



*Welcome*

Please pass this newsletter on to  
anyone who may be interested

Thanks for reading the latest issue. If you thought you heard a collective sigh of relief echo around Beachmere on the 20th of May, you weren't hearing things! After years of planning, fundraising and dreaming, the Beachmere Community Garden is officially a reality. We dedicate this issue to everyone who played a part in making this happen, thank you. Construction was flat out getting ready for the big day, while plenty was happening elsewhere including at the Beachmere State school and Bribie Community Nursery's veggie patches. We are having a big day on the 3rd of June with our regular stall at the Beachmere District Community Markets and a sausage sizzle at Morayfield Bunnings. Rug up, come down and say g'day.

Enjoy the read. *The Committee*

Nothing is as fraught with terror as a Grand Opening of Anything, whether it's a play, a charity event, school concert, sporting event ... and even more fraught if it's held outdoors! In the weeks leading up to May 20th, the weather was unpredictable, deliveries uncertain, manpower.. rather... "person power" numbers down a bit, and so many things still needed to be done. Can that deadline be met? BUT... as ever, the amazing team of members, volunteers and supporters of the Beachmere Community Garden, under the calm, confident direction of Chairperson David, somehow achieved a quite wonderful atmosphere and presentation, and at last the Garden was about to be launched. It was a brilliant Autumn day, and the garden glowed with plants and pots of sunflowers and chrysanthemums. David welcomed the guests and dignitaries, Jude presented a most moving Acknowledgement of Country, and we were treated to a history of the conception and eventual realisation of this Garden. Everyone present had played a part in making it all happen, whether through generous funding and assistance from Local, State and Federal members, service clubs, fellow gardening organisations, local businesses, and businesses who provided materials and labour, transport, guidance and advice.

Seeing everyone together was incredibly moving and humbling. There has been much love and belief absorbed into the foundation of this serene and magic meeting place... all reflected on the faces of those who came together to celebrate and share the moment. Councillor Booth did the honours, cutting the charming rustic ribbon, and at last... the Garden was open! The elements of this place are elegant, and welcoming... shade cloths sailing between a most magnificent arbour, watched over by a mural featuring a black cockatoo nibbling on Banksia blossoms. Water features, wicking beds, shade house, hanging pots will soon be supplemented by seating, a drinking fountain and more native trees and shrubs. It's a work in progress, as all gardens are! It is a place to come together, to learn and exchange ideas, and to encourage the community to use their own available garden space, or pots on the veranda, to add to their food source and to just delight in what the natural world has to offer.

It would be impossible to thank everyone involved in this enterprise here. To all those who sizzled sausages, planted pots for our market stall, wielded paintbrushes, carted around plants, assembled wicking beds, site managed, attended events and meetings, sewed, sourced supplies, added artistic touches and a myriad of other tasks... thank you! It has been a model for community participation, and will be a great asset for the Beachmere Community for many years to come. We look forward to seeing you there soon!

While the community garden is now officially open, there is still a lot of work to be done before we can open the gates to the public. We are hoping to have this ready for a garden festival and Community Open Day in Spring. Until then we will be holding an "Arvo in the garden" on the 4th Sunday of each month from 2-4pm. Please drop down and say hi. Otherwise check our facebook page and website for updates about the garden.

## Important dates

1st June

1st day of Winter

3rd June

Beachmere District  
Community Markets  
(see flier on last page)

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle  
Morayfield store  
7am-3pm

5th June

World Environment Day

22nd June

Winter solstice

25th June

"Arvo in the garden"  
2-4pm Onsite

The next general  
meeting is  
23rd July 2023.

Please direct all  
correspondence to  
our email account

BCGI acknowledges and  
pays our respects to the  
traditional custodians of  
Country throughout  
Australia and to elders past,  
present and emerging.



# Beachmere Community Garden Grand Opening



What a day! It was great to be able to thank everyone who has helped the community garden. See the list of supporters at the end of the newsletter and try to support them where you can.

We can also announce our successful submission to the Community Sustainable Spaces grant. This will allow us to pay for - the mural; mesh to have a lockable, secure area to store the mobile wicking beds and plenty of pots and plants to fill up the garden, including hanging baskets to hang off the arbour.



# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



The last few weeks have seen a hive of activity on site as construction is almost completed. It was amazing to see everyone pitch in and to watch the various sections of garden be completed in time for the opening. In particular, the accessible gravel paths were very quick and easy to install to the relief of all. Some wet, miserable weather couldn't keep the members from getting the job completed, well done all!



## BRIBIE ISLAND COMMUNITY NURSERY

All good things must come to an end. And so it is for the amazing bed of rosellas growing in the veggie patch. The final batch was picked to be made into delicious jam, while the plants were slashed, dropped and topped with shredded sugar cane. Extra layers of compost, shredded paper and mulch will be added and with some help from the worms and microbes, see the bed bursting with goodness for the next crop.

## BEACHMERE STATE SCHOOL GARDEN

The students have been busy as usual, tending garden beds as we reach the change in seasons when new crops can be planted. Some good news after the local bandicoot played havoc in garden beds recently... Small lettuce are appearing everywhere, self seeding from last seasons crop. Wildlife friendly netting has been installed by the students to give the little seedlings a chance.

The mandarin tree is going off at the moment! So many delicious fruit are covering the branches. Hopefully the recently planted fruit trees are as successful.

*"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."*

Henry Ford

# GARDENING AUSTRALIA

We have learnt from our partnership with Beachmere State School that gardens are a great resource to aid teaching. The Alice Springs Language Centre uses its food garden to help teach students their local language and to reconnect with culture.



Image from ABC iView website

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

## PLANTING UPDATE

We have a growing range of food plants available at our Beachmere District Community Market stall. Why not drop down on Saturday, the 3rd of June and check them out? This month we have plenty of herbs, salvias, native lemon coleus and bush tucker plants including Midyim berry and Blue tongue. If there are any types of plants you are looking for, let us know and we will do our best to grow them for you.



## BECOME A MEMBER OF BEACHMERE COMMUNITY GARDEN INC.

Have you thought about becoming a member of BeachmereCommunity Garden? Memberships available are: Adult, Junior and Family. Check out the website for more info

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or FB: facebook.com/BeachmereCommunityGarden





**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.

*Thank you local legends...*

Thank you Beachmere Area Network Group (BANG) for the support provided for our opening. All agreed the catering was top notch too!

**B A N G**  
Beachmere Area Network Group Inc

Thank you Anthaea and Alex for providing the official photography for the opening. It was one less thing we had to worry about and Alex's photos have turned out great.



How does your gardening impact the environment around us? Using organic principles is an easy way to make a positive difference. Find out more at [www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day)



**WORLD  
ENVIRONMENT  
DAY**  
5TH JUNE



*Donations*

If you would like to support the community garden through a donation, we would love to talk to you! Please send an email to us outlining your proposal.

**BUNNINGS**

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**  
3RD JUNE 7AM - 3PM  
**MORAYFIELD STORE**

**THIS MONTH'S COVER PHOTO**

Community gardens are a place for all the community, no matter age, race, religion or political persuasion. A place to garden and for all people to learn about healthy food, simple.

We need more of these places in our cities and towns. Hopefully, we at Beachmere Community Garden have shown what can be achieved when the community bands together for a common goal. If you are looking at starting a community garden and need some advice, we are more than happy to share our experience with you.



**ARVO IN THE GARDEN 25TH JUNE**

Members and the public are encouraged to pop down to site for a relaxing afternoon get together from 2-4 pm on the 4th Sunday of the Month. It's a great opportunity to catch up and bring some of your garden goodies to share. Hope to see you there. (A reminder, please don't bring dogs into the garden area, a space to restrain them outside is provided).

**PHOTO OF  
THE  
MONTH**  
Produce! by  
Adel.

Our first piece of produce in the garden. Grown from one of Darla's donated strawberry runners.



Managed by Beachmere District Men's Shed Inc.

**JUNE 3RD**  
**7AM - NOON**

**53 ROGERS STREET  
BEACHMERE**

**SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES AND GROUPS SUPPORTING US**

It has been amazing to see the generous support from many local (and not so local) governments, businesses and community groups that are helping to get this project off the ground. Wherever possible please support them in return.



Beachmere



**BEACHMERE HISTORY  
AND RESEARCH**



Flamingos

Ice Creamery

**WAMURAN TIMBERS**



**MICROMIX**  
ON-SITE CONCRETE MIXING

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