

TNG Member News



May 2019

Next working bee

Sunday 19 May 2-4pm - Afternoon tea at 4pm.

There is lots of weeding and mulching to do, so please come along and lend a hand.

June working bee – let's improve safety!

On **Saturday June 15th** we plan to fix unevenness in the grassed areas. We are ordering a significant load of soil to fill cracks, dips and holes to make movement around the garden safer and easier. Please mark June 15 on your calendar and bring a rake if you have one.

While we are talking about safety....

Chairs at the outdoor fixed table... don't leave chairs on the table top where their legs poke out and endanger people walking by. Please place the chairs around the table in upright position.

Vegetable waste

Don't put large and woody stems (such as those from over-mature silver beet) into the compost bays. The mulching mower cannot deal with them and the compost team has to sort them out by hand and discard of them in other ways. If you have allowed your beet to turn into a giant, please consider taking the stems home and putting them into your household waste. For other larger items, David is preparing a SHARPENED SPADE to put near the compost bin so you can chop up stems etc. But please take care with your FEET, and DON'T LET CHILDREN do this task.

If you no longer want your plot...

We have a waiting list of several families keen to grow vegetables, so if you are tired of your plot and no longer maintain its productivity, please let us know so we can hand it on.

Calendar of events

Following the success of the April long-table lunch, more events are planned, with exact dates to be decided. Watch the website and Facebook page for news closer to the dates.

- Working bees on Sunday May 19 and Saturday June 15
- July: Winterfest – fire pit, winter warming soup and bread
- September: Proposed Fermenting workshop in the garden
- October: Annual TNG Spring fundraiser with BBQ, cake stall, seedlings and plants and home-made lemonade.
- November/December: End of year celebration and last working bee for 2019

Thank you!

Many of our members quietly work around the garden doing the tasks that keep it productive and attractive. These are some that the committee has noticed.

- Thank you to Judy and Chris for taking a load of prunings to the tip
- Thank you to David for servicing the mower and fixing yet more plot structures
- Thank you to our wonderful compost and mowing teams
- Thank you to Christoff, Pierre and David for shoveling, transporting and unloading a great load of horse poo for compost manufacture

What to sow and plant now

Sow seeds of broad bean, broccoli, radish and spinach, spring onions, Asian brassicas.

Plant seedlings of broccoli, spring onions, Japanese turnip and winter lettuce. Also plant early potatoes and garlic.

DON'T buy seedlings of carrots, radish, peas, broad beans or Asian greens – even though nurseries offer these, they are much more successfully (and more cheaply) grown from seed.

Ideas and Suggestions

The committee would like to hear member ideas for the improvement of the garden or to benefit the community. Write your idea on the form linked on the TNG Home Page and either email it or bring it to the next working bee.

Garden Clubs Australia

TNG is now a member of Garden Clubs Australia. [The latest newsletter from the Southern Tasmania Zone can be read here.](#) It contains a chart of what bulbs to plant when, and information about growing lettuces and lots more.