



After the wicking demonstration, we gave a talk on the progress of the garden and future works. Everyone seemed impressed with the vision of the project as a fully accessible, sensory garden which will educate and inspire the community to grow healthy, organic food. We really appreciate everyone's words of encouragement.

Thanks to all the members who helped with the organising and setting up on the day, Rosemary and Paul for the demonstration and the other community groups and Council representatives that made it out. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Explaining the garden plans to attendees

## Monthly garage sale and plant stall

The first garage sale and plant stall was held on site on 4th September. Some early showers threatened to dampen the event; however, they soon cleared and we had a splendid morning unfold.

Overall the event was a success, considering the limited time we had to advertise prior (awaiting a permit). We were able to raise just over \$100 and spread the word on what the garden will be about. Thanks to the members who donated goods and plants and also to those that helped set up and run the stall.

As mentioned, this is now a monthly event, held on the first Saturday of the Month from 8-11 am. Add it to your calendar.



**Update:**  
The October Garage Sale and Plant Stall was held just prior to publication of this issue. With better advertising of the event this month it was great to see a much larger turnout. Thank you to everyone who donated goods and thank you so much to the Beachmere Community who came out and supported us. The morning saw us raise just over \$550 for the garden.

**THANK YOU 4510!**

## SEED PLANTING MORNING 11TH SEPTEMBER

Another regular event to add to the calendar will be seed planting and potting up on site on the second Saturday of the Month from 8-10 am. Thank you to the members who showed up for our first attempt. The seeds planted will be raised for sale at the monthly plant stall and to be used at the garden once construction commences.

An experiment was undertaken with some seeds planted in our sifted potting mix and others in straight coconut coir. The results have been interesting. The seeds in coir have germinated quicker and are much stronger. This was discussed at the last meeting between members and the decision was made that coir will be used from now on.

**Potting Mix**

**Coir**



After 1 week



After 2 weeks

**SEED PLANTING IS A MEMBERS ONLY EVENT - SEE LATER IN THE NEWSLETTER ON HOW TO JOIN**