



Summer – Autumn News 2018

Welcome to a new year of growing. Plots are looking great and the summer/ autumn harvest is underway. Apples are ripening now so help yourself and pop a donation in the box, please. There is a wonderful quantity of fruit this year. It is good to see members trying some different and interesting plants.

Dogs

TNG is a food garden!

In recent weeks I have had 5 members indicate they have cleaned up dog poo. I have cleaned up 7 lots of poo.

Dogs are to be restrained on leads at all time, 24/7. The evidence left in the garden shows that some dogs have been running free.

Dogs would have been urinating around the garden as well. All of this is not only unpleasant but it is a health hazard.

The rules and policies enable the garden to function smoothly showing respect for all members

Owners of any dogs seen running loose in the garden will receive 2 warnings.

Following they will be asked to vacate their plot.

One beautiful pear on the Beurre d'anjou espalier.



Welcome to new members :

Nikki Brookman

Harriet Baillie

Maree Fieldhouse

Could this be the world's smallest giant sunflower?

AGM- Tuesday 20th March 7.30pm

At Taroona Bowls Club
Guest speaker- Gary Carlos
'Bees of Taroona'

The business part will be short and will be followed by our guest speaker .

Nomination forms have been emailed.

All positions will be declared vacant so we need a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer & committee members

Please consider whether you would like to be on the committee or encourage someone else.



Zero Waste Expo
18th March
10am—3pm
Kingston Beach Hall

Seed saving

Consider collecting seed for planting next season. Tomato seeds can be spread on a paper towel and left to dry.

Dry seeds head can be popped in a paper bag and left till seeds fall. Label any seeds and store in envelopes in a cool dry place.

Planting

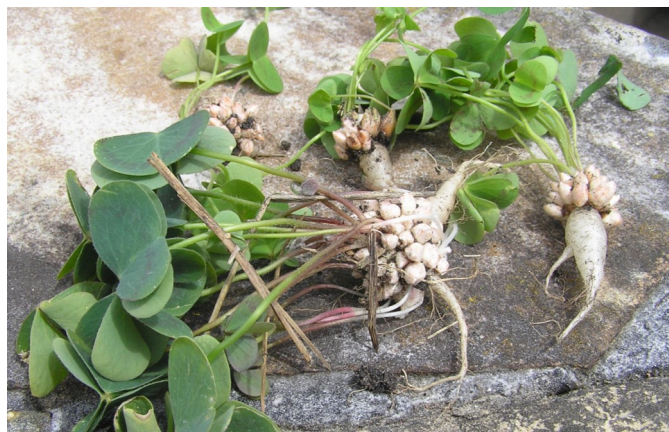
April is the month for planting members of the onion family – Leeks, onions and garlic. The family likes lime so they will benefit from a handful of dolomite or gypsum.

Cabbages, cauliflower, broccoli, silver beet, spinach and Chinese greens can be planted in March and April. Replenishing your plot with fertiliser will help .promote sturdy growth through the cooler months.

Bed Repairs

After 10 years some plots are very much in need of some attention. The wood at the ends is rotting and the sides sadly bulging. David Coleman will work with you to make the necessary repairs.

Email and David will make a time when this can be achieved .



Oxalis

There had been a mysterious increase in the amount of oxalis in the community plots and some beds. At this time of the year it is reproducing new bulbs. Please remove carefully and discard to the wheelie bin. Leaving it or putting it in the compost means it will spread rapidly. If we are all vigilant oxalis can be eliminated.

Mosaic Workshop

Thank you to Ruth for another fun workshop



Working Bee

**Sunday, March 18th
2-4pm**

Please plan to be there.

More time is needed on the herb verge. Preparing and planting for winter in the community plots is also a priority.

