



Welcome

Please pass this newsletter on to anyone who may be interested

Things we need

Volunteers to grow plants

Wicker baskets

Feature pots

Fruit trees and herbs

Donations!

Important dates

1st July

Beachmere District Community Markets (see flier on last page)

2-9 July

NAIDOC Week

3rd July

World Plastic Bag Free Day

23rd July

General Meeting 3pm Onsite.

Arvo in the Garden 2-4pm Onsite

30th July

National Tree Day

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.

Thanks for reading the latest issue. Are we having a well-earned rest now that our Community Garden is launched? A thousand thanks to Cherrie Wilson for the Bribie Islander June issue showcasing the Grand Opening and Beachmere generally. The article captured the warmth, energy and dedication of everyone who worked towards the realisation of a vision. Thank you again, Cherrie, for your great support. And thank you again Alex and Anthaea (Anthaea Dance photography) for the wonderful images taken on the day.

The beautiful cooler weather has arrived at exactly the right time for quiet contemplation, tidying, planning, and sowing the seeds for a Spring crop. Nature is a wonderful administrator, giving us this time for reflection after a high energy season. We hope you are making the most of a little down-time, and also having a thought about the fast approaching Spring Community Open Day. Please share any ideas you have for making this a memorable event for the Beachmere Community.

The work continues at the Garden, and a great plus is the water tank, now installed and filled by the recent rain. Plants are arriving each week, turning the "concrete jungle" into a green oasis.

Our budding young gardeners have been surprised and delighted by self-sown lettuce popping up in the Beachmere State School garden. One of the best things about gardening is that we are being trained, subconsciously, to look, observe and learn, to gather knowledge and make connections... to think! Valuable training indeed for youngsters!

The latest Bunnings sausage sizzle was another triumph! And the Beachmere Community Market is on again on the 1st July, so come and help out, or pick up some seasonal plants at our stall. Always fun! This month we have a range of native grasses for sale, perfect for providing habitat and food for local animals that call our back yards home. Speaking of plants we have for sale at the market stall, did you know Pig face's Latin name Carpobrotus glaucescens refers to the fruit being edible (Greek karpos "fruit" and brotos "edible"), in other words, bush tucker! While glaucescens refers to the blue/green, blue/grey colour of the leaves. Very interesting. Do you think the flowers resemble little pigs faces?! There will be opportunities this upcoming NAIDOC week to learn more about Pigface and many other local plants as well as celebrating indigenous culture. See the back page for more details.

Anyway, enjoy these beautiful winter days and we hope to see you at the garden soon.

Read on! Enjoy!

The Committee



Can you believe this was all built in the last few months!



BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE/ COMMUNITY MARKET JUNE 3RD



Saturday morning was looking like a challenge for the BCGI team- a Bunnings sausage sizzle AND the Beachmere Community Markets on at the same day. Thanks to the amazing efforts of all involved, both events ran smoothly. Just over \$2050 was raised at the BBQ and \$180 at the market stall. A terrific effort. Thank you to all the helpers that made the sausage sizzle and market stall another success. Also, thanks again to Leigh from Bunnings for being so helpful on the day.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR...

July 2022 saw BCGI host proud supporters Fulton Hogan for a morning gardening workshop on a very vacant garden site. I'm not sure if the chickens have recovered from their wing clipping yet!



There are several local groups with similar names to ours, so to avoid confusion, please ensure any correspondence uses our official title and email:

EST 2020

**BEACHMERE
COMMUNITY
GARDEN INC.**

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Thanks!



A good use of old drums at a local nursery



"Water is the driving force of all nature." Leonardo Da Vinci



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

A major milestone was reached last month, with the gardens water tank moved to site and plumbed up. Luckily the catchment area the tank is connected to is quite large (the Community HUB building next door) so a single day of rain was all that was needed to fill the tank up. A big thank you to:

- Esther for letting us store the tank on her block for over a year!
- Bill, Jill and David for moving it into position
- John for plumbing it up to the existing tanks.
- BANG for letting us use their water while we waited for our tank to be installed.

Just need the pump hooked up for a bit more water pressure!



