

# Welcome

Please pass this newsletter on to  
anyone who may be interested

**Well, March certainly whizzed past in a hurry!** And here we are in April... a lovely time of the year, with cooler days, comfortable nights, and some respite from that relentless heat at last. Still plenty of rain though! The Community Garden is lush and vibrant and is proving popular with visitors on Wednesdays. It's especially gratifying to see families arriving and their interest in what's best to plant in this area. Why not make plans to bring the family down as part of Youth Week activities next Wednesday. We're also noticing increased plantings of native shrubs and trees in local home gardens, which can only benefit us all ultimately.

The Beachmere school garden is in full swing, with work being carried out on the main veggie patch, ready to plant the next crops. We also are working with students to provide the rosemary sprigs for Anzac Day this month. Our thanks go to our members who guide and enrich the youngsters' garden experience. It's a rewarding time for everyone involved.

Recently Carers Qld visited to have a look at how we are implementing our inclusion objectives. Accessibility is a major part of our guiding principles, and all agree thoughtful planning is evident throughout the site, so that everyone can enjoy this special place.

You'll find some photos of members' gardens in this issue... as part of Mother Earth Day this year, we'd love to hear how you are going in your patch, and hope to see you at the Community Market on the 6th April. It's an ideal place to pick up some healthy plants and swap garden stories.

And next time you call in to the Garden, look out for the Loofahs. Such a lovely sight, dangling from the vines all over the arbour.

Enjoy April! Happy planting! *The bcgi team*

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**Speaking of Loofahs, check out the amazing crop member Bill is growing for the garden.** There are more photos of what members are growing in their gardens on page 3.

## CARERS QLD

It's always a pleasure to have Carers QLD drop by for a chat. They have been a part of this project since the very beginning, assisting us on our path to create an inclusive, welcoming garden space for the whole community. Lynda and Nicola were very impressed with progress and look forward to be a part of its growth into the future.



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  
[www.beachmerecommunitygarden.com.au](http://www.beachmerecommunitygarden.com.au)

**MORETON BAY CITY COUNCIL FORECASTS OVER 200 000 NEW RESIDENTS IN THE NEXT 20 YEARS. COMMUNITY GARDENS WILL PLAY A BIG ROLE IN COUNCIL'S VISION TO 'GO GREEN AS WE GROW'**

## CURRENT OPENING HOURS

Wednesdays 8am - 4pm,  
Saturdays 3-5pm (except the 1st Saturday of the Month)  
4th Sunday of each Month from 3-5pm.

If you cannot make these times, please send us an email and we will try to organise someone to meet you on site.

## Things we need

Volunteers  
Feature pots  
Fruit trees and herbs  
Donations!

## Important dates

- 6th April  
Beachmere District Community Markets (see flier on last page)
- 7-13th April  
QLD Youth Week
- 22nd April  
Int Mother Earth Day
- 25th April  
ANZAC Day
- 28th April  
"Arvo in the Garden"  
3-5pm on site

**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.**



**WORKING BEES ON SITE EVERY SAT ARVO 3-5 PM (EXCEPT 1ST SAT OF MONTH - BEACHMERE COMMUNITY MARKETS)**







**ONE YEAR AGO...**

**TODAY!**

## THANK YOU

Big thank you Fruit Tree Cottage at Bli Bli for throwing in some free plants with our latest order. Heidi has provided a wealth of information for growing fruit trees in our climate and is always interested in how the garden is progressing. These plants have been funded through the State Gov Community Sustainability grant run by the Dept of Environment and Science.



Thanks Troy at Hinterland Foliage in Landsborough for the discount on the large pots. Cheers! These pots have been funded through the People of Post grant, which Helen, from our local Beachmere Post Office, kindly nominated us for. They will be converted into wicking beds. Thanks Helen.



Isn't it amazing what can be achieved by a dedicated group of people working together towards a common goal? Last April saw the arbour, fence and shade sails installed - the bones of the garden were complete! We also had the talented artists Jordan and Steven from Brightsiders begin the amazing mural.

Once fully open (soon!), everyone is free to visit the garden, you don't have to be a member. We welcome you to come and see our little patch and hope it inspires others to start their own community garden journey.



Tim from Beachy Plumbing and Gas working hard to install the accessible drinking fountain and outdoor kitchen, which will allow us to run workshops and demonstrations on site. Cheers Tim.



## BEACHMERE STATE SCHOOL GARDEN

**BIG NEWS!** We can announce a very generous donation from the Beachmere RSL Sub Branch of \$500 towards the accessible flooring that is to be installed at the school garden. Its amazing how local groups pitch in to support each other, thank you Beachmere RSL Sub Branch.

Meanwhile, BCGI members have been working hard tidying up the main vege patch area. Franjipanis were removed to allow more light into the garden. The beautiful mosaic tiles have been re-laid to divide the garden into 4 sections, perfect for teaching the students about rotational gardening.



## 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.

E: beachmerecommunitygarden@outlook.com W: beachmerecommunitygarden.com.au

or FB: facebook.com/BeachmereCommunityGarden





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

The rosemary we helped Beachmere State School students to propagate are looking good for ANZAC Day. These will be available at the service on the 25th April.



We have a growing range of plants available at our Beachmere District Community Market stall. Why not drop down on Saturday, the 6th of April and check them out? This month we have herbs, hoyas, salvias, native lemon sherbet coleus, native grasses and bush tucker plants.

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 varieties that grow well in Beachmere's conditions. If you have some proven winners in your garden, we would love some seeds.

**Garden Clubs**  
OF AUSTRALIA  
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Check out some amazing photos from BCGI members' gardens. The pond will be an amazing habitat for local animals as well as growing food plants such as Kang Kong. Pumpkins are still going strong and what about those beautiful flowers.



Big thank you to member Andrea for taking on the frog hotel project. The plants in the pond are all edible varieties, including Kang Kong, Thai Basil and Native Celery. We can't wait for some local frogs to move in.

Look at the size of this tiny mantis compared to the basil flower! However, it won't be long and it will be the apex predator of the insect world, along with the many spiders calling the garden home. It's great to see the numbers of natural predators increasing as the garden grows.



*"If I were a bird, I would fly about the Earth seeking the successive autumns."*  
George Eliot

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**Now Open!**  
**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
**8 AM - 4 PM**  
**ALL WELCOME**

\*Children to be accompanied by an adult\*

Access via Main St, Beachmere (Next to water tower)

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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.

Where else would you like to spend a lazy afternoon than in a beautiful garden? We invite everyone to come down and have a chat, relax in the garden or learn about the wide range of plants the you can grow in Beachmere and the surrounding area. Hope to see you there.

**NEXT ARVO IN THE GARDEN  
28TH APRIL 3-5PM**



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## THIS MONTH'S COVER PHOTO

Autumn is a great time to plant new citrus varieties in your garden. The soil is still warm, however, the intense summer sun is thankfully behind us. There are so many dwarf varieties to choose from if you don't have much room; while selective pruning will also keep citrus compact for small spaces. Many can be kept in pots as seen down at the garden.



**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 MARKETS**  
53 ROGERS ST  
BEACHMERE  
6TH APRIL  
7AM - 12PM

**Cr Mark Booth**  
Div 2



## PHOTO OF THE MONTH

**Full Bloom by Yvonne**

Crepe Myrtles' spectacular flowerings are coming to an end for another year, a sign that the weather is cooling down and it's time to start thinking about your cool season varieties. A bonus of this plant is that bees absolutely love the flowers.



**ANZAC DAY**

*Left We Forget*

**25TH APRIL**



**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.



## 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**



**WAMURAN TIMBERS**



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