



Please pass this newsletter on to anyone who may be interested

Welcome to the November edition of The Good Dirt. This month sees us enjoying the last few weeks of Spring. It has been a beautiful time of the year for most of us, but a terrible time for so many others, and we send positive, supportive thoughts to those who have already experienced the ravages of fire and lost so much. We can only hope that the coming months are kinder, and be thankful that in this country we have a wonderful community spirit which rallies around those in need when times are tough.

Within our own community, the Garden continues to grow into a welcoming, educational place for all. Mark this day in your diary - Sunday 26th November - the inaugural National Community Garden Day. We will be opening the gates at 10am until 5pm, and look forward to seeing you there. Our school visits continue, the latest being Year 5 from Beachmere State School. The children are now sharing with us what's happening in their own home gardens, which is just lovely. Kids, bring your families on the 26th and show them around!

A reminder - National Recycling Week commences the 13th November. This becomes more crucial every year, and there is much to achieve. Remembrance Day on the 11th; the poppies are looking healthy despite the tough conditions, hopefully we have some flowers for the service this year. And just like that, the Beachmere Community Market is upon us again on 4th November. Where did October go?!

Thank you to Denise and Brent for their recent donation of plants. We have a few dwarf banana, apple, and pruned mango trees available to give to our members. Send us an email if you would like to adopt one. They are itching to get into some soil! The Garden was also included in October's Walking Tour of Beachmere, led by Karen Wallwork from Beachmere History and Research. Thank you, Karen, for your generous support.

Next year, when all the work is finalised, is shaping up to be a very busy one. There are all sorts of interests and activities attached to a Community Garden, and we welcome new members. Come and talk to us at the Market, or at the Garden on the 26th.

Enjoy the read.

The Committee

No General Meeting this Month

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



"Herb gardens add spice to life" Anon

BEACHMERE COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS DUE 15TH NOV.

WORKING BEES ON SITE SAT ARVO 2-5 PM (EXCEPT 1ST SAT OF MONTH - BEACHMERE COMMUNITY MARKETS)



Things we need

Volunteers

Feature pots

Fruit trees and herbs

Donations!

Important dates

4th Nov

Beachmere District Community Markets (see flier on last page)

11th Nov

Remembrance Day

13-19th Nov

National Recycling Week

18th Nov

Inclusive Community Garden Forum (see Flier for details)

26th Nov

National Community Garden Day

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

29th Nov AGM



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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Solar Sponsor Urgently Needed

Our goal is to be fully off grid with solar panels and a battery wall

This is our last remaining major work before the garden is complete, but as a volunteer run organisation that relies completely on fundraising and generous support, we don't have the funds to cover this. Would you like to join our other major sponsors?

City of Moreton Bay - Concrete
Fulton Hogan - Arbour

Bribie Island Community Plant Nursery - Fence, accessible walkways, shirts
Lions Club of Beachmere - Matching Fundraising
Beachy Plumbing and Gas - Plumbing works



Beachmere



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the solar GoFundMe page. If you would like to make a donation towards the solar project, no matter how big or small, please go to the GoFundMe website and search "Beachmere Community Garden".



3 years ago....



Today...



What more can we say about the amazing team at Bribie Community Plant Nursery. The tireless volunteers propagate a range of native and ornamental varieties, with all profits going to the local community. This time they have generously agreed to fund long sleeve cotton shirts for the BCGI members, helping us to stay sun smart and look cool too! Thank you so much.

THANKS LOCAL LEGENDS!



Thank you Leonie for the wonderful donation of a lemon, lime and Makrut lime tree. They will be a welcome addition to our cool drinks over the long hot summer. Leonie has also kindly donated a native bee hive! We can't wait to get them on site and calling the community garden home.



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 STATE SCHOOL YR 5'S VISIT



Could the year 5's match the high standard that has been set by the previous class visits from Beachmere State School. The answer was a resounding yes! It is so inspiring to see the enthusiasm the students have for growing healthy food. Many of the students were able to identify plants at the garden from those growing in their own gardens at home. Even though it was a hot day, everyone kept sun smart, hydrated and had a thoroughly enjoyable morning. This use of the garden is a great example of the community embracing the space. Thank you to the students and teachers at Beachmere State School for making it another enjoyable morning. Also, a big thank you to Jill, Helen, Rose and David for helping to run the mornings activities. We can't wait for the next one!

BEACHMERE STATE SCHOOL GARDEN

The warm weather is making everything grow so fast in the garden. The students' latest plantings included sunflowers, corn, cosmos, rainbow silverbeet and gourds. And the bees! They are loving the garden, which can be seen by the number of pumpkins pollinated and growing in the patch. Well done to all the students and thank you also to member Andrea for recently joining the other BCGI members who regularly help out at the school garden.



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!

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 4th of Nov 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. One of our members, Pat has also grown some fruit salad frangipani's, which are starting to flower. Get in early, because they will sell quick!



If there are any plants you would like us to sell at the markets, please send us an email and we will do our best to grow them for you. We are always looking for food varieites that grow well in Beachmere's conditions. If you have some proven winners in your garden, we would love some seeds.

**18th November
9:30-12:30
Garden City Library
Mt Gravatt**

**If you are interested in
helping community
gardens be more
inclusive, please
attend and join the
conversation.**

**Bookings Essential
For more info:
1300999636**

**Community Garden Conversations
Inclusive Community Gardens Forum 2023
cq.communityandmainstream@ndis.gov.au**



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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

Buried treasure! by Jude.

It's always exciting to see how many have grown when harvesting your potatoes.



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.

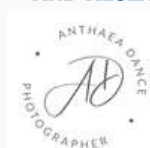


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BEACHMERE HISTORY AND RESEARCH



Thank you to all the members who attended the general meeting/Arvo in the garden last month. It is so important to hear from as many perspectives when discussing issues and making decisions relating to the community garden. We are always open to input about the garden, please send an email if you have any suggestions or improvements.

NEXT ARVO IN THE GARDEN 26TH NOVEMBER



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

If there are a group of plants that say "bring it on" to the hot weather it is herbs, in particular the Mediterranean varieties like oregano, rosemary and sage. Others such as basil tolerate the heat but do require a bit more water. A great thing about herbs is they can be used fresh or dried and don't need much space to grow with many dwarf varieties now available.



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.



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