

MORNING WITH COMMONWEALTH BANK 21/12/22

Just as things were winding down, BCGI hosted its final event of the year, a wonderful morning for the Commonwealth Bank lending teams from our region. When we found out there were 20 participants we were admittedly a little worried. This would be our biggest group to date and what would the 20 Commonwealth Bank loans officers be expecting? We had no need to be worry though as we were met by the friendliest group you could imagine, all eager to get their hands dirty.

The morning included potting up plants, taking cuttings and planting seeds as well as tool maintenance, bee hive painting and a brainstorming session for the garden's logo.

Did I mention it was so hot and humid that morning? Luckily, refreshments were organised by the good people at Flamingos Ice Creams. After the break, the group finished up activities then prepared for the main event... Chicken maintenance 101.

Several brave souls volunteered to clip the wings of the chickens in attendance. I don't know who was more frightened, the chooks or those doing the cutting. Plenty of hugs were provided to the chooks afterwards to make up for it though.



Big thank you to everyone from Commonwealth Bank for making it such a great morning and also for the extremely generous donation of \$500 to the garden. We were particularly impressed with the logo concepts and the thought that went into them. Thank you Leigh and David at Flamingos Ice Creamery for organising the amazing ice cream (and delivering them to site even though their shop was closed that day). Also, thanks to Ms Ali King and Cr Mark Booth for lending their marquees. We definitely needed them!

How windy has it been lately! We are continually looking for ways to make gardening easier in our difficult coastal conditions. One method our members are really embracing is wicking gardens. You should all know the principle behind them by now (check out previous issues for a reminder). Here's a great example from Adel of using whatever is available to make these great water wise garden beds.



PLANTING UPDATE

The cuttings and seedlings from the Commonwealth Bank morning are doing well, particularly the Aloe Vera and Rosemary. If anyone would like some, let us know and we will organise collection. We also have some large frangipanis in pots that are for sale. Ranging from \$30 to \$100. Email us for more info.



BEACHMERE COMMUNITY HALL GARDEN

BCGI has been asked to help redevelop the front gardens of the Beachmere Community Hall in Progress Avenue. Each Saturday, a committed band of BCGI members has been clearing and re-planting the gardens. This has really made a difference to the area and we have



received many positive comments from passers by. It has been great to do some actual gardening while we await Council approvals for our own garden. If you know of any other local groups that need a hand with a garden make over, let us know. This is a wonderful fundraising opportunity and a chance to get creative. Finally, we would like to pass on a big thank you to the Community Hall Committee for allowing us this wonderful opportunity and Jo at Bullock Creek Nursery for donating some of the plants.



SEED PLANTING IS A MEMBERS ONLY EVENT - SEE THE BCGI WEBSITE FOR HOW TO JOIN

BECOME A MEMBER OF BEACHMERE COMMUNITY GARDEN INC.

Have you thought about becoming a member of Beachmere Community Garden? We now have a number of categories to offer, there's sure to be one to suit you! Memberships available are: Adult, Junior and Family

Adult membership options: Voting, Volunteer and Supporter member.

Check out the website for more info on becoming a member

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