

Please pass this newsletter on to
anyone who may be interested

Welcome

Welcome to the October edition of The Good Dirt. September was again a very full month at the Community Garden, with beautiful weather and even a spot (well, a small deluge) of welcome rain adding to the joys of gardening. The site enjoyed a visit from the wonderful Desley and members of the Banksia Garden Club. Mary from the Bribie Island Library popped in for a look and a chat, benches have been acquired and more seating will soon be in place. And of course, the wonderful Eco Fest! BCG's display was beautifully presented (see photo below and on next page) by members who were kept busy with the many visitors looking for information and advice. It is gratifying to see so much interest amongst young people in growing food. More on Eco Fest later in this newsletter.

Work continues at the Beachmere State School garden. Seniors Expo at the Hub is 11th October. The inaugural National Community Gardens Day is to be held on 26th November to showcase community gardens. We'll be doing something special for that! We also have a special announcement in this issue, showcasing the amazing support the garden is receiving from the local Beachmere community.

The spectre of El Nino in the coming months is a major talking point for us all. The Qld Govt environment website, amongst other sources, has excellent advice on water-wise gardening. We are already seeing hotter, dryer conditions. Start preparing now!

We'll be at the Beachmere Community Market on 7th October, and "Arvo in the Garden" on the 22nd. Would love to see you there.

Have a great month! *The Committee*

Please direct all correspondence to our email account
beachmerecommunitygarden@outlook.com



Power by the people!

We have recently started a GoFundMe page to help raise funds to purchase a solar setup for the garden. This is one of the last major projects before construction is complete. Don't miss your chance to help build an inclusive, welcoming garden space for the local community. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

If you can help, go to the GoFundMe website and search "Beachmere Community Garden"



EST 2020
**BEACHMERE
COMMUNITY
GARDEN INC.**
QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

"Arvo in the Garden"

4TH SUNDAY OF
EACH MONTH 3-5PM

ALL WELCOME

MAIN STREET BEACHMERE, BEHIND WATER TOWER

*"No water, no life,
no blue, no green"*
Sylvia Earle

**BEACHMERE
COMMUNITY GARDEN
MEMBERSHIP FEES
DUE 17TH OCT.**

**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

7th Oct

Beachmere District
Community Markets
(see flier on last page)

11th Oct

Beachmere Seniors Expo
Beachmere HUB
1-3pm
(see flier on last page)

16-22nd Oct

Aussie Bird Count
National Survey
birdcount.org.au

22nd Oct

General Meeting
2pm Onsite

"Arvo in the Garden"
3-5pm Onsite
All Welcome!

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



MORETON BAY ECOFEST 30TH SEPTEMBER

Another triumph for Moreton Bay! The Caboolture Town Square burst into life as Eco Fest bloomed on a perfect Spring Day. Experts, community organisations, including Beachmere Community Garden, and all manner of businesses and groups came together to share practical tips on how to live more sustainably. Our stand was absolutely picturesque - hats off to the members whose artistry created this gorgeous display of produce, flowers, trees and shrubs.

Members were kept busy with avid interest from visitors keen to know more about growing food, managing climate and what can be achieved to enrich their gardens. Many of the queries came from young people keen to learn, which is a great indication for sustainability and self-sufficiency in the future. Pots of herbs and seedlings were given out. Hannah Maloney, a well-known presenter, permaculturalist and climate activist from Gardening Australia popped in. Anything you needed to know about re-cycling, council services, preparation for natural disasters, was available from friendly Moreton Bay staff.

The beautiful shady trees, thoughtfully planted in the past by a visionary Council, harboured stalls of all types, including one of my favourites, Amanecer Micro Greens. My basket filled with pots of goodness from Jason and Hiro, who also presented visitors with a gorgeous Gerbera. Families enjoyed the entertainment, food, a Garden Party in the Library, and relaxed in a lovely atmosphere of community.

Congratulations to the organisers of this wonderful event, which, in a friendly vibrant setting, educates, entertains and informs us all. Congratulations to Beachmere Community Garden, whose members are contributing to the future in such a positive way.



