



Please pass this newsletter on to  
anyone who may be interested

# Welcome

**Welcome to The Good Dirt for September.** Nothing says "Spring" like the first gerbera in the garden! It's a beautiful time of the year, and we have seen the Community Garden flourish in August with a wealth of activity and growth on so many levels. This month's newsletter outlines visits from the Bribie Community Nursery, Lynda from Carer's Qld, the littlies from Beachmere State School, the upcoming and highly anticipated Moreton Bay Eco Fest, results of another spectacular fund raiser at Bunnings, and some timely advice on choosing plants at your own patch for the season ahead. We also had a visit from Moreton Life, who will be featuring Beachmere Community Garden in their December issue.

As envisioned, the Garden is creating interest from Community groups and residents, and it is delightful to see people and plants mingling, at this stage on a limited level until we open the gates later in the year. Looking ahead, we will need members to man the hoses and watering cans, given predictions for a hot dry summer. Do you have some spare time? Let us know!

There are plans afoot for workshops and horticulture training when we are fully operational, so the calendar is fast filling. The Banksia Garden Group is popping in for a visit next week, Beachmere Community Market is on this Saturday, and there is talk of a small garage sale on our site to clear out the container. Stay tuned! Senior's Expo is coming up on October 11th at The Hub. Busy times ahead... where did the year go?

On a sobering note, a recent story about an unwelcome resident in a human brain reminds us of the need for careful washing and preparation of foraged, home grown or bought produce. And some foraged greens high in oxalic acid need cooking before eating. There's a lot to learn as we adapt to changing conditions and practices, and it is wise to err on the side of caution, just in case.

Have a great September! Enjoy those gerberas!

*"When the wells dry, we know the  
worth of water."*

Benjamin Franklin

*The Committee*

Experienced foragers have highlighted the importance of food safety after a parasite was extracted from a woman's brain at a Canberra hospital. Researchers believe foraged warrigal greens could have been carrying the live roundworm which made its way into her brain...

ABC News 30/8/23

Does your community group have a garden that could use some colour? We have heaps (and heaps) of salvias available to donate. Send us an email for more details. Salvias are vibrant, tough, waterwise plants that bees (and gardeners) love!



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**BEACHMERE  
COMMUNITY  
GARDEN INC.**  
QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA



## "Arvo in the Garden"

4TH SUNDAY OF  
EACH MONTH 2-4PM

# ALL WELCOME

www.beachmerecommunitygarden.com.au

## COULD MEMBERS PLEASE PAY ANY OUTSTANDING MEMBERSHIP FEES. CHEERS

**WORKING BEES ON SITE  
SAT MORNINGS 8-11AM  
(EXCEPT 1ST SAT OF MONTH  
BEACHMERE COMMUNITY  
MARKETS)**



## Things we need

Volunteers to grow  
plants

Feature pots

Fruit trees and herbs

Donations!

## Important dates

1st Sept

First Day of Spring

2nd Sept

Beachmere District  
Community Markets  
(see flier on last page)

3rd Sept

Fathers Day

9th Sept

Garage Sale Onsite 8-11am

24th Sept

"Arvo in the Garden"  
2-4pm Onsite

30th Sept

Moreton Bay ECOFEST  
(see flier on last page)

## NO GENERAL MEETING THIS MONTH

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

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## BEACHMERE COMMUNITY GARDEN

### A GATHERING OF GARDENERS BRIBIE ISLAND COMMUNITY NURSERY VISIT 14TH AUG

Is there a collective noun for a group of gardeners? There should be a word that encompasses lively curiosity, dedication to hard work, the capacity to plan, to work together with like-minded people regardless of age, gender, origin, backgrounds, and localities. Gardening seems to be one pursuit which brings people together, across all barriers. So, take a newly launched Beachmere Community Garden visited by the well-established Bribie Community Nursery on a perfect August morning, and you have a perfect hive of activity, interest, conversation and hearty interaction... just what we hoped for when the Garden was first envisioned.

The Bribie Community Nursery has given generous financial support and advice to BCGI from the very beginning, and they were finally able to see the results of their generosity when, under the leadership of their President, "Dynamic" David Wearne, 20 members graced our garden on their first group outing. They were greeted by the attractive fence surrounding the garden space, financed by the members.

Chairperson David Fraser welcomed the guests and gave details of where their contributions had been spent, thanking them for their support over the last 3 years. President Dave graciously, and humorously, responded on behalf of the Nursery before the group walked around, investigated the different areas and generally delighted in what they saw. Another special and practical gift from the Nursery was the gravel cell matting which provides a stable, safe surface for walkers and wheelchairs.

Smart in their green shirts, these good people brought life and warmth into the garden, which is continuing to develop as we head towards opening to the public. We have sourced many of our plants from the Bribie Community Nursery, which is a treasure trove for people looking for all manner of garden stock. The proceeds from the Nursery are given back to the Community and have assisted many local sporting and support groups over the years.

Gardeners always have stories to tell, and so, over morning tea, the two groups chatted, and deepened the bond between Bribie and Beachmere. The members radiated good health, good humour, and a youthful spirit as they exchanged ideas and accrued experience. Fresh air, selfless community service, working with nature, friendship and laughter... seems to be a recipe indeed for a happy life!

