

TNG March 2019 News

Upcoming TNG Events:

*****Annual General Meeting and member forum – 7.30pm Thursday March 28th.**

At the Taroom Community Hall

There will be a short formal meeting to elect Executive and committee for 2019-20. Please consider joining the garden management. Just send an email back to this address, no need to use a form.

Member Forum – we will discuss the future of the garden – what developments or changes would you like? Ideas for social events, celebrations, workshops or talks? Please bring your ideas for the future development and flourishing of the garden.

There will also be a rolling show of 'historical' photos from the garden's past 12 years, and a sumptuous supper!

*****Working bee and Apple harvest- Sunday 17 March 2-4pm**

Next working bee is **Sunday 17 March 2-4pm**. Shared afternoon tea at 4pm. Please come along for all or part of the afternoon to work on preparing the community plots for winter vegetable planting, and to harvest the apples. Bring a bag or small box to take some apples home.

*****Autumn long table dinner**

We are planning a long table dinner in the garden for early evening on Sunday 7th April. Shared meal with garden theme. More news on this closer to the date.

Trashpack and rubbish

We are getting a trashpack in the garden to dispose of the fruit tree prunings, and the pile of twitch grass. Please do not add ordinary vegetable waste or weeds to the trashpack, as these should go into the appropriate compost bin.

Compost Matters

Our garden plan favours using all possible waste from the garden to make compost. We externally dispose only of larger branches from pruning and noxious weeds such as twitch and oxalis.

Silver Beet Forest Giants are a NO-No!

Those working hard on making the wonderful compost appeal to all gardeners not to let crops become over-mature, in particular silver beet. Woody stalks are difficult to chop and have to be removed by hand from the heap and disposed of in other ways. PLEASE remove silver beet from your plot as soon as it starts to bolt and replace it with a new seedling – there are often self sown seedlings of silver beet around the old compost bay or in the community plots.

CHOP CHOP

Please chop weeds and veg waste before adding to compost bin. **Long handled secateurs** are in a blue sheath on top of cement bags on top shelf of shed. Replace them after use.

Compost makers needed

Volunteers wanted to be part of a small compost team – minimal input of time and labour – only a few minutes once or twice a month. Please respond to this email with offers.

Resources from Attracta

We have been gifted the contents of Attracta's garden shed. There is a bin with lime, blood and bone and some other resources in the shed. Also, there is a soil wetting product on the shelf that could be useful if your plot is hydrophobic (rejects water). Members are welcome to use these products on their plots, but please be sure to read the labels and use as directed.

Finally – lots of thanks

These groups are responsible for keeping the garden looking so green and lively and we offer our grateful thanks...

Watering roster – visiting the garden daily to water the community plots and other areas.

Mowing team – keeping the grass down

Compost – mainly the hard work of Tina who has a very successful recipe for HOT HOT compost making! But Jamie and Graham spent FOUR HOURS recently mulching up an Everest of waste to make more HOT compost. (Please see CHOP CHOP above!)

AND ...there are others who quietly remove rubbish, put out and bring in bins, weed perimeters and generally keep the place going.

A BIG THANKYOU TO ALL!

Taroona Neighbourhood Garden Committee
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