THANKS LOCAL LEGENDS!

We recently received this amazing donation of pots, shadecloth and mesh from Denise and Brent. They even threw in some amazing dwarf pineapples that were a big hit at our Moreton Bay Ecofest display. Thank you for your generosity.



Once again, thank you to Bill and John. This time the dynamic duo fabricated and installed the anti-climb shrouds for our shade sail posts.



Cheers Steve and Ben at Cartridge World for assisting with all our printing needs, including the laminated information displays and newsletters seen at our Ecofest stall.



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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BEACHMERE COMMUNITY GARDEN

BRIEBIE LIBRARY 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

Is there anything Millie cannot make? This week it was a stackable, waterwise strawberry garden made from recycled materials. Strawberries prefer a slightly acidic soil, so mulch with pine needles. Check it out on ABC (7:30pm Fridays or watch on ABC iView).



Image from ABC website

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 7th of October 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.



NEW SPONSORSHIP!



We are constantly amazed at the wonderful community spirit shown to the garden by local businesses. Chris and Liz from the Beach Shak Cafe recently approached us about ways to support the community garden. We can proudly announce the outcome is The Beach Shak sponsoring one of our mobile wicking gardens. This funding will go towards completing the last few projects, including plumbing and electrical work to build our outdoor kitchen. We promise not to go into competition! Thank you Chris and Liz for your support.

Mary from the Bribie Island Library popped in recently to have a look at progress and discuss ways to support each other in promoting healthy food to the local community. Mary and the library team have been a terrific support over the last few years and it is great to watch each others community gardens grow together. Watch this space as we have an exciting announcement to make regarding the library soon.

BANKSIA GARDEN CLUB VISIT

It was a pleasure to welcome the Banksia Garden club in for a flying visit of the community garden last month. The club partner with us in growing poppies for the Remembrance Day service at Beachmere, a special sight for all who see the poppies in bloom. This year almost all of our seedlings failed, however, the Banksia Garden Club team have managed to save the day and grow several trays for the service. Thanks again and we hope to see you back for a longer visit soon.

BEHIND THE SCENES

We receive so many positive comments about the garden and our displays at events such as Moreton Bay Ecofest. But it doesn't just magically happen! There is so much hard work done behind the scenes by our committed band of volunteers. Early mornings and late afternoons spent loading plants for markets and events, filling cars with containers for collection and organising mountains of admin are but a few of the tasks that need to be regularly undertaken. All the hard work is a credit to the group and makes the garden such a success.





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.

It's nice to see the word getting out that the community garden is a place for the whole community to experience and enjoy. Several groups wandered through during our September Arvo in the Garden, including families with small children. Great to see. Hope to see you there this month.

NEXT ARVO IN THE GARDEN 22ND OCTOBER

Beachmere Seniors Expo

Join us

Wednesday, 11 October
1.00pm - 3.00pm
at the Hub, Main St

FREE EVENT

- a free afternoon tea

- information

- speakers!

Scams + More

FREE EVENT

Community Groups
Seniors Groups
Senior Support
Aids & Equipment

Beachmere Hub
U3A Beachmere Inc.
University of the Third Age
BANG
Beachmere Area Network Group, Inc.

We will have the community garden open during the Seniors Expo, why not pop down and have a look around



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.

THIS MONTH'S COVER PHOTO

Qld is famous for the Big Pineapple, but as you may have seen at our Ecofest stall, they come in a dwarf variety too! They are perfect in a pot on a balcony or courtyard as long as there is plenty of sun. Being a bromeliad, pineapples enjoy a foliar spray and can grow in poor soil as long as it is free draining.



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.



BEACHMERE DISTRICT COMMUNITY MARKET

Saturday

October 7th

7.00 to Midday

53 ROGERS STREET

BEACHMERE



Managed by Beachmere District Men's Shed Inc.

Cr Mark Booth
Div 2



Beachmere



BEACHMERE HISTORY AND RESEARCH



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