



Welcome

The good dirt

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Please pass this newsletter on to
anyone who may be interested

What an amazing time of the year. Summer's relentless heat and humidity are now but a memory. There is a chill in the air and dew on the ground, It's almost like the earth has taken a big sigh of relief. The last crepe myrtle flowers have almost finished flowering and the golden pendas are about to start their vibrant bloom, both signs it's time to look at planting your cool season varieties. Are there any signs in your garden that let you know when to plant for the cool season?

A year ago this month, the garden had its official opening, it's amazing to see how much it has grown in that time. Keep an eye out on our social media for the one year anniversary celebrations, hopefully in late May/ early June. We thank all the volunteers who have believed in the project and donated their time and resources to making this welcoming, inclusive community garden a reality. We are always looking for new volunteers to help with the various projects we are involved in. Drop down on an open day or send an email if you would like to help. And you can really help the garden by spreading the word. Share this newsletter, our social media posts, and let anyone you know that is interested in gardening to visit and say hi. You are all welcome.

Last month saw BCGI present at another well attended ANZAC Day service. The Beachmere State school garden is powering along while undergoing major redevelopments. This Saturday is Beachmere Market day. The Beachmere Men's Shed put so much time and effort into running the monthly markets, so why not pop down on the 4th and show your support to them and all the stall holders.

To all the members of the garden and community who are battling colds, flus and other health concerns, we hope you recover quickly and we see you back down in the garden soon.

Enjoy May with the change of season and all it brings in the garden. Happy Mothers Day and happy planting!

The bcgi team

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

We are very excited to announce our new outdoor kitchen has arrived on site. Once installed, we will have clean water for cooking and cleaning, allowing us to start hosting workshops and cooking demonstrations. The accessible drinking fountain will be installed at the same time.

OUTDOOR KITCHEN



Loofah update Luckily the arbour has been built solidly, as the loofahs have officially taken over. There are so many the shade cloth is sagging under their weight! A recent visitor commented that Beachmere residents will have the best looking skin in all of Moreton Bay!

CURRENT OPENING HOURS

Wednesdays and Saturdays 8am - 4pm,
4th Sunday of each Month from 3-5pm.

Opening hours will be extended as construction is completed. If you cannot make these times, please send us an email and we will try to organise someone to meet you on site.

**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

Things we need

Volunteers
Feature pots
Fruit trees and herbs
Donations!

Important dates

4th May
Beachmere District
Community Markets
(see flier on last page)

12th May
Mother's Day

20-26th May
National Volunteering
Week

26th May
"Arvo in the Garden -
1 year Anniversary"
3-5pm on site

31st May
Last day of Autumn

GENERAL MEETING
26th May
3pm on site

**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

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ONE YEAR AGO

TODAY!



Isn't it amazing what can be achieved by a dedicated group of people working together towards a common goal? Last May saw a massive effort from the volunteers to get ready for the Grand Opening on the 20th May. The arbour was oiled, the accessible gravel flooring installed and first plants introduced to the site.

Everyone is welcome to visit the garden, you don't have to be a member. We welcome you to come and see our little patch to learn about growing healthy food. Hopefully it inspires others to start their own community garden journey.



We really appreciate the assistance from all our elected representatives in establishing this community garden. Thank you Mark Booth, Ali King and Terry Young for all your support and we look forward to working with you into the future.



The eggplants are growing so well in the mobile wicking gardens. These beds allow the plants to draw water as they need it and the results speak for themselves. We plan on holding wicking garden workshops in the near future. Let us know of any other workshop ideas you have and we will try and organise them.

BEACHMERE STATE SCHOOL GARDEN UPDATE



BCGI members have been working hard getting the school garden ready for planting. The hot summer is a holding time in the garden as we wait for the cooler weather. But there is a plant that laughs in the face of the heat and humidity - Rosellas. It looks like another bumper harvest with lots of Rosella jam for the students to try. Check out the harlequin bug enjoying the rosella leaf. It's amazing to see the diversity of animals calling the school garden home.

BCGI members have been trying out the new lights with some recent evenings in the garden. We plan to host many events in the evening, especially through Summer. Keep an eye on our social media and upcoming newsletters for some of these events.



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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ANZAC DAY

A beautiful morning on the 25th of April saw a huge crowd attend the Beachmere Anzac Day service. The service was a time of quiet reflection and remembrance... until an extremely low flyover by a very loud jet roared past during the minute silence.