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MBRC SITE VISIT

We recently had a visit from Cr Booth and Wes, Andrew and Chris from the MBRC Parks and Recreational Planning department to give an update on progress and to discuss future plans for the site. Wes was involved at the very beginning when allocating this space for the Community Garden, so it was nice to be able to show him the plan coming to reality.

Thanks to a discretionary grant from Cr Booth, we have purchased a new sign for the front. The grant also included the sign at the rear entrance and mulch for the garden. Thanks Boothy! Council has also amended the yellow signage at the front of the HUB to include the Community Garden. As the garden is tucked away off the road, these signs will help improve accessibility. Thank you Cindy for helping to organise the yellow sign.

PLANTING UPDATE

Even though Remembrance Day is still over 4 months away, it is time to start planting poppy seeds for our display during the service. Poppies are tricky to grow in our climate, so the more people propagating them, the more chance we have for some to be in flower on the 11th of Nov. Packets usually have a heap of seeds, so you can stagger the planting over a couple of weeks, increasing our likelihood of plants flowering on the day.



We have a growing range of food plants available at our Beachmere District Community Market stall.

Why not drop down on Saturday, the 1st of July and check them out? This month we have herbs, salvias, native lemon sherbet coleus, beautiful native grasses and bush tucker plants including Pigface, 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.



BRIBIE COMMUNITY PLANT NURSERY

It has been almost two years since the raised garden beds were constructed at the Bribie Community Nursery veggie patch. In that time a focus has been to improve the soil through a combination of organic gardening methods including composting, slash and drop, green manure crops, no dig principles (layering and minimising soil disturbance), even an adaption of 'hugelkultur' (filling the garden beds with banana trees). And from the results shown here, it's been well worth it!

Healthy soil = healthy food = healthy people.



BEACHMERE STATE SCHOOL GARDEN

The students are having a well earned break, but care for the garden doesn't stop for holidays. BCGI members have been watering and maintaining the garden over this dry spell. The holidays will give us time to finish a few tasks in the garden. One being the installation of poly pipe hoops in the raised garden to act as a frame for the netting. The gardens will also receive a good layer of mulch and be planted with a fast growing green manure crop.

The little lettuce seedlings mentioned last issue are thriving thanks to the regular watering, mulch and netting to keep out the hungry hordes! Most of the seedlings that have self sown are red in colour, even though the original lettuce were mixed. Any ideas why?



VOLUNTEERING AT BEACHMERE COMMUNITY GARDEN INC.

Have you thought about helping out at Beachmere Community Garden? There are many ways to help. Send us an email for more information.

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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.

ARVO IN THE GARDEN 25TH JUNE

Another relaxing afternoon was had by all, including several groups wandering through to find out more about the community garden. We were pleasantly surprised by a visit from Federal Member Mr Terry Young who popped down for a chat and to check on progress. It's great to see all our elected representatives taking such an interest in our community garden.

Next Arvo in the Garden:
23rd July 2-4pm
ALL WELCOME



This years NAIDOC theme is "For our elders"
"Elders have played and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families". (from NAIDOC website).



FOR OUR ELDERS

2-9 JULY 2023

Find out more at the MBRC website and the Pumicestone Indigenous Education and Employment Council (PIEEC) Facebook page.



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.



PHOTO OF THE MONTH

More produce! by David.

Last month it was a single strawberry, this month we have increased garden production 300% with 3 tomatoes (The 3rd one didn't last long enough for the photo!).

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



THIS MONTH'S COVER PHOTO

The pig face are flowering in profusion at this time of year, a welcome food source for our local bees and beneficial insects. The fleshy fruit and leaves are also edible. As a local plant, they thrive in the sandy conditions around Beachmere. If you are planning on some for your garden, just be aware of the different varieties and choose the correct one for your location (all green leaves and stem for around here).

Don't you agree that Jordan and Steve from Brightsiders captured them beautifully on our new mural?



YOU CAN GET JUST ABOUT ANYTHING AT THE **BEACHMERE COMMUNITY MARKET!**



COME AND HAVE A LOOK AROUND ON **SATURDAY JULY 1st**
7.am to Noon



Managed By Beachmere District Men's Shed Inc.
MEN'S SHED — ROGERS STREET, BEACHMERE

Cr Mark Booth
Div 2