The group photo saw everyone saying "Weeds!" instead of "Cheese"! And thank you to Kaaren for extra photos, to Beverley for her stories, and all the ladies and gents who gave us such a memorable morning. We hope to see you all again! And have a thought about that collective noun .... A Bloom of Gardeners? A Bunch of Gardeners? Hmmmm...



### WORKING BEE UPDATE

The team recently potted up our new hanging baskets, funded by a successful State Gov Community Sustainable Spaces grant. They were filled with an assortment of edible, companion and sensory plants that have been grown by members. The hanging baskets have been placed along the arbour, adding to the sensory immersion while walking through the garden.



Finally, to all the local businesses that provide quotes for grants and council work applications, knowing we may not be successful in going ahead with the proposed works. We really appreciate your assistance. These companies have generously given their time providing quotes recently. We hope the grant submissions are successful. Thanks!



- 👍 Waterwise Plumbing and Gas
- 👍 Circuit Alert Electrical and Solar
- 👍 Solar Quotes
- 👍 LMC Security

## Thanks local legends!

BCGI member Yvonne created this beautiful quilt for the garden. "Save the bees" is an impressive creation and a welcome addition to the garden.



Our recent Bunnings Sausage sizzle was another great success (\$2200 raised!), in no small part due to the wonderful assistance from the Bunnings team. Activities coordinator Leigh notified us that this was her last BBQ she would be helping with. Leigh has guided us through the process from the start, always with a smile, taking us from nervous BBQ amateurs to seasoned sausage sizzle pros! Thanks again Leigh and good luck in your new position managing the upgraded Bunnings cafe.



How's this for community spirit? Being our youngest member hasn't stopped Charlotte from helping the community garden in so many ways. Not only is Charlotte a regular volunteer at our stall and Bunnings BBQ's (teaching the oldies about technology!), but recently learnt how to crochet. Using this new skill, Charlotte makes funky hair bands, and sells them at the market stall, donating all proceeds to the community garden. Amazing!



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## BEACHMERE COMMUNITY GARDEN

### BEACHMERE STATE SCHOOL CLASS 3/4 C GARDEN VISIT



Please remember, first thing to do when attending any event at the garden is to sign on. This is extremely important in case of an emergency and is a requirement of our public liability insurance. Cheers!

### GARDENING AUSTRALIA

The Gardening Australia team are back from their Winter break and are bursting with ideas to inspire and help with all things gardening. Check it out on ABC (7:30pm Fridays or watch on ABC iView).



### PLANTING UPDATE

We have a range of food plants available at our Beachmere District Community Market stall. Why not drop down on Saturday, the 2nd of September and check them out? This month we have herbs, hoyas, salvias, native lemon sherbet coleus, paper daisies, native grasses and bush tucker plants including Pigface, Midyim berry and Blue tongue.

As we only have space for a small range of plants at our garden, why not visit one of the amazing community nurseries in the area. They are run by passionate volunteers like us who love native plants. These plants are suited to the local conditions and will have a better chance of surviving the hot, dry conditions forecast for this Spring and Summer.



### CARERS QLD SITE VISIT



## LOCAL COMMUNITY NURSERIES



**Bribie Island Community Nursery**

208 First Ave, Bongaree QLD 4507



**Coolum Community Native Nursery**

157 Warran Rd, Yaroomba QLD 4573



**Lagoon Creek Community Nursery**

1 Toovey St, Caboolture QLD 4510



**Mooloolah River Landcare Native Plant Nursery**

2671 Steve Irwin Way, Glenview QLD 4553



**Kumbartcho Sanctuary Nursery**

15 Bunya Pine Ct, Eatons Hill QLD 4037

**CHECK WEBSITES AND FACEBOOK PAGES FOR UP TO DATE OPENING TIMES AND CONTACT DETAILS**

## 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.



## PHOTO OF THE MONTH

**Can I come in? by Yvonne.**

The warm weather is bringing out all sorts of wildlife. A good reminder to keep your doors closed! This beautiful local was well over 2 metres (see other photo). Remember to always be aware in your gardens as its their home too.



## 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



**WAMURAN TIMBERS**

**BEACHMERE HISTORY AND RESEARCH**



**MICROMIX**  
ON-SITE CONCRETE MIXING

## ARVO IN THE GARDEN 27TH AUGUST

It's so good to see the local community drop in to learn about the garden, especially families with young kids. We are noticing so much interest in healthy food, local plants and caring for the environment. Great to see!

**Next Arvo in the Garden:  
24th Sept 2-4pm ALL WELCOME**

*Happy Father's Day*

## THIS MONTH'S COVER PHOTO

Did you all guess the plant in the cover photo? Basil is a must have in the garden and comes in so many varieties. They grow so well in our climate and the flowers are adored by bees. Spring means delicious stir fries, curries full of basil and tasty pesto.



**MORETON BAY LIBRARIES HOST A RANGE OF INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE WORKSHOPS AND TALKS, MANY RELATED TO GARDENING. CHECK OUT THE CITY OF MORETON BAY WEBSITE TO FIND OUT MORE.**



*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.

**ATTENTION!**

**IT'S FATHERS DAY SOON**



**LAST MINUTE GOODIES FOR DAD AT THE BEACHMERE DISTRICT COMMUNITY MARKET 53 ROGERS STREET BEACHMERE**

**Saturday September 2nd**

**7.00am to Noon**

Managed by the Beachmere District Men's Shed Inc

**Cr Mark Booth  
Div 2**



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