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Hello and thanks for reading our latest newsletter. A big thank you to everyone for your patience while the planning and approvals for the garden have been proceeding through Council. We can finally announce that construction of the concrete pathways and work areas will begin in mid-November! Once completed, the rest of the build should follow quite quickly. Then we get to fill up the garden space with amazing fruit, veggies, herbs and beneficial plants.

While waiting for construction to begin, our members have been busy strengthening partnerships with the local community. We have begun a weekly visit to the Beachmere State School to help with their veggie patch. It's fantastic to see the students so keen to learn about growing healthy food. Each week we are asked if our garden is ready to visit! Not long to go now! We will now have a regular stall at the new Beachmere Community Markets where we will be selling plants and other useful garden items. This will be a monthly market on the first Saturday of each month at Beachmere Men's Shed. Thanks to Beachmere Men's Shed for organising this great new event. Why not come down for a chat and pick up some herb and veggie seedlings or other handy garden accessories?

We are excited to be attending the MBRC Eco Fest on Saturday the 8th October. Promoting sustainability and organic gardening is one of our aims so it will be great to spread the word to the local community. Special guest is Costa from Gardening Australia. We look forward to seeing Costa and you at this event.

Finally, in this busy month of October, we will be sharing information about the Beachmere Community Garden along with other wonderful community organisations at the Seniors' Expo at Beachmere Hub on 12th October. We look forward to seeing you at one or all of these events.

Enjoy the read.

The Committee

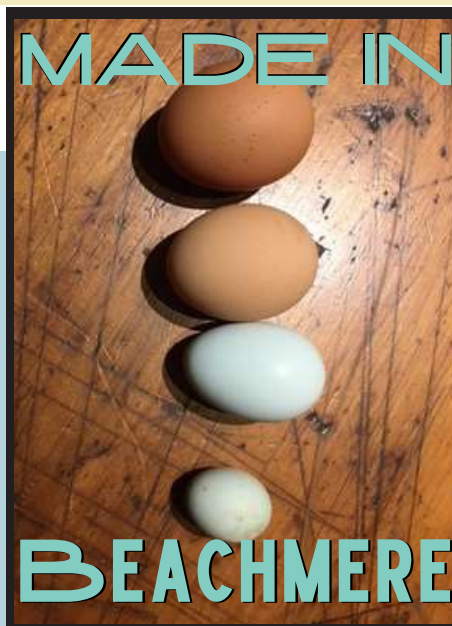
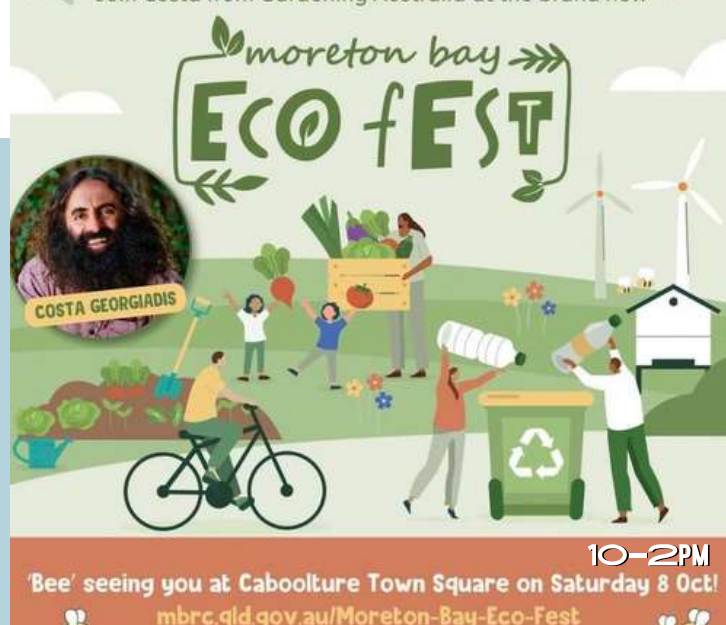
Please pass this newsletter on to anyone who may be interested

As the garden edges closer to construction, we need to think about how we will fill it up! The following are all required - Wicker baskets for workshops and the garden stall. Sealed jars for saving seeds, preserves, chutneys and honey. And of course lots of terracotta/feature pots for the plants. Any donations are greatly appreciated.



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

Join Costa from Gardening Australia at the brand new



Things we need

Feature pots
Indigenous food plants
Fruit trees
Wicker baskets
Sealed glass jars
Small glass jars

People

New members
Electrician
Your help with
Raising plants
Fundraising
Spreading the word!

