



Winter News



The garden is amazingly productive for this time of the year. A walk around helps me appreciate the many different styles and ideas blending together to provide an abundance of food. Visitors are always impressed. New members have wasted no time getting their plots planted. Congratulations everyone! Tassie's weather always surprises & delights. This year has seen frosts and sunny days but very little rain. Autumn rains were sparse and the ground is dry. I'm finding I still need to water some of my home garden



Welcome to new members 2017

Viv Richardson—1
Cate Chapman—8
Ken Eger—12
Leanne Chisholm—39
Catherine Paterson—46
Michelle Matthews—41
Andrew & Echo—47
Grace & Alex—30

The Big Makeover

Plans were displayed at the AGM for the redevelopment of the space between the tool shed and compost bins. In May a good turnout of members worked hard to clear the area ready for work to begin. Jamie provided a brazier to warm us. June 10th Tina had plans and marking spray ready to go. David, Jamie, Lorne and Richard worked to prepare post holes for new compost bins. Dala and her husband mulched the weeds. A BBQ lunch helped keep everyone energized till day's end. It was great to talk with several other members who came along.



A big thank you to everyone who helped. Also to Jamie for bringing his hole borer. We will keep you posted of opportunities to help with this exciting new development. A small grant for this project has been kindly provided by Kingborough Council

Towards completing the project.....

It's been goodbye to the old rotting compost surrounds . The replacement will give us a beautiful new entrance with a notice board and garden library. Closer to the shed you can see the new compost bins emerging.

The top corner will eventually be a lovely seating space for workshops and our enjoyment.

There will be many opportunities for members to contribute to the compost/entrance project. Some specific skills are needed.

Helping with food and drinks on the day would be appreciated.

These extra working bees will be advertised.

Plastic Free July

By plastic free this means 'one use' plastics. Now since the watching the *War on Waste* programs I have been working hard on reducing.

I think I am addicted to plastic so I was relieved to see the July challenge was limited.....I don't use drinking straws or takeaway cups but this is no reason for smugness on my part.

I have discovered there is much more soft plastic that can be recycled so have already deposited sizeable bags full of soft plastic in the Coles bin.

The challenge has been given to us!

Plastic Wise Tarooma allows us all to be involved for a better environment. We can begin by bringing our own picking bag or basket to harvest our produce.

Member Profile

Hello, I am Grace Williams,

I emigrated to Australia from Ghana 11 years ago.

Most of my childhood was spent in Launceston.

My partner, Alex Rylah and I have moved to Tarooma and we are so excited to be a part of the Tarooma Neighbourhood Garden.

I am interested in growing African plants like potato leaves, cassava leaves, and traditional African Greens. I would love to grow some food to cook and share with the gardening club.

We hope to learn about gardening by being a part of this community. Alex and I live in a unit on Norwood Avenue so we were interested in learning about innovative ways of growing herbs in pots. We so happy to have a plot as we can grow root vegetables that we can't grow from home. We are looking forward to meeting you all.



Steve Solomon

Steve visited TNG late afternoon in early April. Many folk came along keen to learn about improving our soil. He was very generous with his time and providing his new book at a discount rate.

Did you know Tasmanian soils are deficient in trace elements? His book gives a recipe for a fertilizer to improve soil but the ingredients require quite a costly outlay in the beginning.

The easy solution is to purchase a 2litre container of Maxicrop seaweed solution containing the trace elements.

It was a great night followed by a delicious BBQ.

Flowers
are still providing
some cheery winter
colour to encourage
bees out on sunny
days



Found

in TNG garden: dog poo!

Dog owners please, please be absolutely vigilant about restraining your dog at all times while in the

Red tablecloths

3 red tablecloths haven't been claimed following the amazing Mad Hatter's Tea Party last November. Two are round and the other a small square. They

Our next working bee

This Sunday, 16th July 2-4 pm

There are plenty of jobs to do: staking the broad beans, weeding perimeter and community beds, tidying up prunings and mulching the compost. Work together then enjoy a cuppa around the fire afterward. Tea & coffee is provided. Food to share

Berry Patch

Check it out! Bridget has done the winter pruning and weeding. She has mulched and named all the canes. I didn't realize we had so many different varieties. The patch has a good start ready for spring to arrive.

Snails & slugs

Snails are hibernating now but slugs seem to be very active.

Search out and destroy ! Place a board, brick with holes in it, or a plastic pots near the side of your plot. Keep checking. Snails seem to like to winter together so success will be assured.

Near the gate is a compost bin containing coffee grounds. Try surrounding plants with a layer. Your diligence will be rewarded.

Working bee roster

13th August

17th September

15th October

19th November

17th December

Lucerne Hay

The large pile near on plot 17 is available for member's plots. The cost is \$4 per black barrow. It breaks down quickly, adding nutrients to the soil. Money goes into the donation box next to the shed door.

Thank you to folk who have paid. This is an honesty system.

Provision of mulch, compost, etc. is always extra.

Many thanks. M

Thank you everyone for your contribution in making the neighbourhood garden a place for everyone to enjoy some sun and quietness.

Happy gardening,
Margaret