The rosemary plants that we helped the school students propagate to donate on the day were in the original RSL garden where our community garden now stands. The plants were moved to the school several years ago and are thriving in their garden. It is some nice synergy from all groups involved.

Thank you Beachmere RSL Sub Branch for organising this special event. Lest we forget.

National Volunteer Week
20-26 MAY 2024
Something for Everyone
www.volunteeringaustralia.org



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered at the Beachmere Community Garden. Your efforts have created an amazing space for the whole community.



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 weather has finally been cool enough to start sowing our winter greens. As you can see, the lettuce seeds collected from the garden last year have proved to be very viable! Other varieties recently planted include rocket, spinach, coriander and radicchio.



We have a growing range of plants available at our Beachmere District Community Market stall. Why not drop down on Saturday, the 4th of May 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.

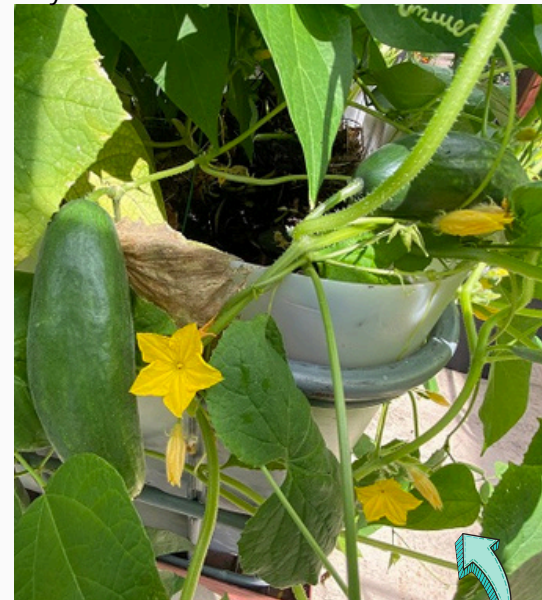
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QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

Now Open!
EVERY WED AND SAT
8AM - 4PM
ALL WELCOME
Children to be accompanied by an adult
Access via Main St, Beachmere (Next to water tower)



Isn't nature amazing. This lemon sherbet coleus leaf ended up in a pot and decided to sprout roots! It has been potted up to become a new addition to the garden. Many soft leaf plants can be propagated this way.



Our Lebanese cucumbers self seeded in the wicking beds and are powering ahead once again. We will save the seeds so everyone can enjoy them next season.

Check out the growth on our Madagascar beans; they are going off! Thank you Yandina Community Garden for the seeds. We will have some great recipes for these beans in upcoming issues.

Haven't got much room but still want some fresh home grown garlic? Try growing it in a pot. Just make sure it drains freely as garlic doesn't like wet feet. In Queensland try a variety like "Glenlarge" that is suited to our conditions.

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."

Audrey Hepburn





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 that you can grow in Beachmere and the surrounding area. Hope to see you there.

**NEXT ARVO IN THE GARDEN
26TH MAY 3-5PM**



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THIS MONTH'S COVER PHOTO

Smoothies are a great way to get your daily dose of fruit and veggies and green doesn't have to taste gross! Why not try this recipe (from taste.com.au website):

- 2 cups milk (your preference or water),
- 1/2 ripe avocado, chopped
- 1 banana
- 4 dates, pitted and chopped
- 1/2 cup fresh mint leaves
- 1 cup baby spinach leaves
- 2 tsp honey
- Blend and enjoy!



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.



PHOTO OF THE MONTH "The sniff test" by David

One of the locals inspecting the gardens produce. We love your dogs, but unfortunately for health and safety reasons, we cannot let them in the garden area. There is secure pet parking at both entrances as well as water and shade for your puppy to enjoy.



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.



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.



May 12th

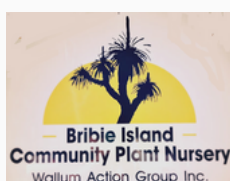


**BEACHMERE DISTRICT
COMMUNITY MARKETS**
53 ROGERS ST
BEACHMERE
4TH MAY
7AM - 12PM

Cr Mark Booth
Div 2



Beachmere



BEACHMERE HISTORY
AND RESEARCH



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