



BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE 16/10/21

How fast has the last 6 months rolled by? It seems like only yesterday when we were anxiously organising our first attempt at the pinnacle of Aussie community group fundraising- the Bunnings sausage sizzle.

This time, the day started off with the news that a pop up vaccination centre would be set up next to us. We didn't let this faze us though and before long the crew was on a roll dishing out sausages like a well oiled machine. One moment of excitement occurred when a big gust of wind threatened to deposit the BBQ gazebo onto Morayfield Road. Luckily, some quick reflexes saw us hang on until the wind died down. Overall, we made just under \$1200 for the garden which is another great effort.

Thank you to Sue, Leigh and Sarah (Bunnings Outdoor Activity crew) for your help organising and assisting on the day. It definitely makes it easier with your help. And thank you to all the members and friends who helped with organising, preparing and working on the day. Its a long, exhausting day but so important for raising essential funds for the garden.

COMMUNITY GARDEN GATHERING @ DECEPTION BAY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE 2/11/21

The latest Community garden get together was held at the Deception Bay Neighbourhood Centre and didn't they raise the bar for welcoming us and showcasing their garden . The centre has raised gardens (currently growing some amazing sweet peas) and a sensory garden. They also have a weekly get together called the "chatter and gardening" group (where gardening is optional!). This modest group has a wealth of gardening knowledge and are happy to help us wherever possible. A talk on the centre's worm farm and a round table chat introducing everyone, their gardening backgrounds and favourite plants were highlights of the morning.

It was nice to catch up with those that visited us last time and also meet so many friendly people, all with words of encouragement for our garden project. Among those were Carlos and Jasmin from Carers QLD whose project works on inclusiveness for SEQ Community Gardens. We will be meeting with them again soon to discuss our garden plans and learn how our new garden can be more inclusive.

Thanks again to DBNC and Micah for organising the morning, we can't wait for the next one.

CABOOLTURE TWILIGHT MARKET

Unfortunately due to the forecast of severe storms for the region, we decided to cancel our stall. The storms didn't end up hitting Caboolture (which is a good thing) but we did miss an opportunity to sell some raffle tickets.

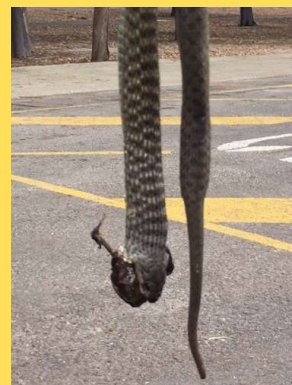
We are in the process of getting permission for the raffle table outside Beachmere IGA again. See page 4 for our great raffle prizes.

*"To plant a garden is to
believe in tomorrow"*

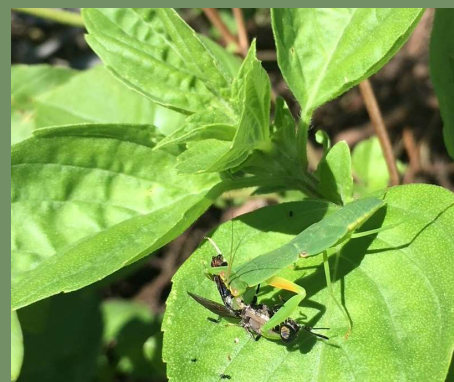
Audrey Hepburn

This photo of a dead snake with a toad in its mouth was taken at the Bribie Island Community Nursery. Its a reminder that toads continue to have an impact on our wildlife. It also tells us that snakes are out and about, especially as it warms up. Please be aware out in the garden and try to keep things as tidy as possible. It's amazing how little space snakes need to curl up into.

Also do your bit to control toads. See the RSPCA website www.rspcaqlld.org.au for humane toad disposal tips.



A praying mantis dining out on a large fly. Notice how well it camouflages with the basil leaf. Organic gardening encourages natural predators like this in your garden.



SEED PLANTING UPDATE

The seeds are germinating and growing fast in this warm weather. The rain has helped too! Check out their progress below.



We have some of these mini sunflowers for sale. They are about 20cm tall (they really are mini's!) and are going for \$1 each. Contact the garden by email if you would like to order some - limited numbers left.

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