Important dates

1st Oct
Beachmere Community Markets
(See flier for details)

4th Oct
World Animal Day

8th Oct
10am -2pm
Moreton Bay Eco Fest
(See flier for details)

12th Oct
Seniors Day Expo
(See flier for details)

16th Oct
World Food Day

23rd Oct
General Meeting
3 pm @ Community Hall
Progress Rd, Beachmere

"LIVING ART" BY DARLA

When Desley and Arthur started work on their blank canvas in the mid 1980s, they were faced with sand fill, high winds, flying foxes and all sorts of challenges from the wildlife in the area. But, with the eye of artists, the intelligence of planners, a tireless work ethic, a great love of the natural world and a clear vision of their life beyond retirement, this special couple have created the next best thing to a Botanical Garden on Bribie.

Meticulous recording of the steps taken to create this haven shows the soil, compost, wetting agents, wood shavings, manures, peatmoss, fertilisers, water bore and tanks, cuttings, saved seeds (some kept in the refrigerator for 13 years!), and everything else that has contributed to a place without borders, that blends into the surrounding parkland area and generously connects it all to the outside world.

Listing all the treasures in this garden is a task beyond me. Bush bees buzz around little boxes sheltered by a massive mango tree in the prolific orchard, noisy birds feast on flowering grevilleas, and rare shrubs and old favourites have comfortably settled in to their best spots. Lady's Purse is flourishing alongside nasturtiums with the biggest leaves and brightest colours I have seen. Gosh! Surely that is the tallest pencil cactus on the planet... 18 feet high? Paths meander through colourful groups of crotons and begonias, cardinal vine glows with red flowers, and of course, the gerberas are in bloom... just this side of a gorgeous big pot of dogbane. Strawberries are growing in Arthur's specially made cages to protect them from wildlife. Desley has lovely photos of these visitors in her journals... bearded dragons, kangaroos, bush creatures all welcome. But don't touch the strawberries!

And guarding the shrubs are Arthur's brilliant creations. Beach Babe Pauline in the blue bikini glares at her friend Tony in his budgie smugglers, while Adam cheerfully clears up his little patch of Eden with a perpetual smile and a pretty spiffing wheelbarrow. Human visitors would instantly be aware of the vitality, and yet feel the tranquility of this garden. It is a place of respite from today's chaos.

Desley has been involved with the Banksia Garden Club Inc since 1994 and has been president for several of those years. The Club has a vibrant membership, many activities of interest and at the helm, Desley's youthful spirit and vast experience of life shines and inspires.

The story of this garden needs telling in book form. Perhaps one day, Desley? I'd venture a title... The Art of Living Things. Or just The Art of Living. You two have certainly found the right formula for a happy life, and have spread that joy to family, friends, and passers-by.

Thank you for my share!



GARDENING AUSTRALIA

With the weather starting to warm again, Jerry gives some smart water saving strategies to get your garden ready for summer.



Image from Gardening Australia website

Watch this and other great episodes on the Gardening Australia website, ABC iView or 7:30pm Fridays on ABC.

PLANTING UPDATE

The countdown is on to the new Beachmere Community Markets (See flier on last page). As you can see, our members have been growing plenty of plants for our stall. We would love your feedback on our range of plants and accessories - let us know what you would like to grow in your garden and we will do our best to supply them.



Just a reminder for members to keep propagating plants for the community garden. Let us know if you need seedlings, potting mix or pots. A big thank you to Dracaena Farm Nursery and Bribie Community Nursery for donating pots to the garden.

"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt."

Margaret Atwood

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

E: beachmerecommunitygarden@outlook.com W: beachmerecommunitygarden.com.au

or FB: facebook.com/BeachmereCommunityGarden

We continue our series of articles explaining the Seven Pillars of Inclusion and how they are a practical tool to help us with our goal of making Beachmere Community Garden inclusive to the whole community. Today's pillar is Communication.

So your community garden is doing great things in the community, how do you get the word out to let as many people as possible know?

As we transition beyond the planning stage and move closer to construction and opening the garden, it is a great time to spread the word of what we are trying to achieve - an inclusive and welcoming garden space to educate and inspire all people about growing healthy food. To do this we are looking at a range of ways to communicate this information. This diversity in communicating our message will ensure it reaches the widest spectrum of the community.

Our primary method is this newsletter. Newsletters are a great way to communicate with people who do not have access to social media. In our circumstances, it has been important to put the time into producing this newsletter, allowing us to communicate our efforts of strengthening community ties while waiting for the garden to be built. Hopefully, it also shows we are committed to the project while it may seem like not much is happening.

