generous invitation to gather deep litter chicken poo from a shed close by.
Would you please save an any of the large sheep/ horse manure bags you may have and leave them in the green house.
Anyone willing to help with this please contact us.

Thank you to members who collected horse poo last working bee. It is \$5 a barrow load for garden plots.

Mosaic Workshop

Ruth Butler is taking another workshop on Sunday, 4th February 2017.

The one we had in 2016 was extremely popular.

To reserve your spot get in early by booking online - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mosaic-workshop-tickets-39242652831?aff=eac2>

Mowing Team

A big thank you to Rob, Michael, Jon, Jamie, Tina and Simon. Also to the "strimmers" David, Daniel and Peter. It is a constant task at this time of the year taking at least an hour and half to mow. You keep the grass looking great.

Visitors to TNG

Vishnu, lecturer from UTAS arrived with a bus load of post grad students one Saturday morning In September. Nel and Lorne explained the history of TNG and how the garden functions.

They plied us with questions and were keenly interested in all aspects of the garden.

Last Friday morning a garden club from the eastern shore came as part of their end of year outing.

They enjoyed morning tea spending an hour and half relaxing before leaving for Margate.

Taroona High students included the garden in their "Getting to know Taroona" tour for 2 new exchange students from New Caledonia.

It is surprising how popular the garden is. We often see visitors wandering around taking photographs. That's great!

Welcome new members

Jenny Moffat—9
Veronica Richter—17
Peter Lutz—32
Danny Carney—46
Graham & Rosemary
Sargison—2



Hot Compost

The hot compost is brewing well and already fast turning into the rich brown colour indicating readiness to enrich the plots.

Thank you Compost Team

Watering Systems—

You may have noticed an electronic automated timer on one of the southern perimeter taps.

Please do not change the tap as we are monitoring the flow to both fruit trees and berries to get the balance right. We will hope for a greater harvest this coming season. The fruit tree loops have been in for a couple of years now and some have needed repair. If you notice any needing attention please let Bridget of myself know about it.

Vegies from community beds-

Just reminder it is TNG policy to put a gold coin donation in the box when you harvest.

This contributes towards seeds and fertilisers

First Aid kits -

All of the kits in the shed have vanished. It would be most appreciated if any borrowed ones were returned.

Perimeter garden -

At our last *Busy Bee* members tackled some of the overgrown areas . If you are interested in maintaining a metre or so there are parts available. Please email me, expressing your interest.

Codling Moths are active now. If you care for one of the apple trees now is the time to work on some prevention of infestation.

There are already numerous moths in the 2 pheromone traps. There are some simple recipes on the internet worth experimenting with.

A hessian wrap around the trunk helps just so long as it is checked every couple of weeks and the lava found are destroyed.

Captured moments from Garden Sale



Working bee roster

Sunday, December 17th 2-4pm

Thank you Tina for these images
Congratulations on another successful year of growing.
With the warm weather we can look forward to a delicious summer harvest.
I wish you and your family the peace and joy of Christmas. Margaret