

BEACHMERE COMMUNITY GARDEN INC.

QUEENSLAND - AUSTRALIA

Welcome

The good dirt

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Happy New Year! Thanks for reading our latest newsletter. I hope you all had a great break and are raring to go with recharged batteries. 2022 finds us in a familiar situation to last year. Eager to get things rolling yet still awaiting the final go ahead from Council. The Covid situation continues to impact us as well. At the forefront of all decisions made by BCGI is members' safety and well being, hence the plant stall has been cancelled for February.

There is however, a lot happening behind the scenes at the garden in the next few months. Soon, there will be a shipping container on site to store all of our gardening equipment. OSCA, the composter should be arriving very soon too.

Last December, BCGI had a stall at the Christmas Bazaar in Clayton Park. This was a very successful event with plenty of tickets sold and many people inquiring about the garden. BANG as always, did an amazing job organising the day. I would just like to share a story from this event that sums up the Beachmere community embracing the idea of a fully inclusive garden space for everyone to use and enjoy.

While occupied writing out tickets, I noticed two people standing at the large concept plan on display. One proceeded to explain all the features of the garden and how it was being set up with inclusion at the forefront. None of us could have given a better overview of our aims and objectives. It was terrific to see and is an example of the garden's concept being embraced by the community. Now all we have to do is deliver it. Easy!

The Community Hall in Progress Ave has reached out to us to help revamp their front gardens. It has been so satisfying to do some actual gardening the last couple of weeks. Read about the progress later in the newsletter.

Finally, keep your feedback coming in regarding the newsletter and anything to do with the garden. Constructive comments are the building blocks to a better garden.

The Committee

BCGI complies with all current Qld Health directives and requires that members and others attending BCGI meetings or events comply with these directives also.

The ABC recently published an article highlighting the problems Covid is having for members of our community requiring carers.

The article interviews Matt and Wendy McCracken from Morayfield. We have been fortunate to have Matt (President of the Caboolture Disability Support Network) work with us from the start of this project, assisting with advice on disability inclusion, the project's layout as well as letters of support for funding applications. Please read this article found via the following link:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-01-20/qld-coronavirus-covid19-disability-reponse-omicron-outbreak/100764544>

Please read this



Things we need

Feature pots
Indigenous food plants
Fruit trees

People

New members
Building Certifier
Recycling Coordinator

Your help with

Raising plants
Garden logo
Fundraising

Important dates

2nd Feb
World Wetlands Day

12th Feb
Int. Darwin Day

27th Feb General Meeting
3 pm @ Community Hall
Progress Rd, Beachmere

**THERE WILL BE
NO GARDEN STALL
ON SITE
IN FEBRUARY**

Please note, we cannot accept donated plants that are poisonous or declared weed species. For more info, check out our plant selection criteria or contact us via email if you have plants to donate.