Developing great partnerships with local magazines and newspapers is an important step. The reach of these goes beyond that of the newsletter, allowing the wider community to read about activities and events we have run. These publications appreciate promoting local content (see image), so be sure to get them involved with your community group as well.

Social media leads the way as an easy, instant way to communicate with members and the community. It can, however, be a minefield where any misinformation is sent in real time to potentially millions of people! It is important to have a policy that clearly defines the way social media (and all media) is used and by whom in your group.

As we have mentioned previously, one of our aims for the future is to have a website that complies with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 - a practical way to improve communication with the community. Another is a podcast of the newsletter being read by a member to give vision impaired access to garden information. We see these commitments to improving communication as a clear intention of being a more inclusive organisation.

Some things that we have found important regarding communication

Understand **WHAT** your message is, **WHO** the message is for, **HOW** the message should be sent to best communicate the required info.

Be honest Be positive Be accurate Be concise

Finally, it's important to remember communication is a two way street, we at BCGI readily admit that we are still learning about inclusion and hope to learn more from the experts-you!

If you have any suggestions on making the community garden more inclusive or you have seen great examples elsewhere, please let us know so we can spread the word. For more information on "communication", check out the link below:

www.theinclusionclub.com/the-7-pillars-of-inclusion



Thank you Jasmin from Carers QLD for helping with this article

BEACHMERE STATE SCHOOL GARDEN

It's clear from our visits to Beachmere State School garden that the love of growing food starts at a young age. Well done to all involved. We are happy to announce that our visits will now be a regular weekly event. Looking forward to seeing you all after the holidays back in the garden.

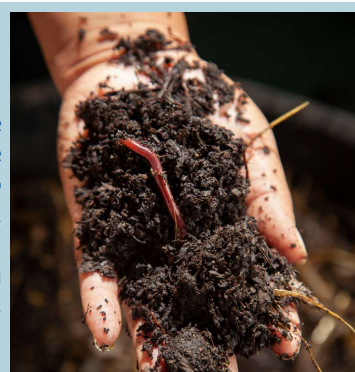


Printed media is still a great way to communicate information

OSCA THE COMPOSTER UPDATE

Unfortunately, OSCA has some electrical gremlins and we haven't been able to start him up yet to begin making compost.

Hopefully by next issue we will have things sorted out and can report some more positive news. In the meantime, here's a photo of some beautiful compost!



Beachmere Seniors Expo

Join us for **FREE EVENT**

- a free afternoon tea
- information
- speakers
- entertainment & information!

Travel
Legal
Scams
More

Beachmere Community Garden Club, Bowls Club, Indoor Bowls, Lions Club, Men's Shed, RSL Sub Branch & More

FREE EVENT **Wednesday, 12 October**
1.00pm - 4.00pm
at the Hub, Main St

The Lions courtesy bus will pick up from limited points from 12.45pm.
Pre-registration is essential.
Call 0432 989 110 to book the bus..



HELPING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR BCGI IS AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3!



1 Collect eligible containers



2 Take them to your nearest container refund point



3 Donate the refund to BCGI

PLEASE USE THE ID CODE:

C10510815

if you would like to donate your recycling to our fundraising efforts.



PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Epic Gerbera growing in Desley's garden, taken by Darla.

WOW!
NEW
Beachmere Community Markets
BOOKS CLOTHES
SATURDAY OCTOBER 1ST
MEN'S SHED 7-12 PM
53 ROGERS STREET
AND EVERY 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
CRAFT PLANTS TOOLS HOT & COLD DRINKS
MEN'S SHED MADE GOODS HOUSEHOLD GOODS

16th OCTOBER
World Food Day
Better production
Better nutrition
Better environment
Better life
For more info, go to
www.fao.org/world-food-day/en

THIS MONTH'S COVER PHOTO

Spring has definitely sprung with warmer temperatures and the first thunderstorms rolling in on humid afternoons. Perhaps you have noticed a blue streak buzzing around the garden - Blue banded bees are emerging to delight us with their colour and acrobatic display. They are also buzz pollinators, headbutting a flower's anther (pollen sacs) hundreds of times a second to release pollen! Tomatoes require this pollination method making this bee very welcome to our veggie patches.

The warmer weather is also triggering honey bees to swarm. If you see one, let us know. We have members who can capture the swarms to create new hives.



OCTOBER 4

CREEC NURSERY PLASTIC LID COLLECTION

Our friends down at the Caboolture Regional Environmental Education Centre are collecting plastic bottle caps for a very worthy cause. The caps are being sent to a charity group who recycle them into prosthetic limbs for children. What an amazing use for something that would have ended up in landfill.



We are asking the community to collect the lids and bring them to us at the monthly garden stall or general meeting.



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