



## Summer Newsletter

January 2016



## Latest News

Wasn't the recent rain great? After a long dry spell the garden is looking fantastic thanks largely to the dedicated efforts of the watering crew who started out watering seedlings last spring and morphed into a co-ordinated relay team to water the community plots in the middle of the garden every day. With the help of a new arcing sprinkler the corn, beans, tomatoes and recent additions of beetroot, parsnip and radish are all looking wonderfully healthy.

The more involvement you have with the gardens the more you get out of it. Testament to this are the many happy Mowers, Strimmers, Waterers, Composters and Constructors, not to mention, workshoppers and perimeter bed gardeners. If you'd like to be a part of one of these teams, either on a regular or occasional basis get in touch with the following members:

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It rained for the Solstice Soiree the Sunday before Christmas but the red shelters were erected and a great time was had together with Kate Flint who came up from Cygnet Community Garden. Inspired by the tasty creations shared on the day Deirdre has started a favourite recipes page on the Neighbourhood Garden part of the Tarooma Website so if you have a recipe you would like to share send it to her: [tarooma@tarooma.tas.au](mailto:tarooma@tarooma.tas.au). or try Nel's yum "life-changing crackers" recipe. There's lots of other great information there about the gardens as well.

Recently there was a good apricot crop over a couple of weeks and this highlighted the recurring conundrum of what is the most equitable way of harvesting from the fruit trees on the perimeter of the garden. There should be a good quince, apple, plum and peach harvest still to come this season. If the fruit is picked when it is just ripe then there is less loss to birds and passersby. A Wednesday email to members letting them know the fruit is available and that harvesting will be on at veg-out on the Thursday evening allows everyone to contribute to the picking and share in the harvest.

If you have skills which you would like to bring to the garden, or affiliations with other organisations in the Tarooma Park please let us know. There is a survey attached to this newsletter and it would be very good to receive your feedback. In the category of "other" you might like to include such talents as photography or coffee making skills.

A new load of compost arrived from Brighton last week. A couple of inches regularly top-dressing per plot is recommended. Please do not overload your plot. And remember to put \$4 in the donation box (under the notice board) for each full wheelbarrow load used.

If you collect fallen or infested fruit there are chooks in Tarooma who would love them. They also like twitch! If you have either and would like to give it to Bridget Green for her chickens then please email her on [bridget.green@utas.edu.au](mailto:bridget.green@utas.edu.au) and she will collect it from the gardens when she's next there.

## Upcoming Events

### General Meeting

4.00- 6:00 am Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February,

What would you like to see happening at the gardens this year? More workshops, more space, a gathering place, a shade structure, bigger

storage solution, chooks, goldfish – whatever it is come and have your say on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The committee has researched what grants will be available in the near future and are looking for ideas as to what to apply for. See you there.

## "Good bugs, bad bugs, diseases and disorders - an introduction" with Marian

5:00 pm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Bring a hand lens or magnifying glass if you have one.

For information or to register interest email Marian:

[Fitzgerald\\_marian@yahoo.com.au](mailto:Fitzgerald_marian@yahoo.com.au)

Cost: Gold coin donation to cover resources.

## "Basketweaving" - with Gwen Egg

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May – All Day

For information or to register email Ruth Butler: [ruthbutlerdpe@gmail.com](mailto:ruthbutlerdpe@gmail.com))

Cost: \$15.00 per person

## "Drawing in the Garden" - with Tina Curtis

April

A morning drawing workshop in the gardens. More details closer to the time.

For information or to register interest email Tina: [tina@taddesign.com.au](mailto:tina@taddesign.com.au)

## Veg Out 5.00 -7.00 Every Thursday

Weekly unstructured sessions gardening together at the TNG garden.

## Next TNG Committee meeting

7.30 Tuesday 8 March

(second Tuesday of the month) If you have ideas or questions, chat to one of the committee.

## TNG Busy Bee 2-4 pm 13 Feb

(First Sunday after 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)

Focus: To be pinned down closer to the time but there will be some bed rebuilding, some perimeter planting, compost mulcher mowing and undercoating wood for upcoming signwriting workshop.

## Horse Poo

In the coming weeks a team of volunteers will be heading down to Kingston to wrangle a trailer load of pony poo. As with the delivered compost please make a contribution to the donation box.

Happy growing,  
Tina

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